**SPORTS SOCIETY**

*“The will to win is important, but the will to prepare is vital.”*

Sports are known for producing the most remarkable athletes, colourful characters, influential leaders and memorable heroes. IIT Jodhpur Sports Society reflects the same spirit of introducing sporting activities to the campus community. This council aims to promote sports and exercise in the true spirit of sportsmanship and motivate students to work with team spirit. We strive and endeavour to inculcate and introduce this essential activity as a part of the daily decorum in every student's life. We at IITJ believe in bringing out and encouraging the sports person in each one of you under the guidance of professional coaches and with best sporting facility.

*“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”*

Individuals can be strong on their own but they are much stronger in a team. Victory achieved alone can be sweet but there is nothing sweeter than sharing that moment with your team. One of the rare times in life one learns to play with his friends and some of his enemies and yet respect each one of them for the innate respect of the sport. That is the essence of introducing sports in a student's life to instil the quality of vigour, pride, and sacrifice and strive.

**INTER - IIT SPORTS MEET:**

**Inter-IIT Championship** title is the holy-grail in the whole IITJ family. It is the sacred place where every sports student is given the opportunity to showcase her/his talent in respective sports and to wear the institute jersey and run around the grounds representing the glorified history of respective IITs along with the responsibility to continue the legacy. Every Inter IIT player has this unique urge to win the game for the pride and the honour of the institute, for the blood, and the tears and the sweat to make a team and to earn the spot.

Institute Representation at Inter IIT Sports Meet:

The institute has representation in the following sports at Inter IIT Sports Meet:

● Aquatics ● Athletics ● Badminton

● Basketball ● Cricket ● Football

● Lawn tennis ● Squash ● Table tennis

● Volleyball ● Weightlifting

The Institute has many sporting events lined up throughout the year which act as a platform to showcase your talent and to keep the adrenaline levels racing.

**KRIDANSH/General Championship (GC):** The intra IITJ sports fest, is one that designed to attract mass participation. It sees the best sporting talents in the institute pitted against each other to fight for the glory of their respective branches. It has games like tug of wars, Kho-Kho and Kabaddi along with regulars.

The Sports Society has been an active part of the student body since the beginning. The institute takes prides in organizing its very own inter college national level sports fest in the name of “VARCHAS”. The success of Varchas has largely been due to the student’s exceptional organizational and leadership abilities.

Stupendous performances by the IIT Jodhpur teams at inter IIT sports meets, inter-collegiate and intra-collegiate sports fests testify the success of the society. IIT Jodhpur teams’ bagged 2 gold, 5 silver and 7 bronze medals in Inter-IIT sports meets since 2008.

In **50th inter IIT sports meet**, **Table Tennis team (boys)** brought glory to the society and the institute by clinching **gold medal**. This golden team surpassed expectations with its fabulous performance and for the first time IIT Jodhpur has bagged a medal in team event, that too the yellow metal. Adding to this IITJ contingent secured the third position among all IITs in the March-Past. In inter IIT aquatics meet, Kushagra Surana secured fourth position in two events namely, 50m and 100m freestyle swimming. These all turned out to a beautiful result as IIT Jodhpur secured first position among new IITs and overall seventh position in Men’s GC. Other than Inter IIT sports meets institute teams give their best performance at national level sports fests each year.

There are various awards to recognize and felicitate sporting talents in the institute. To encourage the fresher, **The Best Freshman Sportsperson Award** is given to those who perform well at the institute level in the first year. The biggest achievement for a sportsperson at IITJ is the **Council Colour** **Award** where not only the individual talent counts but his contribution towards the sporting community during his entire stay at the institute is also what makes him deserving.

In addition to sports, the society arranges several adventure tours and coordinates the board games club, the skating club.