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# REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



IIITDM celebrated 69th Republic day of our nation on Friday, January 26, 2018. The program commenced with flag hoisting by the Director, Prof. Banshidhar Majhi, followed by students displaying their national spirit through various art forms. Students made the function colourful through music, songs, dances, band performances and speeches. On the occasion of this event, the official Samgatha poster was released by Director and was received by Samgatha Coordinator, Dr. Priyanka, and Samgatha organizers.



During the celebration, the winners of various Hindi programs and competitions held during Hindi Pakhawara were awarded prizes, mementos and certificates by the Director. After the Republic Day celebrations, the staff of Teaching Learning Centre (TLC) carried out a demo of mobile robotics with virtual reality, and Open House of TLC for the visitors. As part of celebration, the faculty and students played a friendly cricket match which was organized by the Students sports team led by Anish and Naveen, and coordinated by PTI, Mr. Alaguraj.



# NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY AND EK BHARAT SHRESTHA BHARAT

National Science Day was celebrated alongside Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat on February 28, 2018. The program was organised by the literature and drama clubs, guided by Dr. Priyanka Kokil and hosted by literature club core, Eashan Dash. Sai Kaushik began the program



with an introduction and a talk on the significance and importance of national science day. Anoushka Mada shed light on how science and technology has developed over the years through a presentation followed by Pavan Kumar on the adaptation of science and technology, and by Himanshu about sustainable future of science.



## PONGAL CELEBRATION



Students, staff and faculty of the institute celebrated Pongal Festival on January 12, 2018 near Library block. Pongal is a harvest festival celebrated as a kind of thanksgiving ceremony for the year's harvest. On this occasion, the Director, a few faculty and staff remembered the sacrifices made by farmers to feed a large country like ours.



# SAMGATHA



Samgatha, the annual techno-cultural celebration of IIITDM, witnessed three phenomenal days extending from March 9-11, 2018. This year, the fest revolved around the theme “Magic in Everything”. More than 40 events, conceived by all clubs of the institute with up to 3 lakhs prize money, were organized by the student body of Samgatha. The organizers made sure that the events conveyed a social message and this year it was around the topic “Depression is curable”. Students raised one-quarter of a lakh as part of a campaign “20 is plenty”, and was handed over to Sneha Suicide Prevention Centre, Chennai. Samgatha 2018 witnessed a great enthusiasm like never before with a footfall of more than 6000.

The fest was inaugurated by The Director, Prof. Banshidhar Majhi, who wished all success to Samgatha. The official Samgatha teaser was released and the festivities commenced with events like Drishyam and Resonance marking the official beginning of Samgatha 2018.





The first day of Samgatha included compelling activities that required participants to apply their skills and test their knowledge, such as Junkyard Wars, Code Auction, Lawyer Up, Go Logic Yourself, Triviosity and Fun Events like Blur. The day was wrapped up by events from music and drama clubs which included sync geet and mayashrishti, judged by Radio Jockey Ms. Priyadarshini.



The mind-blowing energy continued to day 2 with events like war of Watts, Chakravyuha, Science Fair, Relay Design and Tech Talks, covering the technical aspects of the fest. The mood was lighter for events such as, Be a Superhero, Blind Fill and Mini Militia. The SBC stalls were up for all 3 days and T-shirts were available for students to buy. The evening events included battle of bands which was judged by guest Mr. Matt Bacon, a scholar of AR Rahman music school. For the first time in the history of Samgatha, a pro show was conducted by Mr. Deepak and Band.





The final day of Samgatha saw some really amazing events like Clean the Space, Mask Making, Pitch Please, Tech4Help, Eloquent and the Anonymous Writer Workshop. The bike expo and stunts were mind blowing as were the dance events including coupling and dance wars. Students got to walk the ramp and show off their character in the event in style. Due to popular demand, another pro show was held, in which musician Mr. Shyam Ravishankar had the students on their feet and dancing to the tunes of his violin. Following this event, The DJ night marked the end of Samgatha 2018.



# INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOP

Prof. Yamamoto from Nagaoka University delivered an invited talk on January 23, 2018 at IIITDM Kancheepuram on 'Natural Language Processing' and the talk was arranged by Dr. Naveen kumar of Physics Department.

