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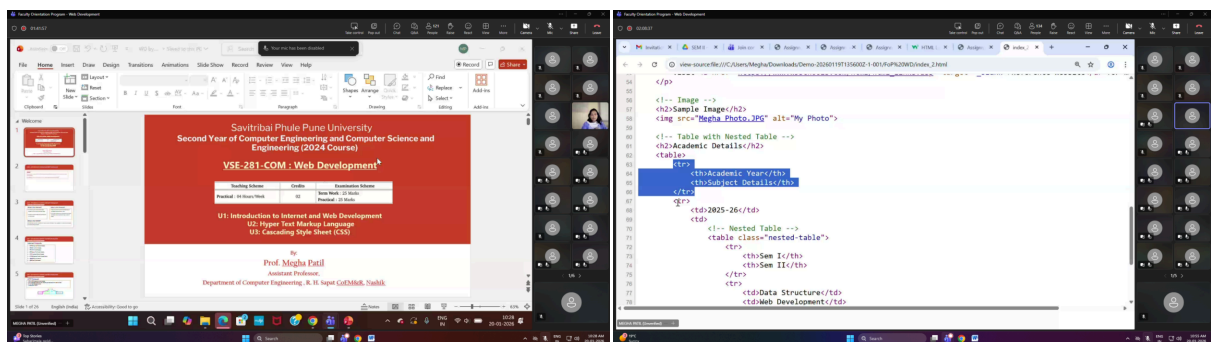
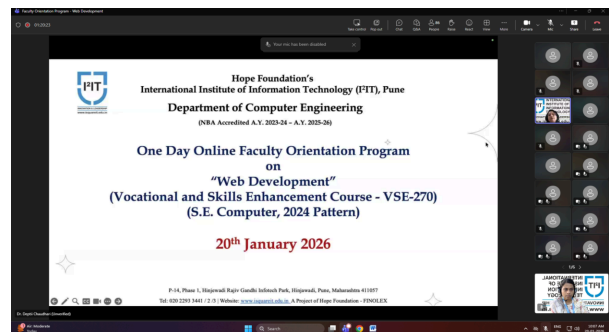


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Awards & Events

Online Faculty Development Programme on Web Technology (VSE-270)

On 20 January 2026, the Department of Computer Engineering at I²IT, in association with the Board of Studies, Computer Engineering, Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), organised an Online Faculty Development Programme on Web Technology (VSE-270). Coordinated by Dr Deptii Chaudhari and Prof Manisha Ambekar, the programme focused on the SE 2024 Pattern syllabus. Dr Nilesh Uke, Member, Board of Studies, Computer Engineering, SPPU, graced the inaugural session as Chief Guest. Prof Megha Patil of R. H. Sapat College of Engineering, Nashik, covered Units I–III on HTML, CSS, and Bootstrap, while Prof Kimi Ramteke of I²IT Pune covered Units IV–V on JavaScript and Backend Technologies. The programme concluded with a discussion on curriculum implementation and the inclusion of a mandatory mini project, helping faculty connect curriculum requirements with practical teaching approaches.



