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Fulbright scholar Yoav Bar-Ness loves to talk about trees and to sit in them, like this giant banyan at the Indian Institute of Technology in Chennai. A year ago, he left St. Petersburg, Florida to visit the far corners of India in search of its landmark trees. Now in New Delhi with The Energy and Resources Institute, he is producing maps, photos and documents that can be found at [www.treeoctopus.net/india.htm](http://www.treeoctopus.net/india.htm). A forest ecologist and geographer, Bar-Ness says India's trees are ambassadors representing the world's natural heritage.



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Hyderabad Consul General Cornelis M. Keur dedicated a new speech science lab at the Sweekaar Rehabilitation Institute for Handicapped in Secunderabad in June. The lab included equipment that was part of an annual donation from the New York-based Heart and Hand for the Handicapped. Referring to the U.S. organization, Keur said, "I'm proud to celebrate both their generosity and the community Sweekaar has created here."

Kavya Shivashankar, 13, spelled Laodicean correctly to win the 2009 Scripps National Spelling Bee, in Washington, D.C. in May. Laodicean means lukewarm or indifferent in religion or politics. Shivashankar, who refers to herself as a "word nerd," plans to become a neurosurgeon. In August, she will enter the ninth grade at California Trail Junior High School in Olathe, Kansas.



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