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Hope Foundation's International Institute of Information Technology (I²IT)

July - Dec
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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

1. "Life Enhancing Personality Development Workshop"

A Workshop was hosted by Elatform, started by I²IT's alumni Amit Kumar, on I²IT Campus on 30th June 2019. With 100 live audience and another 100 joining via live streaming, the workshop was fun-filled and drawn from real life experiences. The speaker Rahul Bhatnagar – one of India's young business icons, spoke about "How to Start Your Entrepreneurship journey without any fear." Three other renowned speakers from IITs and other industries also shared their experiences. The four-hour workshop was very interactive and dialogue-centric.



2. Welcome Batch of 2019-20

It was a wonderful day on campus as we welcomed our First Year students on campus. The orientation session has been a long standing tradition at I²IT and in keeping with the same; we were honoured to have with us Dr. Deepak Shikarpur who gave the inaugural address.

The chief guest – Dr. Shikarpur presented an interesting and engaging view to the aspiring professionals. He spoke about what the future of technology is going to be and advised students to align themselves to be prepared to re-engineer themselves to keep up with changing technologies.



3. Kalankur : I²IT Cultural Team Presents "3 Cheers"

I²IT Cultural Team performed a play "3 Cheers" in Purushottam Karandak 2019 on 21st August 2019 at Bharat Natya Mandir, Pune.



4. International Workshop on Conversational Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The International Workshop on Conversational Artificial Intelligence (AI) was held on our campus. The Chief Guest Prasad Deore, Regional Head, NASSCOM soft launched the Center of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence, along with Chandra Kumar, CEO WiselyWise Singapore for I²IT being the Nodal Center in India.

Sohan Maheshwar, Alexa Evangelist, Amazon India conducted the workshop where 60 registered students from I²IT & 40 students from Lila Poonawala Foundation, Pune attended the Alexa Workshop.



5. #ATAGTR2019

Global Testing Retreat, #ATAGTR2019 was held on campus by Agile Testing Alliance, DevOps++ Alliance and I²IT on 14th & 15th December 2019. #ATAGTR2019 is the only global testing conference in India which has such a large coverage of labs. Moreover it was the only conference in the world which covered immense learnings with a fun angle. Conference had skit performances and live band performances.



6. Inauguration Ceremony of AWS Cloud Foundations Course

The Inauguration Ceremony of AWS Cloud Foundations Course in association with AWS Academy was held on our campus on 14th September 2019. Mr. Vishram, AWS Academy-Technical Program Manager was the Chief Guest for inauguration. Professor Bailappa Bhovi, AWS Accredited Educator & Principal Dr. Vaishali Patil were present for this ceremony.



7. India Business Literature Festival 2019

The second edition of the IBLF 2019 was hosted on 5th October 2019 at the CoEP Mini Auditorium. The event showcased the works of various authors, advisors and eminent corporate executives.

IBLF 2019 kicked off with a great line up of speakers who inspired the young audience with their out-of-the-box ideas and thinking.



8. E&TC Students Industrial Visit to GMRT (Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope)

I2IT Second Year (E&TC) Engineering students visited GMRT, Khodad as part of their Industrial Visit on 2nd July 2019. GMRT is an array of thirty fully steerable parabolic radio telescopes of 45 meter diameter, observing at meter wavelengths. It is operated by the National Centre for Radio Astrophysics. They studied construction of 30 large dishes with antenna configuration in a compact central array with longest interferometric baseline of about 25 km. The students also got an insight into the different modes of transmission and reception of signal and their processing at the base station.



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9. Ayudha Puja/ Khande Navami Puja

The "Ayudha Puja/ Khande Navami Puja" is a tradition at I²IT. This year too, faculty, staff and management members participated in the celebrations to seek the blessings of Saraswati (the Goddess of wisdom, arts and literature), Lakshmi (the goddess of wealth) and Parvati (the divine mother).



10. Nature Trails

On 3rd August 2019 some I²IT students and a couple of staff members went trekking to Visapur (Malavali). One of the breathtakingly beautiful treks near Pune, the trip is best enjoyed in the monsoons. With mesmerizing greenery, the team enjoyed the visit to the fortress, the ponds and most importantly the heavy gush of anti-gravity waterfall (caused due to heavy winds from the gorge).



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1. SIH2019 Hardware Edition

Hearty Congratulations to the I²IT Student Team for being selected in the Smart India Hackathon (<https://www.sih.gov.in/>) Hardware Edition Grand Finale Competition held between 8th and 12th July 2019 at IIT Rorkee.

Team Name : ILLUMINUS

Team Members : Yamini Iyengar (Team Leader), Kishika Khanna, Annie Bhardwaj, Indraneel, Suraj Kose & Sachin Vaidya BE E&TC.