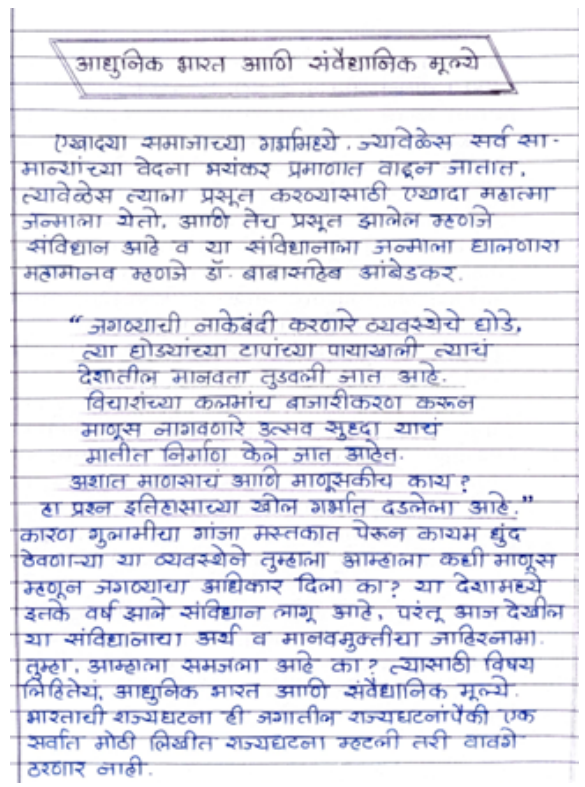
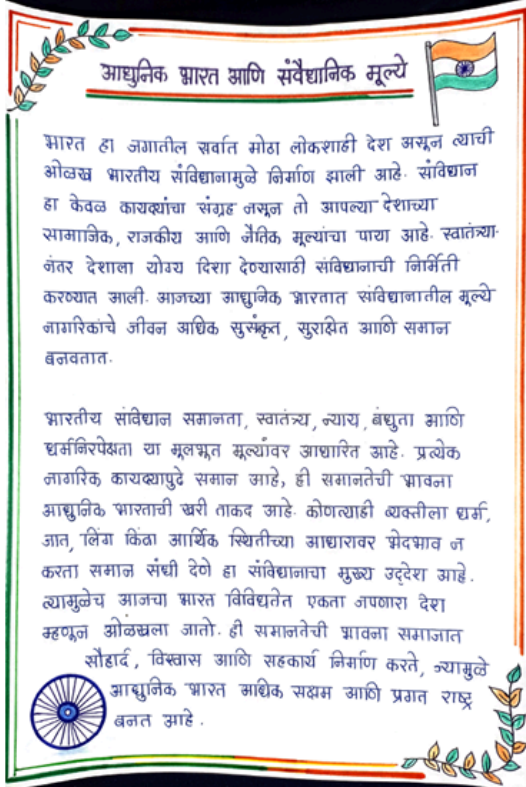
Robo Making Workshop (in association with ISETS)

On 23 January 2026, the Department of Electronics and Telecommunication at I²IT, in association with ISETS, organised a Robo Making Workshop in the PPCRC Lab. Coordinated by Prof Anjali A. Jagtap and conducted by the ISETS Technical Team, the workshop offered hands-on exposure to robotic components, circuit integration, and robot assembly through team-based activities. The practical experience strengthened students' technical understanding while encouraging creativity, experimentation, and problem-solving.



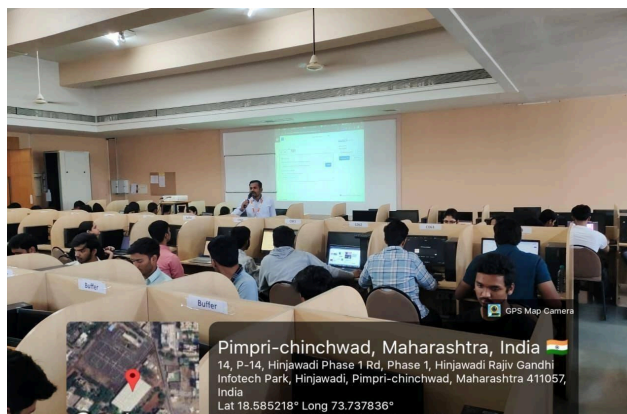
77th Republic Day Celebration at I²IT

On 26 January 2026, the I²IT campus came alive with pride, patriotism, and purpose as the institute celebrated the 77th Republic Day of India. The celebration reflected the values of the Constitution, unity in diversity, respect for India's rich heritage, and a collective commitment to nation-building. As part of the celebrations, the Information Technology Students' Association (ITSA), in collaboration with the Student Board of Development and IIC, organised Akshar Kala (अक्षर कला), a Handwritten Article Writing Competition from 15–26 January 2026. Open to students, faculty, and staff, the competition invited entries on "Constitutional Values and Modern India" in English, Marathi, and Hindi. In the Student Category, first and second prizes were awarded to Payal Khamkar and Nandini Gulve in Marathi; Vaishnavi Kande and Aniket Ladkat in Hindi; and Kaveri Bedse and Sahil Pathan in English. In the Faculty Category, Prof Pratibha Patil and Prof Harshali Chaudhari won the first and second prizes in Marathi, respectively. Together, the celebration and competition encouraged constitutional awareness, multilingual expression, and responsible citizenship across the I²IT community.



