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BEYOND THE BLOCK

By FINTECH CLUB

On **4th May 2023**, the **FinTech Club VITB** successfully conducted its highly anticipated event, '**Beyond the Blocks.**' The event aimed to foster students' interest in finance as a potential **career path**.

The event furthered into **two sub-events**, each offering a unique learning experience. The first sub-event, '**Blockchain 101**', held an **introductory session** on **WEB 3, Blockchain, DeFi, and NFTs** by Mr. **Jaskaran Singh Manocha**, a renowned Web 3 strategies and communication consultant. Participants got hooked by the **riveting session**, which provided valuable insights into these emerging **technologies**, offering a glimpse into their potential **impact**.

Following the informative session, the **second sub-event**, '**WikiRace**', added an element of excitement to the event.

Participants needed to **navigate** through **Wikipedia hyperlinks**, starting from a source page and reaching a destination page in the **shortest duration** possible. The gaming tournament consisted of **two rounds**, with the first session acting as a **screening phase** to select the top contenders for the **final round**.

Manan Sodha was declared the winner for showcasing his **knowledge and skills** in **finance and technology**. **Aman Grover** and **Harsh Parmar** secured **runner-up positions**. They received **cash prizes** for their exceptional accomplishment.

The '**Beyond the Blocks**' event exemplifies the FinTech Club's dedication to **connecting students** and the **outside world**.

By exposing students to the latest developments in finance and technology, the club provides a holistic experience that prepares them for the intricacies of the financial services industry in practical life.

Moreover, the club recognizes the importance of staying updated with the advancements in finance. Through events like 'Blockchain 101,' students gain a solid foundation in technologies reshaping various industries, and 'WikiRace' encourages participants to explore diverse topics and enhances their research skills.

With participants from various batches, the response from the students was overwhelmingly positive.



STUDENT COUNCIL DAY

On May 5th, 2023, VIT Bhopal University enthusiastically celebrated **Student Council Day**, honouring the dedicated volunteers on campus. Dr. George C Chandran, the director of student welfare, commenced the events with his invigorating welcome address.

The guests of honour included Dr. U Kamachi Mudali, the Vice Chancellor of VIT Bhopal; Dr. Pradyumna Yadav, the Registrar of VIT Bhopal; and Dr. Anant Shukla, the Assistant Director of Student Welfare. They congratulated the Student Council members, motivating them to continue their remarkable work.



Each member took the stage to accept certificates and shimmering mementoes as a token of appreciation for their extraordinary effort.

Mr. Pranjal Mohan Pandey, the General Secretary; Mr. Sahil Chaudhary, the Joint Secretary; Mr. Argish Abhangi, the Cultural Secretary; Ms. Mansi Bhakshi, the Academic Secretary; Ms. Muskaan Bhotika, the Sports Secretary; Ms. Disha Khatri, the Hostel Coordinator for Girls; and Mr. Varun Sharma, the Hostel Coordinator for Boys, were recognised for their exceptional contributions.

The Student Council Day was a grand success, with performances that captivated the audience. Participants made the event much more electric through their music and dance performances. The resounding applause from the audience complimented their exceptional talents, dedication, and commitment.

PAT WEBINARS

On the **10th of May, 2023**, VIT Bhopal hosted an **insightful session** on **Data Structures and Algorithms (DSA)** featuring guest speaker Mr. **Kartik Sapra**. He provided **valuable information** about his upcoming **DSA course in Java**. The session mainly focussed on **creating a study plan for placements**.

