

Competitions

Future Cities India 2020 Student Design Competition (2008-2009) – a national level competition was recently held at New Delhi. The project designed by the students of Manava Bharati India International School, Panchsheel, won top honours. Second place honours went to Amity International, Gurgaon.

The event was sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology in association with Bentley Systems. The competition was designed to encourage the students to use their design skills, along with Bentley's software, to help prepare India's cities for the year 2020, when it is estimated that more than 50 per cent of India's citizens will live in the country's largest cities. This year's challenge centred on Indian Railway's plans to refurbish the country's aging railway stations into world-class facilities.



The winning team with the model: (L-R) Ujjawal Gupta, Shwetank Choudhary, Sambit Ghosh and Harkeerat Singh

The competition consisted of 15 student teams representing 14 high schools.

Teachers and industry mentors guided each team in designing a plan to rehabilitate the New Delhi railway station. A distinguished panel of experts from India's infrastructure community judged the project presentations based on three requirements: using the existing land and infrastructure to best advantage; accommodating internal access zones, with separate parking zones at Paharganj and Ajmeri Gate terminals; and using environmentally responsible materials.

The winners were awarded scholarships and trophies, and the teachers and technical professionals who served as counsellors and mentors also received awards and recognition.

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