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Bangalore kids ace adventure contest

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BANGALORE: Bangalore kids show their might again, this time at adventure sports. Five students from Inventure Academy, Bangalore, won Kellog's Cup INME Challenge, a national adventure sport contest.

The two-day event was held at river Tons, which is 160 km away from Dehradun, Uttarakhand, on November 23 and 24. The students, from classes 9 and 10, along with faculty members, competed with students of 11 schools from different parts of the country. The winning team included Tanushree Taneja, Anthony Shek, Mihir Bhaskar, Nihal Aarons, Vinay Ramkumar and Srinivas Naidu.

The adventure sports included rock climbing, trekking, rafting and biking. Apart from these, the teams had to make movies, sing songs and use their team-building skills. The competition tested not just the teams' physical endurance, but also their creativity, ability to think on their feet and pull themselves together as a unit, with marks awarded for team discipline and attitude.

The students were given three days' training before they set out for the competition. Yet, some activities like rafting were entirely novel to them. Still, they rose to the challenge. "It is attitude and confidence that matters. The children knew how to handle risk, take decisions and cooperate," said Nooraine Fazal, who heads the school.