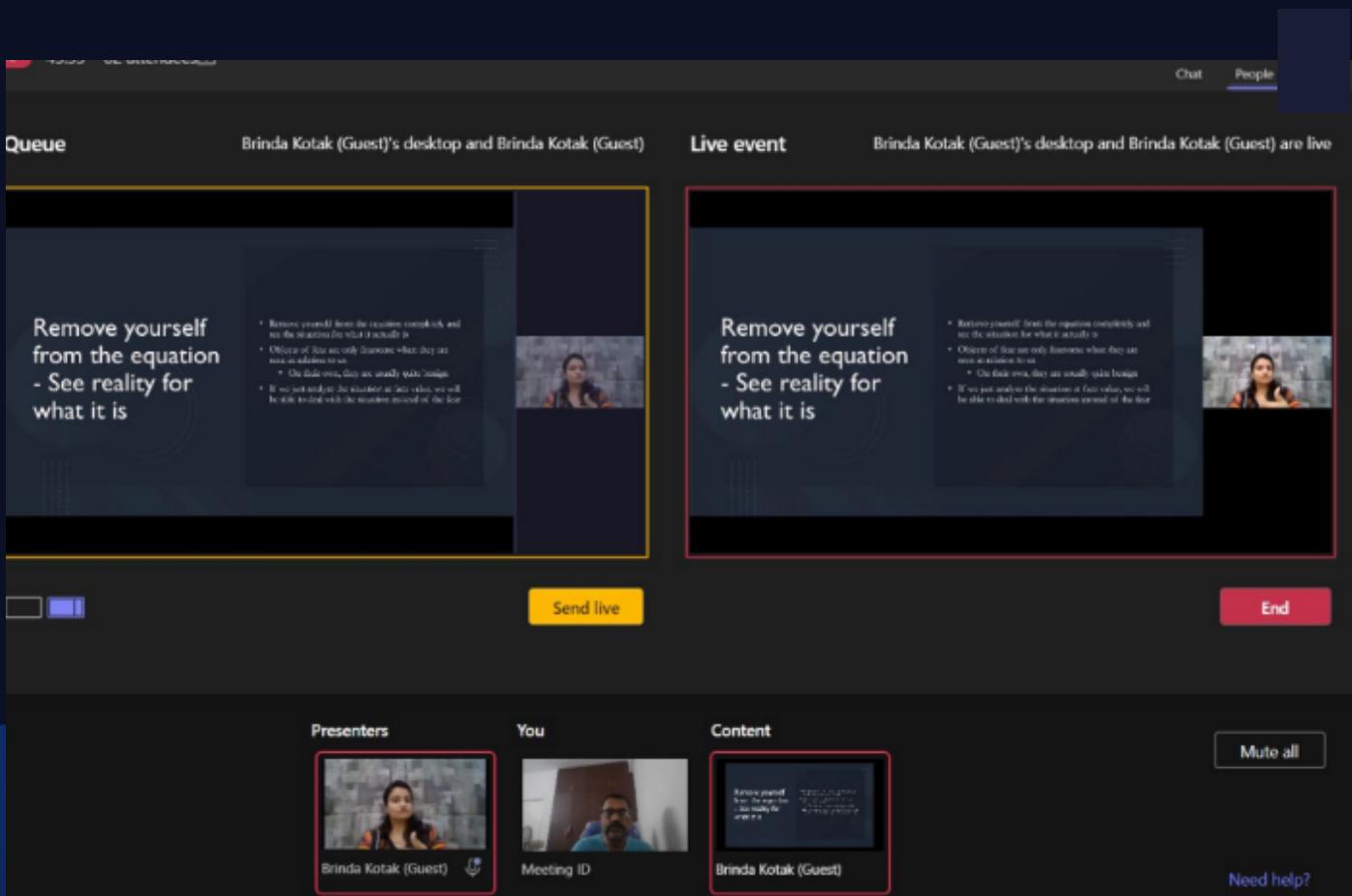
On the **12th of May, 2023**, a **webinar** took place to help students prepare for the upcoming **Immersion Program** in June. The webinar highlighted the importance of **setting concrete goals** and **working on skills consistently**. Students were encouraged to **share their progress** online using the hashtag **#DrGviswanathan challenge**, where they could **pay tribute** to their **parents** and **outline one goal** they wish to achieve within a **specific timeframe**. As the Summer semester concluded for the 21 batches, the 20 batches returned home to prepare for Placement Training in June.

In order to **boost** their **spirits**, students received improvement speeches and webinars. One such session was held on the **30th of May, 2023** and focused on the **programming language Golang** and why many developers favour it.

Attendees learned about its **ease of learning** and how it can **improve** their **skills as developers**.

