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**TISS's Manthan to start from today**

**Express News Service**

**Mumbai, September 05:** Tata Institute of Social Sciences, school of management and labour studies, in partnership with The Indian Express Group, will kick off its annual business festival — Manthan — from September 6.

The three-day long event, which has students and corporates participating in it, is one of the most awaited events for the top corporate houses.

This year, Manthan will have a panel discussion on 'Rise in salaries —how sustainable are they?' The discussion will be moderated by Arwind Agarwal, president Human Resources RPG and will have Yahoo! India COO Pranesh Anthapur and Hindustan Uni Lever Cluster Reward Manager Udayan Dutt as panelists.

Anu Aga, ex-chairperson of Thermax and T V Mohandas Pai, member of board and director, Human Resources, Infosys will deliver key note address on 'Business ready people: The new mandate for HR'. The last day of the event will also see a corporate workshop on orbit shifting innovation. McCann-Erickson Creative Director for South Asia & South East Asia Prasoon Joshi will also host an interactive session with students.

This year Manthan will have participants from around top 20 B-schools including, IIM Indore, Calcutta, Kozhikode and Symbiosis Center for Human Resource Development. The first two days will see students competing against each other in events like 'Jigyasa'—the business quiz conducted by quizmaster Siddharth Basu, 'Paper Presentation' and 'Business Plan contest'.

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Last day of the event will see corporate houses competing against each other.

This year, Manthan has introduced an assessment centre —Anveshan—which invites certified assessors to do a SWOT analysis of the 10 best B-School students. Prachi Jawale, Member, Communication and Design informed there will be other events like ‘Tithiksha—a multiple case analysis’ wherein students have to analyse case studies and ‘Trishna—Amazing Race’ where participants will solve business management games.

The flagship event ‘Udghosh’ which tests the team and leadership skills of the B-school students will have around 300 students participating in it. It will also have fun events like—‘Kalrav —the solo singing competition’, ‘Abhivyakti—based on thematic choreography’ and ‘Antarangini—based on advertising.’