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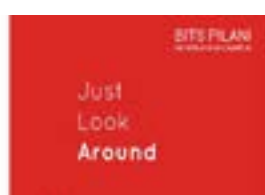
Quark 2016 is all set to take you on “A Cosmic Odyssey”, coming this Friday, February 5th 2016. The three days of the fest will be abound with competitions, quizzes, workshops, guest lectures and special performances. Additionally, the institute’s annual international Model UN - BITSMUN and

the inaugural version of its very own Literary Festival –Carpe Dictum will also take place as part of the festival.

The Quark 2016 Guest Lecture Series features a diverse and dynamic array of speakers.

- **Stephan Pastis** – Internationally acclaimed American cartoonist and creator of popular comic strip Pearls Before Swine, Stephen Pastis headlines the speaker line-up this Quark.
 - **Sanjay Jha** – Sanjay Jha is the national spokesperson of the Indian National Congress Party. He is also a motivational speaker, an executive coach, and a mentor.
 - **Sambit Bal** – As Editor-in-chief of ESPNcricInfo, India’s most widely read cricket website, Mr. Bal will keep all sport and cricket enthusiasts engrossed.
 - **Mohit Saxena** – Mohit Saxena co-founder and CTO InMobi will serve as an ideal role model for all budding entrepreneurs.
 - **Dr.Sugata Mitra** – Pioneer of the Hole in the Wall Experiment and winner of the TED Prize in 2013, Dr. Mitra is famous for introducing the world to “minimally invasive education.”
 - **Raheel Kurshid** - Raheel Khursheed is an online activist at heart and has worked with several news channels and newspaper in New Delhi and Kashmir. He was the Director of Communications at Change.org in India and currently heads News, Politics, and Government at Twitter, India.
 - **Jerry Pinto** – Highly acclaimed author, poet and journalist, Jerry Pinto adds a unique dimension to the speaker line up. His first novel ‘Em and the Big Hoom’ has won the Hindu Literary Prize and has been nominated for the Commonwealth Book Prize,
 - Actress **Aditi Rao Hydari** and Director Bejoy Nambiar will represent Team Bollywood, this Quark.
 - **Rajdeep Sardesai** - An iconic reporter, veteran journalist and author, Rajdeep will talk about his experiences as a journalist and how they shaped his life in a special interactive session.
 - Having shaped the broadcasting and outsourcing industries in India, Padma Shri **Kiran Karnik** serves as a Director in Central Board of Directors of RBI. His astute understanding, incredible acumen, and leadership skills are some features that define who he is.
- Additionally, Quark Aurora Nights featuring Malaysian mentalist and magician **Chris Cheong** and Polish violinist **Kate Chruscicka** round up the line-up for what promises to be an exciting Quark.

TEDx BITS Goa 2016



Arguably one of the most awaited events of the year, TEDxBITSGoa 2016 was held on January 24th 2016. This year’s conference, themed ‘Just Look Around’, marked the 7th edition of TEDxBITSGoa; giving it the

unique description of being India’s oldest running TEDx conference. It was head-lined by Ad-guru Piyush Pandey, the talented music group- The Indian Jam Project, Forbes 30 under 30 nominee Lubhyati Rangarajn, celebrity chef Ritu Dalmiya, alternate and blues band LemonGrass, street artist and illustrator Shrey Sawant, MIT TechReview 35 under 35 nominee Nitin Sisodia, ace brand consultant Rahul Sen and former army man and NATGRID ex-CEO Raghu Raman.

The Department Week

The beginning of the semester was marked by the inaugural version of Department Week. Spread over four days from 14th January to 17th January, this was organised by the CSA Academic Senate. This novel initiative was conceptualised to do away with the practice of having individual Department Day events dispersed over the semester.

Hailed by the CSA President as “a defining moment for the academic and technical scenario of the institute”, this coordinated effort brought together all the academic associations. The plethora of events included hackathons, code-a-thons, quizzes, debates, design contests, treasure hunts, paper presentations, workshops and guest lectures. The total prize money was a staggering 1.1 lakhs.

The session on Data Analytics by Dr. Prabir Rath, the Latex workshop, the guest lecture by Mr. V Gnana Gandhi and the EEE Association’s Quad Copter workshop and Digilogica digital design contest drew some of the largest crowds.

Arena

Arena was a 3 day national level college sports fest that was hosted by the students of BITS Hyderabad. The tennis and the basketball teams of our college finished runners up in their respective events.

The tennis team comprising Vatsal, Rachith, Vibhu and Neil, swept aside the group stage completely without breaking a sweat. In the semi-finals against CBIT they were made to work for each point as the match went on for three and a half hours, with our team eventually winning the tie. The finals match was a grudge match against VNR VJIET, the team that had beaten BITS Goa last time at Arena. It was a lion hearted performance from Rachith who came back from 0-3 down to win his singles game in tie breakers 7-5. However, his efforts were in vain as the opponents proved to be a bit too strong for our boys to handle.

The basketball team saw themselves matched up against a tough opposition in the Quarter Finals. But with a strong united performance, the team overturned an 11 point deficit to win the game by 1 point. The semi-final was played against the hosts with a strong and disciplined defensive performance. Our boys were time and again breaking down their defence and won the game by 1 point. Despite giving a good performance, our team stood second against the defending champions.

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