On the **31st of May**, a **masterclass webinar** on '**facing the fears**' was hosted featuring Ms. Brinda Kotak. She shared valuable **insights**, including an **anecdote** from her **interaction with a fighter pilot**.

Her key points emphasized the importance of **understanding fear**, separating the feeling from its effects, and making fear **irrelevant**. She encouraged attendees to remain **committed** to their **goals** and do their best, despite any fear, starting with **small challenges** and gradually **progressing**.



TECH EVENTS

BNB WORKSHOP



On May 8th, 2023, Fintech Club VIT Bhopal, under the guidance of Faculty Coordinators - Dr. Rudra Kalyan Nayak and Dr. Sonali Shrivastava, organized the highly acclaimed '**BNB Chain University Roadshow.**' The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 200 students.

The event commenced with enthralling musical performances, showcasing the diverse talents of the student community. The esteemed BNB Team then took the stage, providing valuable insights into recent developments in blockchain technology. Participants learned about blockchain fundamentals, including working principles and hashing algorithms. BNB Team acknowledged the Fintech Club as a well-established community of career-minded finance and technology enthusiasts.

The "**BNB Chain University Roadshow**" featured details about Blockchain Deployment, NFTs, and the emerging concept of Web 3.0. The BNB team held a thrilling quiz, and 15 winners received exclusive BNB swag. Additionally, all attendees enjoyed complimentary refreshments sponsored by the event organizers.

The event fostered an environment that encouraged exploration and embraced the limitless possibilities of finance and technology.

BRIDGATHON

On May 11, 2023, the highly anticipated event '**Bridg-Athon**' was conducted at Lab Complex-003. The event's main focus was to showcase students' bridge-building skills. The competition featured fourteen teams, making the atmosphere highly energetic. Each team had only two hours to build their bridges using the allotted supplies, which included ice cream sticks, glue, and threads. The structures underwent rigorous testing, including earthquake simulations, stress evaluations, and load-bearing assessments.

An expert panel from various disciplines, including the architectural department's Dr. Ujjal Halder, the mechanical department's Dr. Pushpdant Jain, and the aerospace department's Dr. Supen Kumar Shah, shared their expertise. The winners were **The Bridgers** (first prize), **A4R** (second prize), and **Cross Connectors** (third prize). The event was a memorable showcase of collaboration and creative thinking.



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TECHTADKA : IGNITING THE PASSION IN DATA SCIENCE

On May 12, 2023, the **Data Science Club** organised an innovative event, **TechTADKA**, to **foster** students' **interest** in **Data Science**. The event, which took place at the **Auditorium**, drew more than **150 attendees** from various academic backgrounds.

The guest speaker, **Mr. Krish Naik, Co-Founder & CIO at iNeuron.ai** and a well-known individual with a significant online following, gave the inaugural remarks at the event. Mr. Naik's knowledge of "**DATA SCIENCE WITH AWS**" enthralled the audience as he shared the most **recent trends, resources, and industry best practices**. His extensive expertise left everyone rejuvenated and with helpful ideas.

The first session was a **technical discussion** on "**DATA SCIENCE WITH AWS**", allowing attendees to **interact** with the speaker and **learn** more about the topic.



Mr. Naik led the **hands-on workshop** on "**DATA SCIENCE WITH AWS**" during the **second half** of TechTADKA. The second session provided participants with a **stimulating learning environment** where they could apply their knowledge and enhance their skills.

TechTADKA served as a platform to **ignite the passion** for data science among the participants and highlight the exciting **career prospects** in the field.

BUG OFF: THE ULTIMATE APP/WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGE



On May 15th, 2023, the highly anticipated hybrid event **BugOff: The Ultimate App/Website Development Challenge** by the **Android Club** took place in the auditorium, bringing together **88 teams** ready to showcase their technical skills. The **8-hour hackathon** aimed to fix **bugs** in a base **application/website** and implement new elements, pushing participants to give their best.

