Siliconmania was an intercollegiate Entrepreneurship fest conducted by the DERBI foundation at CD Sagar Auditorium, on 17th November 2015. Its main objective was to encourage the development of Entrepreneurial skills among young minds.

The fest was inaugurated by Mr. S Sampathraman and Mr. Nagananda Doraswamy. This was followed by a speech by Mr. S Sampathraman about start-ups in India and the difficulties involved in starting a business. Speech by Mr. Nagananda Doraswamy about Entrepreneurship in India in the present day and the funding available for those aspiring to start their own companies.

The fest conducted events such as Redwood Hunt (Silicon Valley quiz), Sand Hills Angels (Elevator Pitch), Stand ford Daily Challenge (Event based on newspaper article) and Mountain Dew Drill (Problem solving).

Students from across 15 colleges involving 150 students participated in the fest.

**Event 1: Redwood Hunt (Silicon Valley Quiz)**
Judges: Conducted by DSI Alumni
Number of participants: 128

*Winners:*
1st prize: Sufiyan Ali Khan & Virenda Pratap from BMS college of Engineering (MBA).
Runner-up: Abhishek K B and Mallikarjun Gowda from DSCE

**Event 2: Sand Hill Angels (Elevator Pitch)**
Judges: Mr. Ramesh Kamath and Mr. A Suryanarayanan
Number of participants: 21

*Winners:*
1st prize: Anjappa and Yogesh Kumar from DSCE
Runner-up: Tejas and Shreyas from PESIT

**Event 3: The Stanford Daily Challenge**
*Event based on newspaper article*
Judges: Mr. Dilip Mehta and Ms. Susheela Mahesh
Number of participants: 52

*Winners:*
1st prize: Tejas and Shreya from PESIT
Runner-up: Sharan and Siddu from PESIT

**Event 4: Mountain View Drill (Problem solving)**
Judges: Mr. Suresh Bhagavatula and Mr. Thierry Jasserand.
Number of participants: 20

*Winners:*
1st prize: Madan and Bhavya from Seshadripuram College
Runners-up: Harsi and Shashi from IFIM

The Valedictory Function & prize distribution in the evening was conducted by Mr. Thierry Jasserand. In his few words he advised aspiring entrepreneurs to be simple, casual, welcoming and to apply your ideas with faith.