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1. REPUBLIC DAY

The 69th Republic Day was celebrated on I²IT Campus. The event began with the unfurling of the National flag by Principal, Dr. Vaishali Patil; who also spoke on the occasion. She shared with the audience, the importance of a republic nation. Dr. Patil spoke about how as literate citizens of our country, we all have a responsibility towards our country. She emphasized the significance of Equality, Fraternity and Liberty - the motto of our nation. It is our duty to protect the fundamental rights and work towards up-liftment of the underprivileged. The national pledge that we all took every single day in school should not merely remain words she said; instead, we need to implement them in our daily lives. Student volunteers also spoke on the occasion.



2. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The Advisory Council of the Hope Foundation and Research Centre Trust / Society convened on I²IT Campus. The focus of this Council was to plan and discuss the scope for expansion of the horizons of its educational and research divisions i.e. Finolex Academy of Management and Technology (FAMT), Ratnagiri; International Institute of Information Technology (I²IT), Pune and the Pralhad P. Chhabria Research Center (PPCRC), Pune. The Advisory Council Members comprised of eminent personalities like Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, Dr. B B Ahuja, Dr. Ashok Kolaskar, Mr. Nanik Rupani, Mr. Shyam Raheja, Mr. Ganesh Natarajan, Dr. Srikanth Thiagarajan, Dr. Samir Das, Mr. Rajiv Vaishnav, Dr. Sujata Naik and Mr. Narendra Goidani.



3. CONVOCATION CEREMONY

The 3rd Convocation Ceremony was held on 24th February on campus. Graduates of 2017 Computer Engineering, Information Technology and Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering received their Bachelor Degree on this special day. Mr. Samir Pradhan, Managing Director, Samtech Tools and Accessories Pvt Ltd was the Chief Guest and Commencement Speaker on the occasion. The ceremony began with the traditional march across the campus followed by inspiring talks by dignitaries Mrs Aruna M Katara, President, Hope Foundation and Research Centre, Dr. Vaishali Patil, Principal, I'IT and the Chief Guest. Academic and Meritorious awards were given on the occasion.



4. HEF Convention

Higher Education Forum held its 9th Annual Convention co-hosted by International Institute of Information Technology, (I'IT) in Hinjawadi, Pune. Focused on the theme of 'Skill India, Build India', this convention brought together stalwarts in the education sector to discuss and share ideas about the role of higher education institutions in issues related to congruence of knowledge and skills, technological disruptions and other similar challenges in the 21st century. The event brought together stakeholders from the Government, Institutions and Corporates and became the perfect platform to share ideas so as to build a strong skill-based country. Some of the top speakers at the Convention were Mrs Aruna M Katara, President, Hope Foundation and Research Centre, Dr. A K Sengupta, Founder and Convenor of Higher Education Forum, Dr. Rajan Saxena, Vice Chancellor, NMIMS who delivered his presidential address, Mr. Narendra Barhate, the Managing Director of Seed Infotech, Dr. Peter Cunningham, Prof. Emeritus from Nelson Mandela University and Dr. Sanjay Muthal, Executive Director, Insist Executive Search. The valedictory speech was delivered by Dr. A D Shaligram, Registrar, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Dr. N. M Kondap, Director General, RSET and Dr. Ranjeev Manrao.



5. FOUNDER'S DAY

Founder's Day is celebrated on campus on 12th March to commemorate the life of Founder President of Hope Foundation and Research Centre, Late Shri Pralhad P. Chhabria. The event began with garlanding the statue of Founder President in the central courtyard and seeking his blessings for every endeavour ahead. The entire entourage then moved to the Mohini Chhabria Convention Centre. The I²IT Vidya Jyoti was lit by the Chief Guest Mr. Jitu Shah, Dr. G S Mani, Mrs Aruna M Katara, Dr. Mukesh Katara, Ms Amrita Katara, Dr. Rajashree Jain and Mrs Lata Raheja. The college magazine "Dhruva" was also launched on the occasion. The Late Shri Pralhad P Chhabria Awards instituted by Hope Foundation and Research Centre in association with IEEE India Council and WiE Affinity Group, IEEE Pune Section were announced. This year's winners are Dr. Soma Biswas and Ms Jayati Vijaywargiya.



6. WOMEN'S PROWESS '18

The 13th episode of Women's Prowess, the flagship event started by I²IT and co-hosted by Natarajan Education Society (NES) was held at the Mohini Chhabria Convention Centre, I²IT, Hinjawadi. This year, the theme of the event was DARING TO BE DIFFERENT and that brought together women who have consciously chosen to take up careers in social causes. The Panel Discussion was dynamic, interactive. Moderated by Dr. Uma Ganesh, Chairperson, Global Talent Track the panel included Pratima Joshi, Executive Director, Shelters Associates, Chaitra Nerurkar, Project Manager, Nasscom Foundation, Amruta Bahulekar, Center Head, Aundh Lighthouse, Kavita Kane, Renowned Author & Surabhi Upadhyay, Associate Editor & Senior Anchor, CNBC TV18 and Dr Ritu Biyani, Founder Director, Highways Infinite. The discussion began with each panelist sharing her sources of inspiration that encouraged each one of the young professionals to choose an uncommon career path. During the discussion, the panelists also shared some of the challenges that they overcame to continue to further their social cause.