The **offline event** commenced at **9:30 AM** with a warm welcome to the Director of Student Welfare, **Dr. George Chellin Chandran**, the faculty coordinator, **Dr. G Ganesan**, and special guests, **Dr. Manoj Kumar Muchahari** and **Dr. A Balaji**. The competition began by presenting the problem as an application/website, allowing participants to dive into **debugging**. They got the freedom to choose their **development platform**, with three categories available: **Android (Java & Kotlin)**, **Cross Platform (Flutter)**, and **Web (ReactJS)**.

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The hackathon commenced at **11:00 AM** and continued until **7:00 PM**. The event featured **two rounds**: the **Mentoring Round**, beginning at **3:00 PM**, and the **final Judging Round**, commencing at **6:00 PM**. **Tanay Dwivedi, Anmol Garg, and Tanmay Kachroo** led the mentoring round. Following this, the faculty coordinator and special guests, **Dr. G Ganeshan** and **Dr. Preetam Suman**, announced the results and distributed prizes. The winning teams from each category received gift vouchers worth **Rs. 2000**, while the online winner received vouchers worth **Rs. 500**. Additionally, every participating member received certificates of recognition.

The event wrapped up at **7:20 PM**, leaving the participants with a profound sense of acquired knowledge. The event surpassed the participants' expectations and ended on a positive note.

RABVIT 3.0 SYMPOSIUM: SBET, DAY 1

On the **18th and 19th of May, 2023**, The School of Biosciences, Engineering & Technology VIT Bhopal organized the **RABVIT 3.0 Symposium**.

The two-day symposium kicked off with an opening address by **Dr. Siddhartha Maiti** - Program Chair of Bioengineering at VIT Bhopal, and **Dr. Sangeeta Mahesh Kasture** - the Scientist and Director at the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), **inaugurated** the symposium. In her speech, Dr. Kasture emphasized the **importance of research and innovation** in healthcare data, biotechnology, genome engineering, stem cells, gene therapy, vaccines, advanced biomaterials, and climate change while highlighting the opportunities in India. **Dr. Rajnarayan Tiwari**, the **keynote speaker** for the day, was honoured with a shawl and a memento by **Dr. Siddhartha Maiti** and **Dr. Senthil Kumar A**, the Pro Vice-Chancellor. Dr. Tiwari, the Director of ICMR-NIREH, Bhopal, talked about **ergonomics, nano biosensors**, and

their research project, "**ASTHI**." **Dr. Rahul Srivastava**, a Professor at MANIT, Bhopal, Department of Biological Science and Engineering, delivered a talk on **biosensors for cancer detection**. After the speech, he held an interactive **Q&A session** with the audience.

In the **online event Idea Fest**, five teams of three members each presented on the theme of **23rd-century challenges** and how to overcome them. The **Aqua Cloud Innovator Project** by Group 2 took first place in the competition.

The **Bio Hackathon 101 Orientation and Debate Matters** were also part of the symposium. In Debate Matters, **Five teams** participated while **Dr. Arun Kumar** and **Dr. Chandrabhan Seniya** served as judges. The **day-1** event concluded with the announcement of the winners -Team Oracle won the **debate** on the topic, '**Is genetic engineering on human beings ethical?**' and received a trophy.



RABVIT 3.0 SYMPOSIUM: SBET, DAY 2

On the second day of the RABVIT 3.0 Symposium, 19th May 2023, Dr. Somaditya Sen, the Associate Professor at IIT Indore, delivered a speech on **biology and the physical properties of materials**. After that, an **interactive Q&A session** with the audience followed. Dr. Sen was honoured with a **memento** by Dr. Suparna Patowary.

Dr. Milind Ratnaparkhe, the Senior Principal Scientist at the Directorate of Soybean Research in Indore, delivered a **speech on essential genes for high-quality crops** such as soybean, and peanuts, IoT analytics in agriculture, and **biosensing applications in the food industry** to improve crop quality and safety. Dr. Mahendran B. honoured Dr. Ratnaparkhe with a **memento**.

The next event was the **scientific poster session**, where **three teams** participated and presented their **visual research** to Dr. Somaditya Sen, Dr. Vishal Diwan, and Dr. Chandrabhan Seniya of SBET. Team **Omicexplorer** emerged as **winners**, while **Brain-Computer Interfaces** and **Biomimicry** took **second** and **third place**, respectively.



