

Fastest Feet in Rhythm and Sangeet Sandhya

2nd – 3rd January 2010

On the occasion of the IITK Alumni Convention, a cultural program was held on 2nd January, 2010 titled '**Fastest Feet in Rhythm**'. It featured Pt. Chitresh Das, a Kathak maestro and Jason Samuel Smith, a fantastic tap dancer and an Emmy award winner. The show started with the two artists performing separate solos of kathak and tap dance. Soon there was a jugalbandi of kathak and tap dance.

Pt. Chitresh gave a mesmerizing demonstration of the sound of the railway engine with the bells on his feet. In the grand finale the musicians - Abhijit Banerjee, Jayanta Banerjee, Umesh, Bumpy, Jiver and Paddy – challenged each dancer to match different riffs and the two dancers were engaged in a dance battle to match each other.

Another cultural event titled '**Sangeet Sandhya**' was organized by the campus residents on 3rd January, 2010. The Sandhya started with a melodious welcome song 'Phoolone ke bandanvar sajaye hai' by students of campus school followed by a Bharatnatyam dance by Ms. Akhila Anantharaman and her troupe comprising Ms. Brunda, Ms. Rajitha and Ms. Gauri. There were several other performances where people showcased their talents. Some of them were - instrumental western music presented by Prof. Sanjay Mittal on the saxophone and his son Dhruv on the drums; a guitar performance by Mr. Devanand; a bandish by Ms. Pragya Khandekar in raaga Yaman accompanied by her son Pravaha on the tabla; a beautiful bhajan on Lord Krishna by Mrs. Amrawati Biswas in raaga Chandrakauns; a Bhojpuri folk song by Dr. Lakshmi Narayan Tiwari and Ms. Pragya Khandekar; and a violin performance by Prof. Venkatnarayan presenting another style of Indian classical music, the Carnatic music.