

Medhavadhanam Function

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When I stepped into the library auditorium for the mathematics club function on July 28, 2007, I looked around and saw that people were setting up the hall with chairs and putting up the decorated banner. I collapsed in a chair with my friends wondering when the program would start, because I was eager to present the technique to the audience. I watched as the families piled in the room settling themselves onto a chair. Sreenivas uncle stood up to introduce the program and was followed by many other speeches. Finally, at the end of almost six speeches, my mom started calling the names of the children who were to present their technique. When she said my name, I stood up and began walking to the front of the room where Manasa greeted me with a rose. Glancing at the audience before me, I suddenly felt a little nervous and my confidence wavered. Would I be able to show my technique perfectly? What if I made a mistake? Pondering over these questions, I sat down and waited for the first question, which turned out to be the person with technique number 9. After a few more questions from the audience, a question for technique number 14 was called. I gulped. I was supposed to present technique number 14. As fourteen was an interactive one, I was asked to reveal and show my work to the whole audience. Silently, I walked over to the whiteboard and got ready with my marker. Anxiously, I began writing numbers and explaining what I was doing. When I was finished, I noticed someone checking my answer with a calculator and I dreaded the fact that it could be wrong. Fortunately, it turned out that my answer was correct! Happily, I went back to my seat as people applauded. At the end of the function, we had snacks and treats. People approached me saying they were amazed with my work and kept on asking how I did it. I hadn't made a single mistake in all of the questions asked for me and I was absolutely relieved! I hoped there would be another opportunity like this mathematics club function, because I couldn't wait to start having more fun with math!

Upagya Kompalli.

When I first started attending Mathematics Club, I just wanted to learn Mathematics. As the weeks passed by, I felt like I was learning a lot and having fun. It was the best way I could have spent my summer vacation. 2 months passed so quickly and Mathematics club was coming to an end. Then, as the date of the Medhavadhanam was getting closer, I started getting nervous because I could get something wrong. But when it was all over, I felt glad because I didn't get an answer wrong and I did my best. I also felt kind of sad because there wouldn't be a Mathematics club until next summer. I had a wonderful time at Srinivasa Ramanujan Mathematics Club and I also accomplished a lot. But I owe it all to Sreenivas uncle to making this club interesting and useful. I can't wait to attend next year!