



Mahajana Educational Institutions President R Vasudevamurthy felicitating famous singer Vijayprakash at a programme in Mysore on Tuesday.

## 'Slumdog' singer hogs limelight at alma mater

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MYSORE: As he sang 'Jai ho...', the corridors of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College reverberated with cheers and claps. It was indeed a proud moment for the college and also its alumnus Vijay Prakash, co-singer of 'Jai ho...' of Slumdog Millionaire, which swept eight Oscar awards recently.

Vijay Prakash, who has rendered his voice along with Sukhwinder Singh to the 'Jai ho...' line penned by Gulzar and Music Mozart A R Rahman, was here at his alma mater to receive the honour. Prakash dressed in an informal attire appeared as an enthusiastic young chap. When he was called on to address the gathering, the student-crowd, who unmindful of the scorching heat were scrambling to get

a glimpse of the new star, cheered to the hilt. Nearly, 1,500 students had gathered at the lawn. And when he said 'Namaskara', the crowd gave a thundering applause for the singer, who has sung in many films.

"It is a privilege to be here, where I studied. In fact, I miss being a student. For, there is lot more to learn." Student life is a wonderful phase of one's life and one can only realise its significance when out of college.

### Advice

"There is lot to study, teachers play an important role in moulding our lives and they continue to be our torchbearers of our life, if you respect them," he advised the students. He briefly spoke about his journey from Mysore to Mumbai, where he has carved

a niche for himself.

Later, he sang the famous line 'Jai ho...' much to the happiness of every soul in the campus. He also entertained them with his another famous title track of a Kannada serial 'Mukta Mukta'.

As a surprise, an Iranian student joined the singer to sing the bit of 'Anisuthide yako indu...' to enthrall the students

Students thronged Prakash for autograph, which was obliged by him with much pleasure.

His parents - Ramasheshu and Lopamudra and brother's family were also there to rejoice with him at the campus.

Mahajana Educational Institutions Honorary Secretary G S Subrahmanya, President R Vasudevamurthy and Principal K V Prabhakar were present.