Value Added Course: Building Secure and Scalable E-Commerce Applications

The Department of Information Technology at I²IT organised a Value Added Course on “Building Secure and Scalable E-Commerce Applications” over four days—6, 13, 14, and 18 February 2026. Delivered by Mr Gorakh Kharat, Director, Code First Technology, and coordinated by Prof Pratibha Patil, the course moved from e-commerce fundamentals and architecture to website design, shopping-cart workflows, payment gateways and digital modes, SEO, digital marketing, and security. The Business Model Canvas activity further helped students translate these concepts into a conceptual e-commerce start-up, connecting technical learning with the practical decisions involved in building and securing an online business.



In-House Capture The Flag (CTF) Competition

The Electronics & Telecommunication Department at I²IT, Pune, in association with the I²IT Shunya Shield Cybersecurity Club under MCCIA and IEEE, organised an In-House Capture The Flag (CTF) Competition. The challenges required students to apply analytical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving to cybersecurity scenarios, turning theoretical knowledge into practice. Mr Vineet Beri (CISO & Head – Cyber Security, CentraLogic India Pvt. Ltd.), Mr Robin Banta (Cyber Security Delivery Partner, TCS), and Dr Dimple Pal (Marketing Head, TCS) served as jury members, bringing industry perspectives and feedback that helped connect academic learning with real-world cybersecurity practices.



CodeSprint 2026

On 27 February 2026, the ACM Student Chapter organised CodeSprint 2026, a college-wide coding contest for first-year students at I²IT. Coordinated by Dr Tarun Kumar, the contest challenged students to apply fundamentals of C, C++, and Python to time-bound programming problems. The format gave first-year students an early opportunity to move beyond routine classroom exercises, strengthen logical reasoning and problem-solving, and develop the speed and coding confidence needed for academic projects, coding interviews, and competitive programming. Owing to a server outage on GeeksforGeeks, the contest was hosted on the Google platform instead.



Sansmaran 2026: Alumni Meet

I²IT, Pune hosted Sansmaran 2026, an alumni meet that renewed the institute's connection with its alumni community. The gathering created an opportunity to reconnect with mentors, revisit campus memories, exchange experiences, and celebrate the continuing journey of I²IT graduates. A special highlight was the felicitation of the Decade Batch of 2016, marking ten years since graduation. Beyond nostalgia, Sansmaran reinforced the value of lasting professional and personal relationships between alumni and their alma mater.



ECC Phase-II: Ideas to Impact

The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), I²IT, Pune organised ECC Phase-II (2025-26), creating a platform for student entrepreneurs to present innovative business ideas across EdTech, AI, healthcare, automation, and environmental solutions. The winning teams—Harvest Hackers, Scaleup, and AdMesh—each received a seed grant of ₹10,000 to support the development of their ideas into working prototypes or minimum viable products. Mentorship from the panel of industry experts and entrepreneurs further connected ideation with the next stages of venture development.



Value Added Course Inaugural Session: Inclusive Innovation

The Department of Computer Engineering at I²IT, Pune inaugurated its Value Added Course with an insightful session by Mr Krishnakant Mane, an IT professional, TEDx speaker, and Satyamev Jayate personality known for his work in accessible technology for persons with visual impairment. Drawing from his experience, he highlighted inclusive innovation, empathy-driven design, and the role of technology in improving accessibility. The interaction encouraged students and faculty to look beyond conventional solutions and consider how engineering and technology can respond meaningfully to diverse human needs.



