



City band Black Earth performing on Espresso night.

Coffee plays cupid

Celebrating the opening of the 200th Coffee Day Outlet in Indiranagar a Valentine special was sponsored by Cafe Coffee Day at the Palace Grounds.

Coffee indeed played the Cupid that evening. It was a carnival night for the audience which included young couples as well as the general public who had come to be a part of the Espresso Night, sponsored by Cafe Coffee Day at the Palace Grounds.

Cafe Coffee Day celebrated the opening of its 200th outlet at Indiranagar, Bangalore. They organised a 'valentine special' with a theme 'Love over Coffee', touching many hearts. Young and old alike came to witness the grand cultural event organised for the Bangaloreans.

While fire crackers lit the sky, Palace grounds welcomed the city's two bands - Strange Crue and Black

Earth - who set the metal fans rocking and 'head banging' to the best of heavy metal.

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Another dance band 'Inertia' set the audience foot tapping to the famous 'Saara Zamana'... remix, following which the performance of Genesis (band of five to 13 yr-olds) and a fusion band called Petals, added zing to the musical nite.

Freebies in the form of audio CDs and cassette were distributed by MC Anjaan and MC Smita kept the audience on their toes with games. For instance, heavy metal CDs and cassette were

distributed to the three guys who had to pretend to 'head bang' to an imaginary rock show. Four sporting girls volunteered to propose in the most unique way to model Rohit Nair and ask him to be their valentine. The best proposal came from a girl Ruchi who sang "Humko hamise churalo..." which not only won Rohit's heart, but also that of the audience. Right from retrieving a ten paise coin to a five hundred rupee note, Cafe Coffee Day was lavish in distributing freebies to the 16 to 17 year-old audience. The *jugalbandi* by DJ Vachan and Gopi (of Antarnagni fame) stole the show. The carnival ambience was added to with noisy fire-works, exciting game stalls, horse riding, *mehndi* and body art stalls. The dance floor was set afire with young couples jiving to music played by DJs.