7. SMART INDIA HACKATHON 2018

Two teams from IIT were shortlisted for the Smart India Hackathon 2018 in the Software Category. The Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI) participated in this event organized by the AICTE. MoSPI identified 10 problems on different areas of Official Statistics, on which the 38 teams comprising 304 students and mentors were given the opportunity to build innovative digital solutions. Students from IIT attended the preliminary rounds at Jaipur, Rajasthan and Hubli, Karnataka.



8. DHRUVA 2018

The Annual Techno-Social Festival, "Dhruva" was held on IIT campus from March 21st to 24th. The theme this year was "Pirates". Every event held on these four days brought out the best of talents among the students be it singing, dancing, ramp walking or just letting their hair down on DJ Night. Dhruva began with various theme days; viz., Traditional Day and Mis-Match Day. Some of the most popular events that saw many participants were "Aroha the singing competition", "MH-43 - the band competition", "Tap Your Feet the dance competition" and "Bedazzled the fashion show". Awards Ceremony - The winners of various sports competitions held on campus were given their certificates, trophies and prizes. On this occasion, meritorious students who were toppers of MH CET 2017 / JEE Mains were awarded prizes and certificates. Wards of Indian Armed Forces and Para Military Forces were also given their Institutional scholarship. Special tuition fee waiver was also given to sons / daughters of Finolex Group Companies and or promoted institutions. Faculty and Staff Members too were given their long service plaque on this occasion. Mrs Aruna M Katara, President, Hope Foundation and Research Centre gave away the awards.



9. FAREWELL CLASS OF 2018

Fare Thee Well 2018. The I²IT B.E. Class of 2018 were given a grand farewell by the juniors in Third Year Engineering. The theme for the event was "Prom Night" - a night to remember. In an emotionally charged atmosphere the students, faculty and staff members of the College bid adieu to the final year students. The event began with a short encouraging talk by the Principal, Dr. Vaishali Patil followed by performances staged specially for the passing out students. Different tags were awarded to the students - Miss Well Dressed & Mr. Well Dressed, Miss Charming and Mr. Handsome, Best Couple on Campus, Teacher's Pet, etc. Ms Sneha Sajjan (B.E.) gave her farewell speech that resonated the emotions and sentiments of all the outgoing students. The event ended with dinner and dancing to the DJ's tunes. This is definitely going to be a night to remember for the graduating students and their juniors as well.



10. SELENIUM SUMMIT 18

I²IT was Co-Host for the #SeleniumSummit18 - Selenium Automation Summit 2018 held on campus. Eminent Industry Experts visited the campus & were panelists at the Summit. It was organized by Agile Testing Alliance in association CP-SAT, DevOps++ Alliance and I²IT. #SeleniumSummit18 was blessed by a very strong attendance of around 200 folks from 45+ organizations, had a great line up of more than 25 speakers, and was one of the very few conferences which had dedicated 90 minute hands on lab sessions.



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ACHIEVEMENTS

1. PAPER PRESENTATION

Congratulations is due to Asmita Jha, Isteyak Ansari & Pratik More of BE E&TC for winning the BEST PAPER AWARD titled "THEORETICAL MODEL AND DEVELOPMENT OF IoT BASED DIGITAL AGRICULTURAL SYSTEM" at the Eighth International Conference On Advances in Computing, Electronics and Electrical Technology - CEET 2018 held on 03-04 February, 2018 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



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SOCIAL

1. WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

The International White Cane Safety Day is celebrated on October 15 of each year. On IIT Campus, the CII YI students organized a fund raising campaign to recognize and acknowledge the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired and the important symbol of blindness and tool of independence, the white cane. The students collected around Rs. 7,000/- which they donated it to the Indian Association of Blind, Madurai. This money will be further utilized for the welfare of visual impaired individuals of the Association.



2. WORKSHOP ON PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT

l²IT in collaboration with the Board of Student Development, Savitribai Phule Pune University organized a workshop on Personality Development for specially-abled students. The workshop was held on 9th January 2018 on the premises of the Institute. Residential students of the Mahatma Phule Apang Prashikshan Kendra, located in Mangaon were invited to l²IT Campus, to conduct the workshop. In the first session, students introduced themselves in novel ways. They had to either mention an adjective or a quote or song which best describes them. They could also explain the meaning of their names (without revealing the names) thereby giving others an opportunity to guess their names. It was an enjoyable ice-breaking session and students enthusiastically participated in this exercise. This was followed by a discussion on aspects which students like about themselves and after that was an interactive session on "The Self" expressing one's desires, dreams, passions and motivations, with the aim to develop confidence. Some of the other activities included "Know Your Partner" and "Spin A Yarn". These creative activities were conducted to motivate the students to nurture and develop their innovative thinking. All in all, it was a well-thought-out workshop that motivated students to discover themselves. The students shared their feedback with the Institute and the organizers over lunch in the cafeteria.