10th Founder's Day

The 10th Founder's Day celebrated the life and legacy of Late Shri Pralhad P. Chhabria, founder of the Hope Foundation and Research Centre and I²IT Pune. The event featured a documentary on his journey from humble beginnings to becoming a visionary industrialist and philanthropist. Guest of Honour Dr. Vinod Bidwaik addressed the importance of balancing professional success with spirituality, mindfulness, and societal contribution. The occasion also hosted the Shri Pralhad P. Chhabria Awards, instituted with the IEEE India Council and WIE Affinity Group, recognizing excellence among women professionals and graduate students.

The celebration concluded with institutional awards presented to I²IT students. Merit Scholarships recognized the Best I²ITian awardees, final year toppers across departments, and special awards for technical, sports, cultural, and social contributions. Academic Excellence Awards honoured top performers in entrance examinations and class toppers from First, Second, and Third year across the Computer, E&TC, and IT departments. Patron Awards, instituted by institutional benefactors, celebrated overall academic achievement and best student honours across departments. The event reaffirmed the institute's commitment to excellence, leadership, and continued pursuit of academic and professional achievement.



International Institute of Information Technology (I²IT) Project Expo 2026

On 17 March 2026, I²IT, in association with the Institute's Students' Departmental Associations (ISETS, ITSA, and CESA), the ACM Student Chapter, IIC, and the IEEE Student Branch, organised I²IT Project Expo 2026 for final-year diploma students. Coordinated by Prof Anjali A. Jagtap, Prof Pallavi Yeole, and Prof Swati Shinde, the expo gave students a platform to present engineering projects after a scrutiny process. A 21-member jury evaluated the projects on technical content, innovation, and presentation across two rounds. Team VerdantIQ (Prem Bhaiyye, Shravani Waphare, Ajay Deshmukh) won the First Prize; Team SevaVaani took Second; Team AI Governance Firewall placed Third; and Special Recognition Awards went to projects featuring an IoT-based Smart Posture Coach and AI Smart Glasses for the visually impaired. The expo highlighted how design thinking, technical application, teamwork, and societal relevance can come together in engineering projects.



Add-On Course Workshop on Embedded & IoT

The Department of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering, I²IT, Pune conducted an Add-On Course Workshop on “Embedded & IoT”, bringing together theoretical concepts, hands-on learning, and industry exposure for SE and TE students. Guided by Mr Neeraj Magnani (Founder, Fount Lab, Pune), Mr Nivrutti Mahajan, Mr Shubham Kharche, and Mr Shubham Maharaj, students explored the fundamentals of embedded systems and IoT and gained practical experience in building real-world applications. The workshop helped them apply embedded concepts to real-time projects and understand how classroom knowledge translates into industry-oriented solutions.



Poster Making Competition under Audit Course

On 10 April 2026, ITSA, Department of Information Technology at I²IT, organised a Poster Making Competition under the Audit Course on the theme “Environmental Studies” for Second-Year IT students. Students from SE-A and SE-B expressed ideas on sustainability and conservation through illustrations and slogans. Internal and external examiner panels evaluated the entries across multiple labs on creativity, relevance, and presentation, giving students an opportunity to communicate environmental ideas visually and effectively.



Video Making Competition under Audit Course

Held on 10–11 April 2026, the ITSA Video Making Competition under the Audit Course gave Third-Year (TE) and Final-Year (BE) IT students an opportunity to explore social and environmental themes through digital storytelling. TE students created videos on “Green and Unconventional Energy,” while BE students explored the “Constitution of India.” Through animation, storytelling, interviews, and case studies, students strengthened their video editing, scripting, and presentation skills while communicating ideas related to sustainability and constitutional values.



All-Women CTF 2026

The All-Women Capture The Flag (CTF) 2026 at I²IT, Pune provided a platform for women students to demonstrate technical expertise, resilience, and problem-solving skills in cybersecurity. The competition also facilitated interaction with industry leaders and cybersecurity professionals, adding a valuable dimension of learning and networking. Team Bachcha Hai Tu Mera, represented by Atrijia Chatterjee, secured First Place; Team Nova, represented by Sanjula M and Varshita K. G, secured Second Place; and Team Secure Her, represented by Kumud Pal and Vedika Patil, secured Third Place. The event highlighted women's growing participation and achievement in cybersecurity.



