

Dean's Diary

Synopsis - Students' Activities

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It is my pleasure to share the student activities at IIT Hyderabad in this issue of the Institute's Newsletter किरIITH "ICE (Integrated Computational Engineering) Research @IITH".

Hope all the students are safe and doing good.

Students at IITH excel both in academics and extracurricular activities. During the pandemic, the Gymkhana - student body of IITH conducted many online events through the various clubs, including 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 its best for the students both physically and mental well-being of the students, during this pandemic situation. Regular online yoga sessions are being conducted to help the students maintain good health and be fit. YouTube channel was launched to help students access fitness-related videos from home. Morning and evening fitness sessions are organized for the benefit of the student community.

A hockey tournament was conducted to commemorate Major Dhyanchand's birthday in August 2021. Institute Swimming pool operations have started. One-day internal tournaments of football/Baseball were also conducted.

Sunshine - counseling cell at IITH, has conducted individual, 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. The Sunshine Team of IITH has started the Buddy program with the intention of taking care of all the students in the IITH Community. Daily open house sessions are being conducted. Sunshine app and website with improvements is relaunched. The Newsletter ("Sunshine Pulse") is launched twice in an academic year. Events like Vlogathon Competition Treasure/ Scavenger hunt, Slow Cycle Race, Plantation Drive, Mental Health Week events, etc were organized. Plantation Drive on World Suicide Prevention Day (10th September 2021) and World Mental Health Awareness Activities from- 5th October- 10th October 2021 (Mental Health Week) were conducted. Pre-placement talks by the Alumni and Placement sessions by the Psychological Counsellors are also conducted.

"Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat" (EBSB) Club of IITH observed International Yoga Day with full enthusiasm in online mode which was a huge success with participation from many students, faculty, and staff.

Extra Mural Lectures at IITH intend to bring eminent personalities from eclectic domains on one platform to talk about various subjects like art, social work, economics, psychology, sports, science, etc and inspire the IITH fraternity with insights.

We had speakers from a wide spectrum of areas like A talk on Cognitive thinking and math exercise by Mr. Neelakantha Bhanu Prakash, An interactive session with Dr. Gagandeep Kang India's Vaccine Godmother, Through the journey of Lt Gen Dr. Madhuri Panikkar, How Yoga Benefits Our Mind & Body by Dr. Tejaswini Manogna, Impact of advancing space technology in improving quality of human life by Dr. Yagnaswami Sundara Rajan, Indian Higher Education: The New Education Policy Viewed Through the Lens of Recent History by Prof.P. Balaram, Need for more women scientists by Prof. Rohini Godbole, Cancer, and diabetes as two sides of the same coin- a common approach to both diseases by Dr. Undurti Narasimha Das.

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.

Milan - The General Championship is a 10 days long inter-hostel celebration including Sports, Cultural Events, and SciTech activities. The objective is to promote cohesiveness among the students. Many students from IITH actively participated in Inter IIT Tech Meet held in other IIT's and bring laurels to IITH by winning prizes in various competitions held during the meet.

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 waste-free campaigns; Orphanage visit; 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 on the campus along with faculty and staff.



"We cross infinity with every step; we meet eternity in every second"

-Ranbindranath Tagore

The NSS team has recently donated an old mattress 61 No. to an orphanage.

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 are supported for 6 months up to a funding of 1 Lakhs for prototype development. A total of 9 projects were selected for implementation in July 2021.

Hostels at IITH have top-class facilities like rooms with Radiant Cooling Technology, Recreation Centre, Highspeed Internet Connectivity, Mess, Gym, Indoor Games, TV Room, Dance Room, Banking Services, 24X7 Medical Service, Canteen facility and Security. Due to the 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.