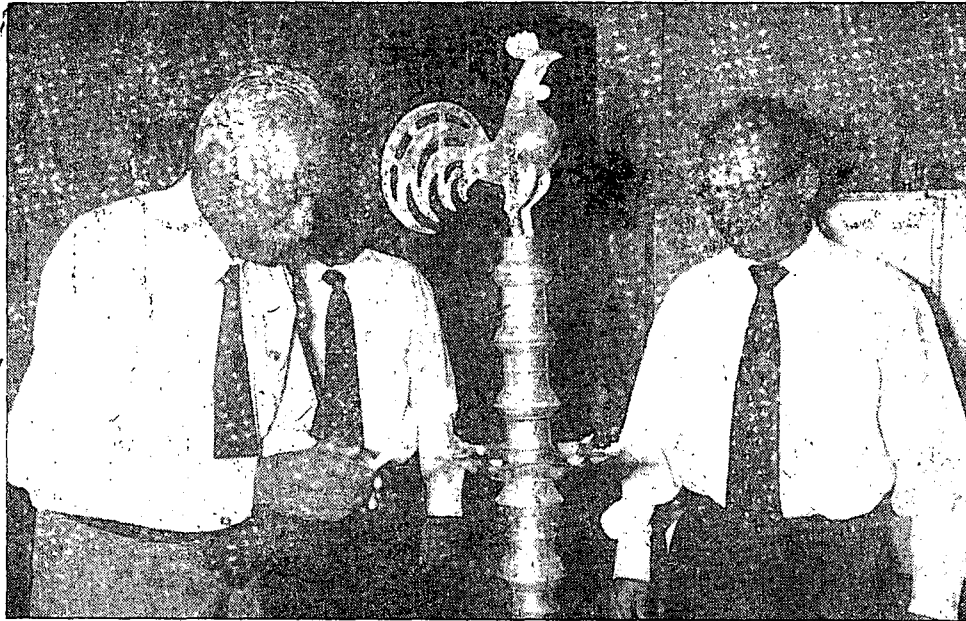


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The Junior Inventor of the Year competition organised by the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka, was held at the Auditorium of the Institution, with the participation of schoolchildren from all over the country. Here the chief guest at this function, Prof. Lakshman Jayathilaka, Chairman of the National Education Commission, lights the oil lamp to commence the activities of the competition. Eng. P. Mervyn Gunasekera, President of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka and Dr. G. S. de Costa, the chairman of the JIY committee were present.

Junior Inventor of the Year 2001 competition

The Junior Inventors were welcomed by the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka at its headquarters on July 28.

There was islandwide participation from over 80 schools.

The President of the Institution of Engineers, Eng. (Gp. Capt.) P. Mervyn Gunasekera welcomed the students, parents, teachers and others who were present.

Sunil Wijesinghe gave a lecture on the 5S method of Japanese management and how productivity could be improved. Prof. Lakshman Jayathilleke was the chief guest and gave a lecture on the steps and methods leading to inventions.

The vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman of the Junior Inventor of the Year Committee, Dr. Shahane de Costa. There were numerous inventions of very high commendable degree. The inventions

were initially screened by 3 preliminary screening panels and thereafter some selected inventions were again screened by the final selection panel.

The winning invention was a Papaw Plucker, while the runner-up was a Litter Collector. The 3rd, 4th and 5th respectively were a Telescopic cobweb remover, Bulb protector and Saline monitor.

The following too received very high commendation:

Multi functional drawing instrument, Rodent trap, Simple theodolite, Proximity faucet, Remote control main switch, Cheap bio degradable shopping bag, Burglar proofing system, Vehicle anti theft device, traffic control robot and Inclinator.

These items would be displayed at the Junior Inventor of the Year stall of the Techno Exhibition scheduled to be held on October 26, 27 and 28th at the BMICH.

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