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GANESH CHATURTHI

The **Marathi Club** at VIT Bhopal organized a grand celebration in honour of Lord Ganesha on **September 26, 2023**. The festivities lasted all day to instil a sense of devotion, solidarity, and joy on campus.

The sacred idol of Lord Ganesha was welcomed to the university campus with an **elaborate and festive parade** early in the morning from the main gate to the academic block, setting the tone for celebrations all day. The parade featured students **dressed in ethnic attire, grand decorations, and invigorating music**.

A Maha Pooja was held, with experienced priests at the helm for the attendees. The ritual comprised chanting hymns, offering heartfelt prayers, and offering religious items to the God of Wisdom, filling hearts with reverence and piety. **Food offerings (prasad), blessed during the worship, were distributed after the ritual.**

Entertaining games and activities followed to create a feeling of enjoyment and excitement among the audience. Through classic games like musical chairs, lemon and spoon, and drawing competitions, attendees enjoyed the event in the



esteemed presence of the Director of Student Welfare, **Dr. George Chellin Chandran**, winners were presented prizes for their brilliance and efforts in-game. Next up, the Marathi Club performed several traditional and contemporary **dance performances**. The audience was captivated by the mood, driven by the **rhythmic beats, mesmerising dances, and rich heritage of the community**.

As time went by, it was time for the **Ganesh Aarti**. Inviting the attendees along, **devotional songs and melodious chants** encompassed the venue with a spiritual and soul-soothing ambience. The celebrations lifted the spirits of everyone present with devotion-filled enjoyment.



As the evening set, it was time to end the event on a high note. A lively **DJ Session** was organized, helped charge up the audience with some good old dance music and electric vibes, and was a final prelude to the **Ganesh Visarjan**, a **symbolic act of immersing the idol in a water body to send the deity back to their heavenly abode**. The air filled with joy, unity, celebration, and devotion as the audience joined the Visarjan procession and bid farewell to Lord Ganesh.

Ganesh Chaturthi's success highlighted the importance of tradition and community, combined with religious devotion, **fostering a sense of unity** and shared purpose in one's life while creating dozens of **unforgettable memories for the students**.



ONAM



On **September 6, 2023**, the **Malayalam Club** hosted an event on the festive occasion of **Onam**. Onam is also known as a **harvest festival** and **signifies the annual homecoming of King Mahabali**.



The event began early in the morning at the Boys' Hostel with a procession of students **playing musical instruments and wearing traditional attire** while **Chenda Melam's** rhythmic beats set the festive mood.

This was followed by a mesmerising cultural event at the auditorium, inaugurated by Assistant Dean First Year - **Dr. Shweta Mukherjee** and **Professor KK Nair**, and Club faculty coordinators **Dr. Prashant GK** and **Dr. Divya Haridas** in lighting the lamp ceremony.

The event kickstarted on a grand note with the **procession of the Chenda Melam with King Mahabali at the forefront**, who blessed all who were present inside the auditorium. The audience enjoyed several **cultural performances, such as energetic dances, rousing folk songs, and an exciting ramp walk**. Later, the announcement of **Vadam Vali (Tug-of-War)** winners for the boys' and girls' divisions took place, giving out the awards.

The midday celebrations started with the **Onasadhya**, a much-awaited **communal feasting that flavourfully captured the essence of unity and brotherhood** that the festival brings. The members and participants truly loved this opulent vegetarian feast, renowned for its wide variety of foods with **profound cultural and cultural significance**.

The event was gracefully concluded with a vote of thanks. It gifted a **memorable experience for everyone present**, making Onam a festival they will eagerly look forward to next year. The festival filled all with echoes of joy and laughter, **fostering a sense of togetherness among the participants**.

As the sounds of the Chenda Melam faded, everyone was reminded again of the cherished memories and the **deep insights** they had ingrained regarding the **festive culture of Kerala**.



TECH EVENTS



CARDIOQUEST

The **Health-O-Tech** Club of VIT-Bhopal hosted **CardioQuest**, a **three-round event**, on **September 29, 2023**, in **AB-316**. This event, led by **Dr. Swagat Samantaray** and **Dr. Ashok Kumar Patel**, along with student coordinators **Ms. Swati Beniwal**, **Mr. Jatin Madan**, and **Ms. Priya Shah**, aimed to engage participants in **healthy competition** and **insightful discussions**.

Twenty-eight teams registered for the event. The **first round, CardioQuiz**, kicked off the competition on Quizlet, featuring **23 multiple-choice questions** with a **30-second** time limit per question. This round set the tone for the event, and all teams advanced to the **second round**, where their overall scores depended on the **accuracy** and **speed** of their responses.

The **second round, Cardiathon**, was a technical ideation. Teams had to select **one problem statement** from the eight provided and convert their ideas into **informative presentations** within an hour. The judges, **Dr. Rudra Kalyan Nayak** and **Dr. Santosh Kumar Tripathy**, gave each team **six minutes** to **present** their PPTs before probing them with questions about their theories and selected problem statements.

