

Synopsis – Students' Activities from Dean (Students) Prof. P. Rajalakshmi KID: 20200202

It is my pleasure to share the student activities at IITH in this issue of the Institute's Newsletter किरााTH.

Hope all the students are safe and doing good.

Students at IITH excel both in academics and extracurricular activities. Amid the lock-down situation, several online events are being conducted for students which include Quarantine Cooking Challenge, Poster Making Competition, Slogan Writing Competition, Drawing Competition, Mandala Art Challenge, Online Quiz Competition and Poetry Competition.

IITH has managed to do the best for the students both physically and mental wellbeing of the students, during this pandemic situation. Regular online yoga sessions are being conducted for the students, to help them maintain good health and be fit. "Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat" (EBSB) Club of IITH observed 6th International Yoga Day with full enthusiasm in online mode which was a huge success with participation from many students, faculty and staffs. Sunshine – counselling cell at IITH, has individual, conducted group and interactive sessions for the students through various online modes. Articles on motivation, power of self-confidence, managing difficult emotions, etc.. were periodically shared with the students

various subjects like art, social work, economics, psychology, sports, science, etc and inspire IITH fraternity with insights. We had speakers from a wide spectrum of areas like Success Secrets for Students by Dr. B. V. Pattabhiram, Gandhian Principles by R. K. Paliwal (Director-General, IT Department), Interaction session with Dr. Y. V. Reddy, Ex-Governor RBI, and Juggling by Mr. Satwinder Singh Setia.

The annual techno-cultural fest of IIT Hyderabad, ELAN & NVision offers a host of exciting competitions to test one's skills, informal events and pro-shows to the event unforgettable. IITH's BOG Chairman, Dr. B. V. R. Mohan Reddy also inaugurated the first issue of "किरााTH -The Crowning Glory" – Quarterly emagazine of IITH" during this edition of Elan & nVision on 16th, February, 2020.

Milan - The General Championship 2020 was launched this year at IITH which was 10 days long inter-hostel celebrations including Sports, Cultural events and SciTech activities. The objective was to promote cohesiveness among the students. Around 200 students from IITH actively participated in Inter IIT Tech Meet held in IIT Roorkee, Inter IIT Sports Meet held in IIT Kharagpur & IIT Bhubaneswar, Inter IIT Cultural Meet held in IIT Bombay, bringing laurels to IITH by winning prizes in various competitions held during the meet.

Extra Mural Lectures at IITH intend to bring eminent personalities from eclectic domains on one platform to talk about

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The NSS team at IITH is actively involved in various community development programs like UDAAN - Study centre where the students teach underprivileged children free of cost; Vidhaydhaan - Remedials to clarify concepts/doubts of school kids through traditional, fun way and short videos; Swacchatha he Seva and Plastic wastecampaigns; Orphanage visit; free National Education Day; Clean India Drive; and Fit India Movement. The first Saturday of every month is identified as 'Green Day of Month', where students participate in the mass plantation in the campus along with faculty and staff.

To promote creativity and innovation among students, IITH has started the BUILD program – Bold and Unique Ideas Leading to Development. Under this program, student projects with a novel idea is supported for 6 months up to a funding of 1 Lakhs for prototype development. A total of 16 projects was selected this year, out of which around 8 projects were related to COVID.

Hostels at IITH have top-class facilities with Radiant Cooling like rooms Technology, Recreation Center, Highspeed Internet Connectivity, Mess, Gym, Indoor Games, TV Room, Dance Room, Banking Services, 24X7 Medical Service, Canteen facility and Security. Due to pandemic, considering the safety of students, IITH advised them to return home in mid of March 2020. Recently, IITH has started bringing students back to campus in stages, starting from 10 August 2020, adopting all necessary safety measures.

Hoping to see all students back to campus and resuming all activities in full swing on campus.

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