Faculty Mentor: Dr. V. Rajesh Chowdhary.



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2. AIT Education Camp & Study Tour

1²IT Pune students Nikhil Kothari, Janhvi Patil, Sumit Chavan, Shashank Shanbhag of BE E&TC and Srishti Gupta BE COMP along with Dr. Rajesh Chowdhary Dept of E&TC participated in the AIT Education Camp & Study Tour at Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand.

Special thanks to Prof Nitin Kumar Tripathi and his entire team of AIT, Thailand for making this tour the most memorable and grand successful one.



3. 2nd Runner-up in the Inter-collegiate University Tournament

1²IT Table Tennis Men's Team were the 2nd Runner-up in the Inter-collegiate University Tournament. Proud of you Ritikesh Bhatt, Omkar Menkudale, Harshal Fegade and Aditya Lolge



4. AIBC-Asia Investment & Banking Conference 2019

Adarsh Agrawal, BE E&TC attended the AIBC-Asia Investment & Banking Conference 2019 held on the 28th and 29th of August 2019 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) in Wan Chai, Hong Kong.



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5. Ph.D Awarded to Prof. (Dr.) Varsha N. Degaonkar

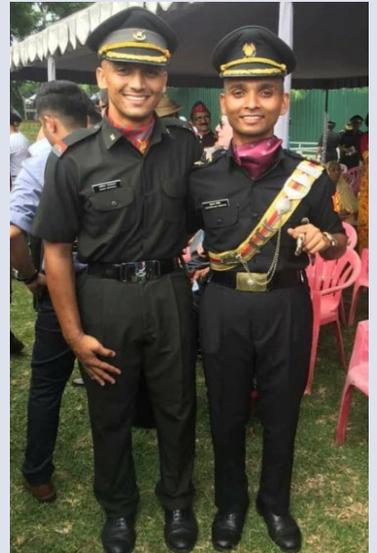
Dr. Varsha has successfully completed her Doctor of Philosophy in Electronics Engineering. We appreciate her hardwork and congratulate her for commendable achievement and wish her many more accolades in years to come.



6. Indian Armed Forces

Shubham Shinde, I²IT alumnus, recently earned the President's Commission into the Indian Army. The first I²ITian to achieve this merit. We all are so proud of Shubham and wish him many more accolades in years to come.

I²IT salutes the Indian Armed Forces and are proud that our youth are motivated to be part of the Forces. We are truly thankful to the steadfast support and dedication of our Armed Forces personnel.



7. Maharashtra Green Army

It is a matter of pride that I²IT has become a member of the State Government's initiative to build the "Maharashtra Green Army".

It shall be our duty to protect and improve the Natural Environment including Forests, Lakes, Rivers and Wild Life, and to have compassion for living creatures and be an integral part of the State Government of Maharashtra's efforts towards fulfilling the 50 crore plantation program intended to increase the forest cover in the state.



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8. Great Leader Award

Mrs Aruna M Katara, President, Hope Foundation and Research Centre was bestowed the “Great Leader” Award instituted by AsiaOne Magazine & UWG Media Consulting P.L. The Award was presented by His Excellency Mr. Zainal Azlan Nadzir, Consul General for Malaysia, Mumbai and Her Excellency Ms. Stefania Costanza, Consul General for Italian Republic, Mumbai. Mrs Aruna M Katara also accepted the “Great Brand” Award on behalf of Finolex Academy of Management & Technology, (FAMT), Ratnagiri.



9. Innovate For Smart Pimpri Chinchwad

Avani Pathak, Chaithra Bhat and Manali Kaswa and their mentor Prof. Deptii Chaudhary made it to the finals of the competition – INNOVATE FOR SMART PIMPRI CHINCHWAD organized by the PCMC. Their unique concept was based on 'health & hygiene'.

Pratik Singh, Sanket Niprul, Mayur Surkar and their mentor Prof. Ashvini Kulkarni became one of the finalists at the INNOVATE FOR SMART PIMPRI CHINCHWAD competition organized by the PCMC. Their unique concept is based on 'Smart Waste Management System'.



10. AVVIARE Competition Hackathon

Rishabh Karmakar, Atharv Kulkarni and Anjali Mudaliar (SE – Computer) won the AVVIARE competition hosted by Symbiosis Institute of Information Technology. The teams were given real-time analytical challenges wherein a case was given to the team and they had to analyse and recommend 'Innovation & Expansion' strategies for a company called Samuchit Environ Tech. The CEO of the organization – Dr. Priyadarshini Karve was the judge and our students were applauded for their creative and strategic thinking.



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11. 5th Rank in B.E. Computer Engineering at SPPU

It is a matter of great pride to share that Ms. Sahana B G from the 2017-18 batch, secured the 5th rank in B.E. Computer Engineering at Savitribai Phule Pune University. She scored aggregate 86.60% in the B.E. (CE) SPPU examination of May 2018.