3. CAPS OF HONOUR

Equality, Fraternity and Support have been part of the ethos that is followed on campus. Every individual on campus, be it part of the team of faculty members, the administrative staff, the security team or the support staff takes pride in being part of this great institution and its goals. As l²ITians we acknowledge the efforts of those who work silently and diligently behind the scene. Each member of the support staff works relentlessly to keep up the beauty and cleanliness of our campus.



4. ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS DRIVE

The Computer Engineering Student Association (CESA) in association with the CII Yi Chapter on campus organized an Awareness Rally in and around Hinjwadi Phase I.

The students and faculty members kicked off the campaign by walking the roads, holding up placards and interacting with travellers and sharing with them the importance of following safety measures that could save lives. The aim was to promote safe driving.



5. ADIEU GRADUATES OF APANG SHALA

The CII Yi members participated in the Farewell Party of the Batch of 2017-18 students of the Mahatma Phule Apang Prashikshan Kendra, Maan Village. The senior members at the Apang Shala felicitated our I^{IT} team members with a citation that applauds the selfless efforts of our students towards the Apang Shala. I^{IT} students have been actively involved in the activities at the Apang Shala. They participate by way of conducting training programs, teaching soft skills and communication skills, providing administrative services and various kinds of donation. During his talk, the principal of the Apang Shala mentioned that over the years, I^{IT} students who have been associated with this cause have become socially as well as emotionally responsible to fulfil their share and give to the community in whatever way they can and it was nice to know that the present generation is being nurtured to be socially responsible and inclusive.



1. TEACH FOR INDIA

Mr. Devashish Taknet, Head - College and Corporate Recruitment from Teach For India visited campus and gave a lecture. He spoke with the students about the aim and purpose of Teach For India and how TFI has managed to reduce educational inequality in the country. The fellowships offered by TFI are one of the prestigious achievements in India and inspired students to consider taking up similar social causes so as to provide every child similar opportunities of growth.



2. SWAYAM

Dr. Manpreet Singh Manna, Director (PMSSS & SWAYAM) In-charge Parliament Cell, AICTE, New Delhi visited our campus on 11th January 2018. Dr. Manpreet Singh Manna spoke about his life journey & how he started his teaching profession as a Lecturer at SLIET in the year 1997. Dr. Manna also mentioned how with his persistent efforts and devotion under the able guidance of his seniors at MHRD and AICTE, developed and made the "SWAYAM PLATFORM" go-live for public well within a record time.



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INDUSTRIAL VISIT

HAL NASHIK

The Third Year Students and Faculty Members of the Department of Electronics and Telecommunications visited the Aircraft Division of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, at Nashik. Established in 1964 for manufacture of MiG-21FL aircraft & K-13 Missiles, also manufactures MiG variants; viz MiG-21M, MiG-21 BIS, MiG-27 M and the state-of-the-art aircraft ie Su-30 MKI, along with manufacturing, the division also carries out overhaul of the MiG series aircraft and started ROH of Su-30 MKI. The students were taken around the campus with state-of-the-art plant/machinery/equipment and infrastructure and introduced to some of the well qualified and trained manpower in different areas of aviation technology, viz design and development, manufacture and overhaul of aircraft, accessories and related products.



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SPORTS

1. I²IT CUP

The popular I²IT State Level Inter-Collegiate Cricket Tournament was hosted at the Dilip Vengsarkar Cricket Academy Ground (VARROC) at Thergaon Chinchwad. The tournament was inaugurated by Principal, I²IT, Dr. Vaishali Patil. This year the Cricket Tournament had 16 colleges participating initially during elimination rounds. SKNCOE, Pune were the Winners of this 3rd I²IT Cup beating AISSMS COE, Pune in a nail biting last ball finish Cricket Finals. Roshan who single-handedly steered SKNCOE with a match winning innings of 58 not out was declared the Man-of-Match while Om Giri of AISSMS COE who bagged 10 wickets in the tournament was declared the Man-of-the-Tournament.



2. AKSARA

February saw I²IT enjoy a week of sports as part of "Askara '18 (I²IT's annual sports meet). The spectacular event had active participation of students from all the departments Applied Science & Engineering, Computer Engineering, Information Technology and Electronics & Telecommunication. Some of the games that were played were

- You Got Served Table Tennis
- First Serve Badminton
- Howzat Cricket
- The Master is Waiting Chess
- Every Shot Matters Basket Ball
- Fast & Fearless Volley Ball
- Get.Set.Goal Football



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