The symposium also featured a **workshop on Next Generation Sequencing**, taught by Instructor Dharini, and a talk by Dr. Ganesh Chandra Sahoo on **viral epidemiology** and **virtual screening** of **drug databanks** to tackle novel emerging viruses.

During the online webinar, Mr. Krishnendu Bera, a **research specialist** at the Central European Institute of Technology in Brno, the Czech Republic, encouraged the students to **pursue computational biology** as a career and spoke about computational methods, including **protein structure using ML** and **dynamics using MD**.

The closing ceremony announced the **winners** of the **Bio Hackathon** and **Debate Matters competition**, followed by a thank you note from Ms. Nilabha Mukherjea, the **Student Coordinator**.

The RABVIT 3.0 Symposium showcased the immensely **vast field** of Bioengineering and the **massive scope of advancements** in the near future.

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DESIGNATHON

VIT Bhopal's **Google Crowdsource Community** recently organised the **Designathon**, a six-hour event held on **May 16th, 2023**, that united passionate participants to utilise **UI/UX design prototypes** to address pressing societal issues such as **poverty, women's safety, and world hunger**.

The event commenced with **inspirational speeches** by **Dr. Senthil Kumar A**, Pro Vice-Chancellor of VIT Bhopal, and **Ms. Madhurima Maji**, Programme Manager at Google India and other esteemed faculties. Further, the participants were divided into teams to collaboratively develop their prototypes using design tools like **Figma or Adobe XD**.

Throughout Designathon, **experienced mentors and industry professionals** provided invaluable **guidance and support**. The prototypes created during the six-hour event were **submitted** for evaluation by **Google mentors** and design experts. This empowering event enabled **young designers** to channel their **creativity**, drive positive changes, and **make a difference**.



HANDS-ON IOT SESSION ON AR & VR



VIT Bhopal University's **IoT Club** organized an **interactive workshop on Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR)** using **Unity and Arduino**. The event, held on **May 15, 2023**, aimed to provide students with **practical experience** in these **emerging technologies**. The venue for the session was **Coding Studio IV**, where participants, under the guidance of **Dr. Ankur Jain** - Faculty Coordinator of the IoT Club, and Mr. Ajay Poonia, the volunteer, discussed the development of **AR/VR applications** using Unity and Arduino.

Students were separated into **groups of four** to allow a **hands-on learning experience**. Hardware and software were provided to each group to complete its task. The event fostered a **creative and collaborative environment**, where students worked diligently for **two hours** to bring their **projects to life**. After the session, each group had the opportunity to **showcase their creations**.

The event was a **great success**, receiving **positive feedback** from the participants and club members. It provided students with hands-on experience with AR/VR using Unity and Arduino, which was its intended goal.

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SEMINAR BY BHOPAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION



On the **9th of May, 2023**, a seminar on the topic of '**Bhopal Management Association Membership Benefits and Scope**' was held under the guidance of Assistant Professor **Dr. Abdul Rashid** in **hybrid mode** to allow the participation of students in various batches. The esteemed Secretary of the Bhopal Management Association (BMA), **Mr. Ajay Kumar Verma**, and his team presented an informative session describing the **advantages** of becoming a **member of BMA**.

BMA serves as the **Bhopal chapter** of the **All India Management Association (AIMA)** established in 1957, the All India Management Association (AIMA) maintains close collaborations with **industry professionals, government bodies**, and academia to advance the **management profession** across the nation. Over the years, this national association has played a crucial role in

enhancing **management capability** throughout the country. AIMA provides a **wide range of services** to support various aspects of the management profession. These services encompass **testing, remote learning, skill enhancement, research, publishing, executive education, and management development courses**.

The Dean of VIT Bhopal Business School - **Dr. Prasad Begde**, concluded the seminar with a **Vote of Thanks**. The session garnered immense success, with **over 170 students**, around **70 students** attending the program **offline** and **100 students online** in attendance. It served as an enriching platform for students to gain insights into the **benefits and scope of Bhopal Management Association membership**, thereby equipping them with **valuable knowledge and resources** for their future endeavours.

