

When dreams soared

Employees of corporate bodies and children studying in Parikrma's Centres of Learning spent the day flying kites.

Bangalore, DHNS: In the end what took to the skies most readily were the kites made from newspaper cutouts in squares and diamonds. The children had decorated them by pasting on them coloured paper cutouts of leaves, flowers petals, stars, bells, etc, in hues of violet, orange, yellow, magenta, blue, green, red and more.

With the large, shapely and theme-based kites literally left trailing, most of them even failing to take off, the compere of the occasion perhaps could not help himself as he noted that the czars of the Information Technology scene may well learn that 'it takes only a kite to send you on a nosedive!' And then added as an afterthought – 'It also helps to have a tail!' The occasion was the second annual Patang Utsav organised by the Parikrma Centres of Learning.

Four-member teams from 65 different corporate bodies were assisted by two children each from Parikrma. Some were among the former were Wipro, Kshema, Pricewater House, ITC Windsor Manor, Yahoo, Mphasis, Nokia, OKS Lubricants, Airtel, Nokia, Levi Strauss etc. Also present were teams from Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation.

Giving a tug to the thread here and bend to the girdle there to get the length and angle right for the flight, the children were all over the grounds scrambling with IT professionals, accountants, hoteliers, cellular operators apparel manufacturers and others.

What began as a cloudy Sunday seemed to take the cue of hope and confidence the children sought to float, as it turned quite sunny by noon. The poetry was in the result too as the yahoos for team Yahoo.

Coming back to newspaper cutouts: The squares and diamonds all seemed to be cut out from *Deccan Herald* pages a few months back. There were pages from the sections – city, business, supplements and all.

Before the thoughts on the end use of newspaper could turn cynical, a young girl ran past, dived, turned and ran again manoeuvring and keeping her kits afloat. 'SPIN ME A WEB OF GOLD' read the bold headline in an Open Sesame page of *Deccan Herald* the little one had used for her kite.