After careful evaluation by the panel, **Team Visioners** claimed the **first place**, **Team nitVITs** secured the **runner-up position**, and **Team Kradeet** became the **second runner-up**.

A bonus round called '**NAME YOUR HEART**' was organised for the audience to participate. **Team BroCode** emerged as the **winner** and was honoured with a Hammer as a **token of appreciation**. The event received widespread praise from the audience and provided a worthy **celebration** for **World Heart Day**.

NATIONAL SEMINAR



On **September 21 and 22, 2023**, a two-day national seminar was held at VIT Bhopal University, sponsored by the **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)**, highlighting the shifting landscape of vehicular technology and transport systems. Organized by the **School of Computing Science and Engineering**, the seminar drew the interest of over 200 participants seeking insights into the evolving models of vehicular cloud technology and intelligent transport systems.

The inaugural day was graced by the presence of **Dr. Sandeep Singhai**, Principal Scientist at CSIR-Advanced Materials and Processes Research Institute (CSIR-AMPRI) in Bhopal, as the chief guest of the event. He delivered the inaugural address, sharing valuable insights into the innovative Vehicular Cloud Model for Vehicular Tracking and Intelligent Transport Systems. **Vice-Chancellor Dr. Senthil Kumar Arumugam** presented the presidential address, emphasizing the importance of such discussions. Our respected **Registrar, Dr. Pradyumna Yadav**, extended a felicitation, recognizing the significance of the seminar.

Dr. S. Poonkuntran, the Dean of the SCSE, welcomed all attendees, initiating the discussions. **Dr I. Jasmine Selvakumari Jeya**, the Organizing Secretary, outlined the seminar's objectives and topics, setting the stage for the forthcoming sessions. During the afternoon session **Dr. Ayan Mondal**, Assistant Professor-CSE at IIT, Indore

delivered a speech on Softwarization for Vehicular IoT.

On the second day, **Dr P.B. Sujit**, from the **Indian Institute of Science Education and Research**, led the morning session, concentrating on the '**Guidance and Control of Unmanned Vehicles**'. The discussion encompassed various topics, including multi-robot systems, aerial and underwater vehicles utilized for vehicular tracking, and path following for aerial vehicles.

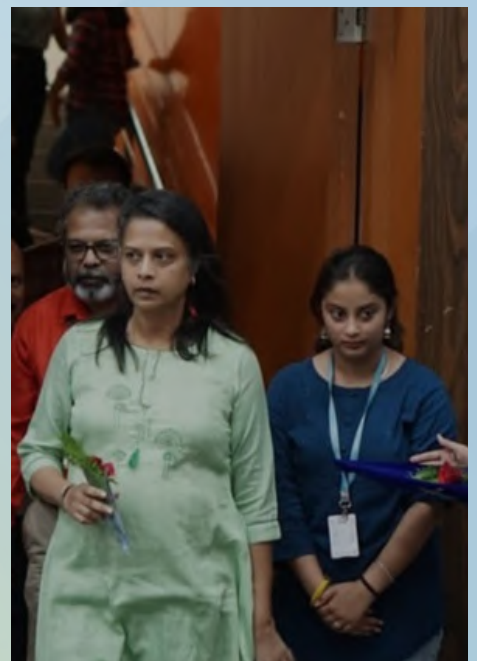
The afternoon session was led by **Dr. Bodhisatwa Mazumdar** from IIT Indore, focusing on '**Cybersecurity Aspects in Intelligent Transportation Systems**.'



Dr. Mazumdar covered essential concepts such as CV (Computer Vision), V2X communication, encryption, authentication, and privacy concerns within the realm of connected vehicle communication with infrastructure.

The event concluded with the distribution of **participation certificates** to all attendees by the Dean of the School of Computing Science and Engineering, Dr. S. Poonkuntran, recognizing and appreciating the active participation and contributions of the attendees.

NON-TECH EVENTS



TEACHER'S DAY

VIT Bhopal hosted Teachers Day on September 5, 2023, in honor and celebration of all the professors and faculty members. Distinguished guests, including respected trustee Ms. Ramani Balasundaram, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Senthil Kumar Arumugam, registrar Dr. Pradyumna Yadav, and Dr. J George Chellin Chandran, were welcomed by the students with sincere gratitude at the event.

The ceremony started with some stunning musical performances. Following that, students performed a drama highlighting their eloquent artistic abilities. The play was enacted flawlessly and had a staggeringly positive and intriguing

social message. The students surprised the audience with the outstanding music and dance performances, executed with great enthusiasm and elegance. The audience was entertained to the end by the students, who expressed how thankful they were at VIT Bhopal to have such skilled professors.

Through these performances, the students depicted their profound gratitude for the professors' guidance, wisdom, and unwavering support over their academic and extracurricular journey today and forever. The event was an impactful reminder to acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional efforts of teachers worldwide.