12. Runner-Up in HSBC S&T Competition

Adarsh Agrawal (B.E. - E&TC) was the Runner-Up at the "INVESTMENT BANKING SCENARIO" at the Asia Investment Banking Conference 2019 HSBC S&T COMPETITION held at Hong Kong recently. Adarsh was a delegate at the Conference too.



13. Late Shri Pralhad P Chhabria Awards

Late Shri Pralhad P Chhabria Awards presented by HOPE Foundation and Research Centre in association with IEEE India Council and Women in Engineering Affinity Group, IEEE Pune Section were bestowed upon the 2019 winners – Ms Shubhi Sareen for Best Female Student (Outgoing) and Dr. Rajlaxmi Chouhan for Best Woman Professional (Early Career). The winners were presented with a prize money of Rs. 1.5 lakhs each, a citation and a medal. Dr. Sri Niwas Singh (Chairman, IEEE India Council) did the honours on behalf of IEEE while Prof. Madhuri

Reddy gave the awards on behalf of Hope Foundation and Research Centre.



14. Barclays Tech Innovation Challenge 2019

Two FE Student teams from I²IT for winning the First and the Second Prize at the Barclays Tech Innovation Challenge 2019. The teams won the Challenge for their Innovative ideas to resolve given socio-economic problems.

This was an Inter-College competition between 19 colleges across 5 Cities. The Team that won the first prize comprised of Namita Chandrashekar, Arya Pathrikar, Ninad Shahgadkar, Aryan Kenchappagol and Akhil Bhalerao and their topic was "Waste Management. The second prize winners were Pratik Baithe, Yashowardhan Shinde, Ayushi Joshi, Naman Das and Debyansu Sahoo for their innovative idea of "Make Agriculture the most sought-after, profit-making venture."

We are proud of our students' achievement and continuing the I²IT tradition of being innovators and leaders.



15. Youngest State Level Referee in Thaiboxing

Shivani Rajhance on being one of the youngest State Level Referee in Thaiboxing. She was invited to attend the Referee Seminar of Kickboxing on 26th Oct 2019. Previously Shivani has won many National & International awards and trophies for Karate, Taekwondo and Kickboxing.

We are proud of you Shivani. Proud I²ITian!



16. Teacher Innovation Award

Dr. Sandeep Varpe Faculty of Engineering Physics recieved the Teacher Innovation Award instituted by Zero Investment Innovations for Education Initiatives - (ZIIIEI).



17. Student in Indian Army

It was such a heart warming moment to meet one of our alumni – Ashok Kumar who after graduation join the Indian Army and is now training for Para Commando at BEG, Pune.

We are proud of you Ashok! Proud I²ITian!



18. National Film Award for Best Feature Film – HELLARO

We are proud to share that Ashish Patel, I²IT Alumnus is the producer of this epic "National Film Award for Best Feature Film" – HELLARO. The movie was released nationally to great reviews and critical acclaim. We are proud of you Ashish!

The movie is the story of 13 women rising up against circumstances, societal evils and their love of Garba as an expression of freedom.



19. 100 Splendid Voices

"100 Splendid Voices" is women's anthology which is all about *Celebrating Womanhood* and raising female voices so that the society and people can really understand what exactly a female can do to sustain and live their life through love, pain and dedication.



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20. Gold Medal in Kumite

Shivani Rajhance, (T.E. - IT), on winning the Gold Medal in the Kumite (fight) event and the Bronze Medal in the Kata event. She also won the Grand Championship Trophy for Kumite event at the 8th National Championship 2019.

With so many achievements, Shivani is now headed for the World Championship to be in South Africa in May 2020.



21. Patent on GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL SYSTEM

Rakshita Shettigar, Nishant Dalvi, Jayan Vinod, Ninad Kheratkar, Ketan Ingale, Farhan Ansari (all pursuing their Bachelor in Computer Engineering) and Prof. Deptii Chaudhari for their invention - "GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL SYSTEM". The patent for this invention has been filed and published.



22. Google Summer of Code 2019 Program

Congratulations Fenil Mehta, on successfully completing the "Google Summer of Code 2019 Program" and getting the opportunity to be part of this very prestigious annual event hosted by Google, USA. I²IT Center of Excellence in Geoinformatics is now being well recognized throughout globe with such unique initiatives. Fenil worked on porting Map Mint Software from python 2.0 to python 3.0. under the mentorship of Open Source Geospatial Foundation (OSGeo) members from France, India and Japan.



