

Curtains come down on hackathon event

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US Consulate General Chennai's Acting Consul General, Deborah Robinson said, 'I hope the participants of the Hack2Help, a social innovation hackathon event view this as just the beginning, and continue to leverage new technology to make their communities, their country and the world a better place.'

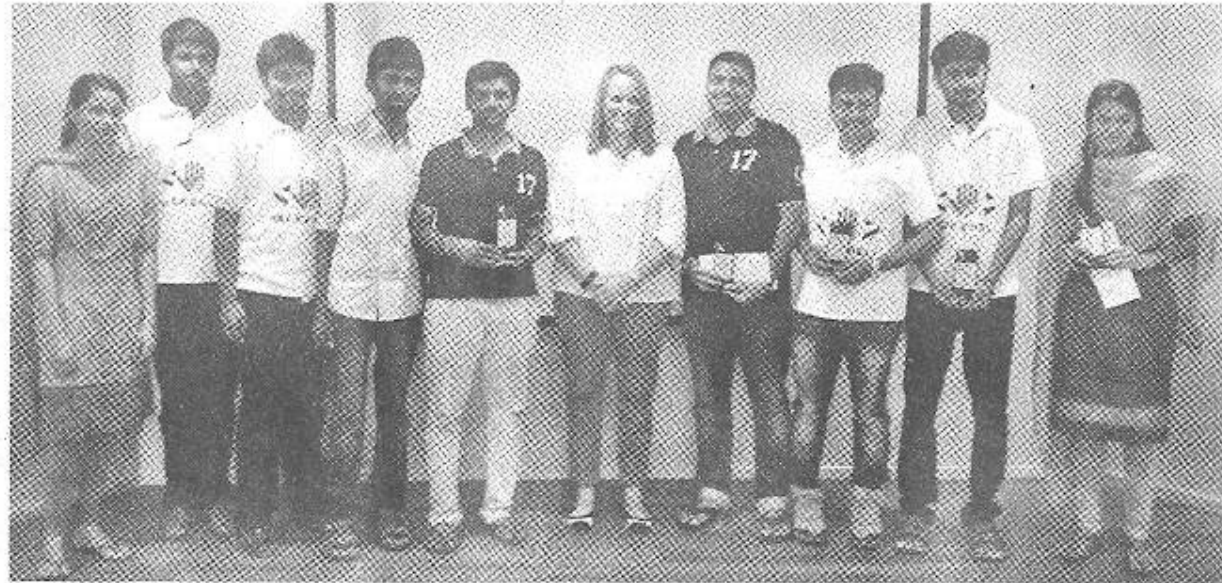
Deborah Robinson presented prizes and certificates to the winners of the hackathon on the final day of the event recently.

'I am impressed by the number of inspiring and impressive ideas that came out from this hackathon,' she said.

The two days event which concluded recently focused on defining problems and on-the-spot solution development.

Innovians of Rajalakshmi Engineering College, Chennai won the first place, while the Social AID team from IIT Madras secured second spot. The third place was won by Growing Techie from Rajalakshmi Engineering College.

The US Government funded pro-



US Consulate General Chennai's Acting Consul General, Deborah Robinson along with the winners of the Hack2help hackathon which concluded at IIT Madras recently.

gramme operated in collaboration with Learning Links Foundation targeted youth from three South Indian states of Tamilnadu, Karanataka, and Kerala.

The Chennai hackathon was the third and final edition of the programme. It saw participation from 24 teams of 80 students across 12

engineering colleges, one school, and one professional team from Tamilnadu.

The hackathon aimed to promote local innovation and catalyse development of novel solutions to specific problems in India. It offered a platform for young, talented students, developers, and hackers to collabo-

rate in addressing social challenges through harnessing the potential of technology.

The Chennai event was inaugurated by Public Affairs Officer, Ariel Pollock, at the US Consulate General in Chennai.

For more details about the event visit: <http://hack2help.in/>