

Future Cities design competition is back

Fifteen schools will vie for the trophy this year. Currently in its fourth year, the competition is designed to encourage students in developing solutions to meet infrastructure challenges using state-of-the-art Bentley software



From L - R: Mr Michael Macy, Counselor for Cultural Affairs, US Embassy; Mr. Sanjay Pathak, Director Planning, DDA; Dr. R. Shivakumar, CEO NSDI & Head NRDMS, Dept of Science and Technology; Mr. Christopher Liew, Vice President and Territory Executive, Bentley Systems.

Come the fag end of the year and students in and around Delhi gear up for the 'Future Cities Design Competition.' Currently, in its fourth year, the contest is gaining popularity among the student community and this augurs well for the industry as it grooms the next generation. This year the challenge is redevelopment of Chandni Chowk area of Delhi, participants are required to develop a three dimensional conceptual design model envisioning redeveloped Chandni Chowk area.

Sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology, the competition aims at actively engaging students in developing solutions to infrastructure challenges, and encourages them to become part of an expanded talent pool of professionals that can help the country meet its ever-increasing need for infrastructure development as well as the need to sustain the profession.

A total of fifteen schools will present their 3D concept model in January 2010.

Mr. Christopher Liew, Vice president and Territory Executive, Bentley Systems and Dr R Sivakumar, CEO NSDI & Head NRDMS, Department of Science & Technology announced the final 15 schools. As was the case last year, this year also teams will be provided with and trained on Bentley software at no charge. A mentor from the industry will be provided by the competition organisers. The participating teams will develop a project plan to guide their activities, work as a team under the guidance of a mentor and a teacher, use Bentley's engineering software to design their engineering concepts, submit their conceptual solutions according to prescribed deadlines, build a physical model of their design solution and present their solution to a panel of judges.

Last year Manava Bharati India International School, Panchsheel won the competition. ■