

ONE MONTH ON, IIT INDORE'S COLLEGE FEST IS YET TO DELIVER ON PROMISED CASH PRIZES



Indo-Kiwi singer Shirley Sola performed at the fest.

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College fests are one of the biggest platforms open to student talent. And the cash prizes that many of them promise are an added bonus for budding artistes. Last month, Fluxus, the college fest of IIT Indore, was a great hit for all these reasons. It showcased several singers, bands and dancers, among other talents. But the youngsters who participated and won competitions are now having to run behind the institution for their prize money. Indore Times brings to you both the sides of the story.

ORGANISERS GIVING THEM A COLD SHOULDER, SAY PARTICIPANTS

Purusharth Jain, who won second place in a singing competition at the fest, says, "The cash prize for second position was ₹8,000. When I won, I was on cloud nine and made plans on spending the money to take part in other competitions. But I am yet to receive it. When I contacted the other participants I learnt that they are also in the same situation. And our phone calls are not being taken seriously." Akshay Singh, who had won the Voice of Fluxus competition, says, "I have won ₹12,000. We haven't even got certificates for winning."

Palash Mehta, the manager of rock band Ceaseless Junction, who won second place, shares, "We used to call the organisers asking for our prize money so we could participate in IIT Joshpur's fest that took place last week. And a week ago, the organisers transferred 70 per cent of our prize money and gave us five T-shirts instead of the remaining 30 per cent." Purusharth Jain adds, "They should tell us the exact date when our money will be transferred rather than give us false hope."