NON-TECH EVENTS

ADVITYA MAGAZINE LAUNCH

On **May 10, 2023**, the AdVITya 2023 magazine was officially unveiled by Assistant Vice-President of VIT - Ms. Kadhambari Vishwananthan, along with Registrar - Dr. Pradyumna Yadav, Director of Student Welfare - Dr. George Chellin, Assistant Director of Student Welfare - Dr. Manisha Singh, Assistant Director of Student Welfare - Dr. Chandan Kumar Behera, Assistant Director of Welfare



– Dr. Anant Kant Shukla, Student Council General Secretary – Pranjal Mohan Pandey, Cultural Secretary – Arghish Abhangi, and Joint Secretary – Sahil Chaudhary. The magazine celebrates the student community for showcasing their **creativity, talent, and brilliance** at the University's annual techno-cultural fest, **AdVITya**. The annual fest brings together students from **diverse backgrounds** and **academic fields** to showcase their **exceptional abilities** and skills.

The magazine launch symbolized the management's **unwavering commitment** to fostering a **comprehensive educational experience** that encompasses both; **academic** and **extracurricular** pursuits. It honoured the collective efforts of the students who worked tirelessly to make the annual fest a resounding success. The magazine pages **captured** their **dedication** and **hard work**, ensuring the **preservation** of their **accomplishments** for years to come. The AdVITya 2023 magazine will serve as a tribute to the **remarkable achievements** showcased during the fest.

FOUR CHORDS

On **9th May 2023**, VIT Bhopal's **Music and Band Club** hosted the event - **Four Chords** at the auditorium. The event aimed to provide a stage for students to **showcase** their **musical skills** and add some colours to their daily routines.

With **over 80 entries**, including **solo, duo, and band performances**, both **vocal and instrumental**, the event captivated the audience. It ignited **musical passion** among students, creating an **energetic environment**. The event was a **grand success**, fostering a musical community and inspiring aspiring musicians.



NON TECH EVENTS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO CHANCELLOR

The Founder and Chancellor of VIT - Dr. G Viswanathan, was bestowed with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the World Tamil Organization (UK) for his outstanding contribution and dedication to international education.

He received the award at an event held on May 11, 2023, at the House of Commons of the British Parliament, London. The event, hosted by Dame Nia Rhiannon Griffith, a British MP and Shadow Minister for International Trade, attracted several distinguished individuals, including MP Virendra Sharma, Amish Tripathi (Minister for Education and Culture), the High Commission of India to the UK, and Jacob Ravibalan, Chairman of the World Tamil Organisation.

Dr. Viswanathan established the Vellore Engineering College in 1984 in affiliation with the University of Madras with a Bachelor of Engineering in the then-emerging branches of Communication, Civil, Electronics, and Mechanical Engineering.

In the lead-up to the turn of the century, the Vellore Institute of Technology accomplished a remarkable feat in 1999. It secured the distinction of being the first Engineering College to receive the prestigious ISO 9002 Certification. Additionally, the institute forged its inaugural partnership with an esteemed international institution, the University of Sciences in Aachen, Germany, by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

In 2001, the college was renamed 'Vellore Institute of Technology' and later recognized as a Deemed-to-be-University status by the University Grants Commission and Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. Two years later, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accredited the institute with a score of 75%-80%. (equivalent to 5 stars).

By 2005, the institute was renamed "VIT University", as per the guidelines of the University Grants Commission, Government of India.

An international collaborative programme among the University of Applied Sciences, Aachen, Germany, Technical University, Eindhoven, Netherlands, IIT Madras, and VIT University, under the EU-ASIA link programme was also introduced in the fields of Bachelor of Technology, Mechanical and Energy engineering. In 2009 the first International Centre for VITEEE (VIT Engineering Entrance Examination) was established in Dubai, UAE.



In 2017, ACBSP (The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs), USA accredited the VIT Business School for a period of 10 years, while the ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants), UK accredited the Bachelors in Business Administration Programme.