Mr. Surya Teja from Art of Living Chennai delivered a talk on January 16, 2018 on 'Stress Management' for faculty and students to overcome academic related stress. This talk was arranged by Dr. S.K. Noor Mahammad.

Mr. T. Jayaraman, Chief Mentor, Equad Engineering Services who is also a New Incubatee with MaDeIT, delivered a talk on January 24, 2018 on 'Disruptive Idea in LED Lighting' and the talk was arranged by Dr. Sudhir Varadharajan.



Dr. G.S. Bhuvaneshwar, Consultant and Adjunct Faculty at IIT Madras, delivered a talk on 'Design and Development of Medical Devices' on February 5, 2018 and the talk was arranged by Dr. Sudhir Varadharajan.

Prof. Monica Bordegoni, a full professor of Virtual Prototyping, Coordinator of the Methods and Tools for Product Design group and of the Virtual Prototyping Lab at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Politecnico di Milano, Italy, delivered a lecture on 'Virtual Prototyping' on February 7, 2018 on invitation by Dr. K. Senthilkumaran.

Dr. John Nesan and his team of engineers delivered a talk and also shared the challenges involved in their start-up in the area of 3D imaging / 3D printing technology assisted reconstructive surgery on February 20, 2018. This event was organized by Dr. K. Senthilkumaran.



Department of Computer Science, the Placement cell and Trimble organized One-day workshop on AR/VR Programming for IIITDM students on February 17, 2018.

Mr. Ravi Meduri, Vice President of Innominds, delivered a Guest Lecture on 'Deep Learning' on February 19, 2019 and the talk was arranged by Dr. K. Senthilkumaran.

Dr. Chandramouliswaran, Senior Director, Enterprise Data Services, PayPal



# News from IEEE



IEEE SB of our institute organised Women's Day Celebrations on March 8, 2018 emphasising the contribution from women in engineering research. A panel discussion was arranged as a part of this celebration in which Dr. Kalaivani Ganesan, Joint Director, Innovation and Incubation, Entrepreneurship Development Cell and Innovation Institute, Chennai, and Ms. Vaishnavi Vignesh Raja, Director E-Quad Engineering Services, participated. The panel discussion was helpful to motivate our students, in particular girls, to face the challenges with optimism. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the Branch Counselor Dr. M.D.Selvaraj.

IEEE SB organized a one-day workshop on "Hands-on Training in Design & Development of Printed Antennas" on February 24, 2018 in which several undergraduate students from various colleges and universities participated. The workshop was inaugurated by the Branch Counselor Dr. M.D.Selvaraj. In the forenoon session, hands-on experience was given by the research scholars of the institute followed by simulation and analysis of planar micro-strip antennas.

# SPORTS NEWS



IIITDM Kancheepuram was placed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Position in the Overall Championships at the Second Inter-IIIT Sports Meet held at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, Gwalior, during March 8-11, 2018. Our institute won 11 Gold, 2 Silver and 8 Bronze medals due to rigorous training and unrelenting hard work by our students. The Director, Prof. Banshidhar Majhi, and Faculty Coordinator for Sports, Dr. Sivaselvan, congratulated the participating students and Mr. Alaguraja, Physical Training Instructor, for bringing laurels to the institute.

# SSG News

A Blood Donation camp was organised by the SSG team in association with the Adyar Cancer Institute on March 23, 2018. A tremendous response was witnessed from the students, staff and SSG volunteers. As many as 120 units of blood bags were collected which could help about 250 lives. Dr. Timmaraju, Faculty Coordinator of SSG activities, thanked the participants.



Eye Screening Camp was arranged in our campus jointly in collaboration with Dr. Agarwal's Eye Institute on March 15, 2018. Various ophthalmology tests were conducted at free of cost benefiting a large number of students.

A tree plantation drive was organized by the institute in January and March of this year. The event was a huge success and saw active participation from students and SSG volunteers. Many saplings were planted in selected spots across the campus.



Periodic Campus Cleaning activities were organised by the SSG team with a basic theme of maintaining our surroundings neat and clean.

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