

AROUNDtown

Platinum jubilee

■ ST JOSEPH'S High School, Colaba, is celebrating its platinum jubilee on February 12.

All ex-students and teachers are invited for the celebrations, which will be held at the school grounds. Brochures and souvenirs will also be distributed to mark the occasion.

The school is also organising a 'Musical Night' on February 13 at Mulla Auditorium, Navy Nagar.

For passes and further details, call 22150861.

Drama workshop

■ THE Indian Drama and Entertainment Academy is organising a drama workshop for senior citizens.

For further details, call 9821044429.

'I shouldn't be pampered like this'

Winner of Young Scientist Award says he still has a long way to go

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AT 30, this civil engineering professor is often mistaken for one of his students. Dr Deepankar Choudhury, an assistant professor at the Indian Institute of Technology, Powai, is this year's lone recipient of the Young Scientist Award for engineering science.

Rather modest about receiving the award from the Indian Science Congress Association—a branch of the government's Department of Science and Technology—Choudhury says: "Awards are an inspiration, but I should not be pampered



30-year-old Deepankar Choudhury won the award for his paper on the study of laying foundations on black soil

this early in my career."

Choudhury won the award, in the below-32 category, for his paper on the study of laying concrete foundations on black soil. The Indian black soil—found commonly in states like Madhya Pradesh and

Maharashtra—swells up during monsoons. This seasonal heaving or swelling causes cracks in building and roads constructed.

"I have proposed a formula to calculate the swelling pressure so it can be accounted for during

YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

To promote excellence in various fields of science and technology, a scheme of awards for young scientists in the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research system was introduced in 1987. Five awards, one in each of the following fields, are given annually:

- Biological Sciences
- Chemical Sciences
- Earth, Atmosphere, Ocean and Planetary Sciences
- Engineering Sciences
- Physical Sciences

foundation design," explains Choudhury. A geotechnical engineer, Choudhury's real passion is designing foundations that can withstand seismic pressure—earthquake-resistant foundations.