The University Grants Commission, the Government of India granted graded autonomy status to the university in 2018. Most recently, in 2021, the institute was recredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council with a CGPA of 3.66 on a seven-point scale at 'A++' Grade.

These noble endeavours of the Chancellor have brought a shift in the domain of international education and have cemented his position as a leading figure in the field of education.

NON TECH EVENTS

EUPHORIA'23



The English Literary Association organised Euphoria'23 on May 10, 2023, leaving a lasting impression on its attendees. Over 400 students gathered in the auditorium to participate in this literary extravaganza.

Ms. Kadhambari Vishwanathan, the Assistant Vice President, introduced the occasion and praised the club's leaders for their efforts to alleviate students' stress and foster a positive atmosphere amidst academic pressures. She made her way among the booths, inspiring the crowd and receiving cheers from them.

Euphoria'23 featured four game booths: Guess What, Buddy Metre, Giggle Challenge, and Spin to Pick. These engaging tasks seek to boost interpersonal interaction and English communication. While Buddy Metre assessed participants' interpersonal relationships, Spin to Pick required them to spin a bottle and complete dares. The Guess What game brought the audience together for an enjoyable session of charades, while the Giggle Challenge encouraged pairs to restrain their laughter.

Furthermore, three pop-up shops—Eplone, Blingments, and ACE Covers—displayed hand-selected items like bracelets, rings, necklaces, and phone covers, drawing enthusiastic customers.

The A'Live band's jam session, which infused the environment with overwhelming energy, highlighted the day. The atmosphere was remarkable as the crowd sang and danced to classic songs.

The English Literary Association's Euphoria'23 conference effectively offered a venue for improving and unwinding communication. The event demonstrated the association's commitment to establishing a literary sanctuary within the institution through engaging activities, appealing pop-up shops, and a mesmerising jam session.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP

On May 11, 2023, the National Service Schema (NSS) Unit of VIT Bhopal organised a blood donation camp in collaboration with Hamidia Hospital at the auditorium.

Ms. Kadhambari Vishwanathan, Assistant Vice President, with Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. A Senthil Kumar and Registrar Dr. Pradyumna Yadav, inaugurated this social event, followed by the lamp lighting ceremony.

Under the guidance of Programme Officers Dr. Vinod Bhatt and Dr. Neetu Kalra, the camp received an overwhelming response from selfless donors, with 286 units of blood donated throughout the day. The coordination team, led by Mr. Rishabh Kabra and Mr. Sahil Chaudhary, ensured effective communication and efficient administration to create a conducive environment for donors and volunteers.

Due to the meticulous planning and execution of the event by the driven NSS volunteers, donors, and team, the camp was a resounding success. In order to significantly improve people's lives and foster a culture of compassion and social responsibility, the NSS unit of VIT Bhopal University aims to host such impactful campaigns in the future.



NON TECH EVENTS

GOND ART WORKSHOP

On the 15th of May 2023, Meraki - The Fine Arts Club of VIT Bhopal, orchestrated a **hands-on workshop** on **Gond Art**. The event acquainted students with this **traditional art** and immersed them in an opportunity to learn and engage with it first-hand.

The Meraki team skillfully decorated the workshop venue, giving the attendees an enjoyable atmosphere. The presence of the esteemed **Gond Artist, Mr. Sahdev Kumar Pusham**, added an air of distinction to the occasion. He graciously joined the event to **conduct the workshop and share his expertise** with the students.



Mr. Pusham commenced the workshop by informing them about the history of Gond Art. Further, he elaborated on the versatile techniques of the art, leaving the attendees in awe. The artist then explained the process of creating Gond Art, offering valuable insights into the traditional methods and materials involved. His deep knowledge and passion for Gond Art resonated with the students, fostering a genuine desire to learn and explore this art.

Notably, the **positive energy** and **enthusiasm** cheered the atmosphere, inspiring the professors to participate alongside the students and further enhancing the workshop's impact.

Overall, Meraki's Gond Art Workshop ended **positively**.