TALENT SHOW



Talent Show On **September 29, 2023**, the **Students' Welfare Office** conducted a **mesmerizing talent show** to honour the incoming **fresher batch**. All **students** and **faculty coordinators** worked collaboratively to make the talent show a **successful event** via their **unwavering passion** for it.

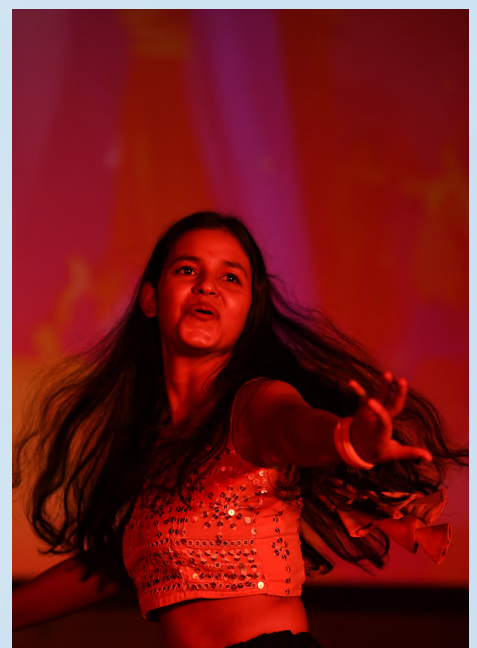
The event drew a **large audience** of students, esteemed faculty, and discerning judges. The freshers showcased their **extraordinary talents** across a spectrum of **art forms**. It was an exquisite experience to spectate the contestants' diverse talents displayed on stage, including **singing, dancing, acting**, public speaking, stand-up comedy, and many others.



The **grand finale** was a spectacular **dance fusion**, symbolizing their **journey** into **college life**, filled with **energy, excitement, and unity**.

The **judges** thoroughly **reviewed** every single performance before judging which contestants should get awards. An emotional **Vote of Thanks** marked the end of the event.

They also reiterated the **Office of Students' Welfare's** consistent commitment to **promoting** the **creativity** of all the students. Therefore, offering the students a floor to **share** their abilities. The talent show was not just a **display of skill**; it was a celebration of the **vibrant and diverse community** within the university.



SAHITYA SANGAM

In an endeavour to foster an **appreciation** for the rich tapestry of **Hindi Literature**, the **Hindi Club** at VIT Bhopal, under the guidance of faculty coordinator **Dr. Rajeev Saxena**, meticulously orchestrated a **linguistically** and **culturally** significant event known as '**Sahitya Sangam**' on **September 14, 2023**, which took place in **AB 206**. The event, elegantly coordinated by student leaders **Ms. Tanvi Pathak** and **Mr. Laman Choudhary**, seamlessly blended the beauty of **poetry, ghazals, and Shayari**.

Sahitya Sangam was a vibrant **platform** for ardent **Hindi enthusiasts** to exhibit their remarkable **talents**. Participants captivated the audience with **soul-stirring recitations, melodious Shayari, and captivating storytelling**. Through '**Sahitya Sangam**,' the club's overarching aim was to **encourage individuals** to delve deeper into the world of Hindi literature, ensuring an unforgettable **cultural experience** for all who attended.



ICE BREAKING



As the **new academic year** commenced and welcomed a wave of eager **freshers**, the Student Welfare Office orchestrated a captivating **ice-breaking event** from **September 12th to September 15th, 2023**. Under the guidance of the esteemed **Director of Student Welfare, Dr. J. George Chellin Chandran**, the **student council** meticulously organised the event. The VIT family extended a **warm and hearty welcome** to the freshers' ensuring that their **first week** marked a **promising start** to their academic journey.

The freshers had the opportunity to **establish connections** amongst themselves and **engage** with friendly seniors through a series of **enjoyable tasks** and **interactive sessions**. Activities such as **Dumb-charades, Guess-the-Famous-Dialogue, Music, and Dance Switch** effectively dissipated awkwardness, fostering **smooth interactions**.

This ice-breaking event **spanned four days**, enabling these budding college freshers to cultivate **new friendships**, form **valuable connections**, and **build bridges** to support their **growth and success** throughout their upcoming **four years**. It provided a **successful platform** for all attendees to unwind, have fun, and create lasting memories.

SPORTS MANIA

The event **Sports Mania** was organised from **September 18th to September 22nd, 2023** in the **Multi-purpose Hall** of the university. MPH reverberated with **enthusiasm** as the incoming **Freshers of 2023** inaugurated their college journey with Sports Mania. This event acted as an **icebreaker**, fostering **new friendships** through friendly **sports competitions**. **Badminton, Basketball, and Volleyball** matches were organised for **women and men, promoting unity and camaraderie**.

After an eagerly awaited entry into college life, Sports Mania provided students with a platform to showcase their **athletic skills** and a **sense of belonging** and **bonding**. Beyond the games, it was about kindling the **spirit of togetherness**, marking an electrifying **beginning** to the **freshers' college experience**.



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