

Making radio waves of ideas

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After The Times of India newsroom was converted into a school laboratory over the past few days, it was for the Radio Mirchi office and studio to witness the infectious energy of school children on Tuesday. When students of the top three winning schools of TOI's Live Green, UP campaign walked in on the sixth floor-situated Radio Mirchi studio in Gomti Nagar, there was not a speck of nervousness that these young bright minds brought along. And with no hang-ups for their first radio show-ever, the young stars floored even the Mirchi squad.

Excitement was apparent in all students of the three teams as they were ready and prepared with their parts to speak, even before their allotted time. Sitting around the lobby of the radio station, the teams were then welcomed by RJ Vipul, who was to host them on air. After Vipul briefed them to keep their parts within three minutes' time, long speech-

Listen in to the winners of Live Green, UP on Lucknow Express with RJ Vipul (6-7pm) on May 18 & 19

es, pre-prepared, were hurried and crunched into short versions for radio. And while some students started timing their parts about the concept, efficiency and innovation of their models, others wanted to keep it instant and go with the flow of their debut radio moment.

"I was not scared coming here. I am just going to be myself," announced Apoorv from Vidyatree Modern World College — the team that came first with its eco-system model in the Live Green Up Campaign. "Last night, we came till this building to check the location of the studio, so that no time is wasted in the afternoon today," shared Sukhvinder Kaur, the teacher accompanying the team of students from Lucknow Public Collegiate (LPC), Sharda Nagar.



Winners of Live Green, UP, teams from (from top) Amity International School, LPC Shardanagar and Vidyatree Modern World College at Radio Mirchi studio with RJ Vipul

Amid the clicking of photographs from their personal cameras and smartphones at the reception area of Radio Mirchi to being wonderstruck at the gadget, gizmos and audio mechanics inside Vipul's studio, the students had an exciting time at all levels of their interaction. And the RJ too maintained the fun quotient, bringing down any little nervousness that would start to set in. "Sir bologe toh yahin pe murga bana dunga (if you will call me Sir, I will punish you here)," joked Vipul that extracted a happy response.

And while the students from Vi-

dyatree and LPC spoke about their projects in all seriousness, it was energy of the all-girl group from Amity International School that soared highest among all. "Most boys are irresponsible so we made an all-girl team," said the girls, a point which was then picked up by the quick wit of RJ Vipul and used to tease the girls. "He knew what he was saying — it looked effortless for him and so we just reacted to it with the same enthusiasm," said Christine from Amity International School. "It was a memorable first time experience for all of us," added Ananya.

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The winning team shared their views on Radio Mirchi 98.3 FM. The Chief Minister, UP Shri Akhilesh Yadav congratulated the young Amitians for their novel idea and assured them that their concept would be implemented in making the city green and clean at the same time.