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For exciting campus years

The first PU students of Jain University, who had opted for the commerce stream at the college's VV Puram branch, recently had a ball of a first day.

Like in many other cases, they kicked off their years at college with an orientation programme — one which included dazzling dances, delightful solos and group songs and plenty of hard-core interaction between the seniors and juniors.

The atrium of the college was set up with a makeshift stage and rows of chairs for the new batch of students to take over.

Stalls manned by teachers and students — which provided the freshers with information as to their classes, sections and where to go — were also put up.

The entire atrium was done up in a festive fashion, with rainbow-hued banners and streamers and large signs that welcomed the new batch.

At the head of the stage was a big poster which included pictures of the last year's toppers — including Ravina B. Jain, who managed to snag a first-rank in the state for herself.

The new students were filled with excitement and sported expressions of anticipations, eagerly awaiting the performances.

These were energy-filled and quite an exciting experience for the freshers' batch. A group of seniors put up a classical song performance and another mesmerised the audience with his manipulation of the flute.

The freshers clapped and cheered loudly, enjoying the special performance — entirely in their honour — very



Pragathi



Nikita

much. Nikita, one of the first PU students, looked fresh and excited in a brown *kurta* and *salwar*.

Jain University was her first choice when it came to college and she was delighted she had managed to snag a seat for herself.

"I'm so happy today. I've wanted to come here since class 5. The subjects I have chosen are challenging but I like maths — so I think I'll do fine," she smiles.

Although she admits to being a little nervous about making new friends, she adds, "it's challenging but I love the campus atmosphere. Besides, I have friends in the science department, whom I can catch up with once in a while."

Pragathi, another new student, looked excited and a bit apprehensive about her first day.

"My sister was a com-



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merce student too and I decided to take it up — especially because I hate science! I love the look of the campus. It's exciting and the staff

seems really nice and helpful. I'm a bit jittery, but I think I'll make friends quite easily," she beams.

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