Under the expert guidance of **Mr. Sahdev**, students immersed themselves in the **rich cultural heritage of Madhya Pradesh** and engaged with the art form directly. The workshop not only provided a platform for learning but also fostered a profound **sense of appreciation** for **traditional art forms**.



Through this workshop, students gained valuable knowledge about the **history, techniques, and cultural significance** of Gond Art. They developed a deeper understanding of the artistic traditions passed down through generations in Madhya Pradesh. Moreover, the event catalyzed creativity, encouraging participants to explore their capabilities.

In conclusion, Meraki's Gond Art Workshop at VIT Bhopal was an **extraordinary event** that brought together students, professors and an esteemed Gond artist to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Madhya Pradesh. The workshop successfully **achieved** its **goal** of introducing students to this traditional art form while igniting their passion for artistic exploration. Meraki's efforts in organizing such engaging events will undoubtedly leave a **lasting impact** on the creative landscape of the university.

NON TECH EVENTS

HERITAGE HUES: TRADITIONAL ART COMPETITION

The vibrance of traditional Indian Art is something to be celebrated and cherished. With this goal in mind, on **May 16th, 2023**, **Meraki – The Fine Arts Club** of VIT Bhopal, organized **Heritage Hues**, a traditional art competition to encourage the students to dive into this magnificent world. The competition was held in **hybrid mode** to encourage broader participation. Under the guidance of Club Faculty Coordinators – **Dr. Mamta Agarwal**, **Dr. Jyoti Badge**, and **Dr. Arpita Baronia**, this event was brought to life where **over one hundred** students from different batches participated.

Students received their working stations, abundant with colours, brushes, and other art necessities. **Madhubani**, **Warli Art**, and **Patta Chitra** were among the many traditional Indian art forms that students chose to explore and express their talents. The organizers provided the students in **online mode** with an **integrated virtual platform** to upload their work. In **offline mode**, a designated area in the college premises was set up as the **art gallery** and decorated with **traditional elements** and different artworks to bring about a serene atmosphere that radiated the essence of **Indian art**. The event **electrified** the participants, who exchanged ideas and techniques. They drew **inspiration** from our rich **heritage** to bring the most **captivating artworks** to life.



The students' energy and enthusiasm throughout the event were unparalleled. A **prize distribution ceremony** was conducted following the event to honour the **students' dedication** and **hard work**. The event served as a platform for them to showcase their **artistic skills** and **creative expression**.

It brought everyone together and **promoted** a **sense of cultural pride** by celebrating the **beauty** and **diversity** of **traditional Indian art**. Overall, Heritage Hues inspired everyone to **embrace** their **inner creativity** and was a **tremendous success** for the University.



SPORTS

SUMMER FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT (MEN) 2023

The Aavhaan'23 Summer Football Tournament at VIT Bhopal, held from **29th April to 10th May 2023** at the University ground, was a resounding success, featuring **150 talented attendees** with **eight teams** competing against each other.

The **Benchwarmers FC** emerged as the **champions**, defeating **Road FC** in a thrilling final with a **3-2** victory in penalty shootouts. The tournament acknowledged **exceptional performances**, with **Aryan Mishra** awarded **Best Player**, **Yudhi Vikram** named **Best Goalkeeper**, and **Mithun Krishna** recognised the **Top Scorer**. The Director of Student Welfare - **Dr. George Chellin Chandran**, presented the well-deserved prizes.



AAVHAAN'23 SUMMER CRICKET TOURNAMENT (MEN)

The VIT Bhopal Sports Department successfully organized the **Aavahan Summer Cricket Tournament** from **11th May to 22nd May 2023**. Held at the University Ground, the tournament brought together **20 teams** for an intense battle on the cricket pitch.

The competition's format featured matches played using **tennis balls**. After many thrilling encounters, "**The Punishers**" emerged as **triumphant winners**, and the team "**Mavericks**" secured the **runner-up position**.

Mihir Chaudhary was titled **Best Batsman**, while **Mukesh Chaudhary** earned recognition as the **Best Bowler** and was titled **Man of the Tournament**. Under the guidance of **Dr. Prashant Tiwari**, the Sports Officer, the event was **flawlessly organized and executed**.



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