

# THE HINDU

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**BANGALORE:** It appeared to be a woman's world as far as the II PUC exam results were concerned. Apart from boasting a better pass percentage, girls — two of them from Bangalore — were sitting pretty on the top slots in all three streams.

For someone who has scored the overall highest percentage in the State with 98.83 per cent (593 out of 600), Deepa M. was as cool as a cucumber.

The aspiring engineer from M.E.S. Kishore Kendra took the media glare in her stride. Deepa, who topped the science stream, shared the secret of her success in the midst of giving television interviews.

"I did not prepare for II PUC exams; I prepared for the CET (Common Entrance Test) all along. I studied for about four hours every day," she said.

Her mother, Shyla Bhat, a BSNL employee, said even exam days were like any other for her daughter. "She has done well in AIEEE and wants to get into NIT (National Institute of Technology), Surathkal. Now that the results are out; she is expecting a good rank in CET as well."

## All smiles

Compared to Deepa's non-



**VICTORS:** (From left) Ravina B. Jain,

chance, Ravina B. Jain, who aced the commerce stream, couldn't stop smiling. She has secured 98.5 per cent (591 out of 600) with centum in all her core subjects — basic math, accountancy, statistics and business studies. This Mahaveer Jain College student, who aspires to be a chartered accountant, had set her eyes on the state rank all along.

"When I heard that my seniors had got state ranks in their II PU exams; I felt that with hard work, I could too. I solved a lot of papers from the previous years and took the preparatory exams in college very seriously," said this daughter of a businessman.

Her mother Meena B. Jain, a homemaker, was as elated. She was sure Ravina would score more than 95 per cent but had never imagined that she would stand first. "She would study all day long. I would tell her to take a break

but she would take very short ones. She never wasted time. I'm happy her efforts have paid off."