23. H Social Creator Program (HSC 2019)

Aryan Kenchappagol and Ninad Shahgadkar, our First Year Engineering students were selected in the top 10 Finalists of the Hyundai Motor India Foundation H Social Creator program (HSC 2019) which was held on November 24th 2019 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The Hyundai Motor India Foundation (HMIF)'s 'H-Social Creator' - a social innovation program instituted to felicitate young minds who can deliver simple yet big innovations in areas of road safety, environment and clean India. The jury and audience were impressed alike by their innovative idea on wet & dry waste segregation. Jury members appreciated the efforts and ideation of both the students.



24. ACM Future of Computing Academy

IIT Family is happy to share that our alumnus, Harsh Khajgiwale, IT Department has been selected as a member of "ACM Future of Computing Academy". This is a prestigious and elite academy and he is one among the 36 members globally. Congratulations Harsh! Wish you many more accolades in your professional and personal

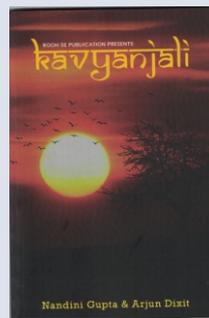


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25. Kavyanjali

Kavyanjali is book compiled by Rooh Se Publication. Author of the book are Nandini Gupta and Arjun Dixit. The Co-Author is our First Year Engineering student Kalyani Kathane.

"Kavyanjali" is an initiative anthology which is providing platform to the writers whose inks are efforting to explore, by publishing their writeups. All are going to experience the words written down by the writers because all knows that writings are not only writing it has words which flashes life. Every flip through the pages of the book is worth it as every written in here has put all the magic into the fiction they have written. The book is available on Amazon.



26. Confederation of Elite Academicians of IICDC

Prof. Ashvini Kulkarni (E&TC) received an appreciation from "The Confederation of Elite Academicians of IICDC" recognized by AICTE, Texas Instruments, IIM Bangalore and DST towards her contribution as a volunteer and Evaluator for the IICDC 2019.



3 SOCIAL

1. Towards a Greener World

Team I²IT hosted a tree plantation drive on campus. Aligning themselves with the State Government's agenda of "50-Crores Plantation Program", I²IT students, faculty and staff came together to plant many Neem trees on campus on 22nd July 2019.

Widely popular for our green campus, this initiative is one more step towards us being environmentally conscientious and proactive towards nurturing nature-sensitive youth.



2. Young Indians and I²IT Continued Association

The I²IT Chapter of the CII-Yi has been one of the most active groups on campus with many students committing themselves to work for the community for the last so many years. This year's MoU between CII-Yi and I²IT was signed today on campus. Doing the honours were Bharat Oswal & Meghana representing CII Yi and Dr. Vaishali Patil, Principal, I²IT.



3. Mattresses Donation

The NSS unit at I²IT has always been an integral part of community development. We believe that it is important to instill the idea of social welfare in students, and provide service to society without bias. The I²IT NSS volunteers work to ensure that everyone who is needy gets help to enhance their standard of living and lead a life of dignity. As part of I²IT's contribution, mattresses were donated to Maher – an NGO that provides a home to children, women and destitute. Proud of our students and their conscientiousness towards the community!!



4. The Joy of Giving and Sharing

Celebrating Diwali in our own way, I²IT hosted the young students from Sparsh Balgram on campus. These vivacious, energetic and enthusiastic children staged a performance for I²IT Family. Despite being AIDS patients, they were a true inspiration to all of us on how to enjoy every moment of our lives to the fullest! After the performance the I²IT students volunteered to serve these children lunch and enjoy the true joy of giving and sharing.



5. Raksha Bandhan Celebrations

On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, I²IT Yi Students & Faculty visited the Mahatma Phule Apaang Shaala on 15th August 2019. Rakhi's were tied, sweets distributed & had lots of fun with the Specially Abled students.



6. Make Hinjawadi Greener

I²IT Yi Students participated in the "Make Hinjawadi Greener" Tree Plantation event on 24th August 2019 at Hinjawadi - Maan village.



7. RUN FOR UNITY

As part of the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations, some of the student volunteers came forward and participated in the "Run For Unity". Honouring Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, one of the Founding Fathers of Modern India, this effort by the young I²ITians is to express that they too imbibe the same sense of national pride and unity as demonstrated by Sardar Patel.



8. Education for Humanity and Peace

I²IT Yi students organized a Seminar on Education for Humanity and Peace conducted by the Youth Peace Foundation (YPF), a Non-profit Organisation registered in Delhi aimed towards Developing the Culture of Humanity and Peace amongst society through its initiatives. The event was to create awareness towards importance of humanity and peace in one's life, which helped students to understand the noble concepts like Hope, Inner strength & Contentment.

Sheetal Gupta, General Secretary & Ajay Nagvanshi from Youth Peace Foundation were present on this occasion.



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