Farewell to BE Batch 2025-26

On 29 April 2026, I²IT, Pune organised the farewell of the BE Batch 2025-26, marking the completion of an important academic chapter. The programme celebrated the students' growth, achievements, friendships, and experiences at the institute as they prepared to enter professional life. More than a farewell, the occasion recognised the journey that shaped the graduating batch and reaffirmed its continuing place in the I²IT community.



MoU with BE Hub LLP

On 24 May 2026, I²IT, Pune signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with BE Hub LLP to strengthen innovation, entrepreneurship, and industry-academia collaboration. The partnership is intended to create opportunities for students, researchers, and aspiring entrepreneurs through mentorship, start-up acceleration, innovation-driven initiatives, industry exposure, workshops, hackathons, and networking. The collaboration strengthens an ecosystem in which academic learning can connect with real-world application and entrepreneurial development.



Guest Lectures

From Chips to Code: Pathways for Engineers in the Semiconductor Industry

On 9 January 2026, the Departments of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering and Computer Engineering at I²IT organised an expert session, “From Chips to Code: Pathways for Engineers in the Semiconductor Industry,” at the Mohini P. Chhabria Convention Centre. The session featured alumnus Mr Anubhav Mattoo, Project Engineer at HPC-Tech, C-DAC Pune, who shared insights into career pathways in the semiconductor industry. Coordinated by Dr Deptii Choudhari, Prof Anjali A. Jagtap, and Prof Pallavi Yeole, the session introduced students to the interdisciplinary semiconductor ecosystem, covering hardware design, fabrication, and software co-design. Emerging areas such as AI accelerators, high-performance computing, and sustainable manufacturing further helped students understand how hardware and software pathways converge in the semiconductor industry.



Eminent Speaker Programme: Role of AI in Cyber Security

On 18 March 2026, the ACM Student Chapter organised an Eminent Speaker Programme on “Role of AI in Cyber Security” at the Convention Centre. Coordinated by Dr Tarun Kumar and delivered by Dr Gururaj H. L., the session examined common cyber-attacks such as malware, phishing, man-in-the-middle, and password attacks, and demonstrated how AI and machine learning can support real-time threat detection and risk prediction through real-world case studies. The session concluded with a prize distribution for the CodeSprint 2026 winners, linking the technical discussion with student achievement.



Guest Lecture on AI & GenAI Revolution: Industry Use Cases & Career Pathways

On 9 April 2026, the Department of Information Technology at I²IT, in association with ITSA and the ACM Student Chapter, organised a guest lecture on “AI & GenAI Revolution: Industry Use Cases & Career Pathways” at the Mohini Chhabria Convention Centre. Mr Saurabh Khurana, Founder & Principal at Hanker Analytics, USA, discussed real-world AI use cases, advances in Large Language Models and automation tools, and career pathways in AI, Data Science, and Analytics. The interaction helped students connect emerging AI technologies with industry applications and future professional opportunities.



Nanotechnology: Exploring the World Beyond the Visible

On 21 April 2026, the Department of Engineering Sciences at I²IT, Pune organised a guest lecture on “Nanotechnology: Exploring the World Beyond the Visible.” Dr. Abhay D. Dashrath, Assistant Professor at MIT Academy of Engineering, Pune, introduced students to the fascinating world of nanoscale science and technology. The session encouraged students to look beyond conventional scales of observation and understand the significance of nanotechnology and its applications in engineering.



Guest Lecture on Electrical Machines

On 23 April 2026, the Department of Engineering Sciences at I²IT, Pune organised a Guest Lecture on Electrical Machines for first-year engineering students. The session covered DC motors, induction motors, and generators, helping students connect core electrical principles with the machines used in modern industries. Dr Hnnie Williams linked theoretical concepts with practical applications and current industry practices, strengthening students' understanding of the field while drawing attention to its career possibilities.



Social Activities

E-Waste Collection Drive (in association with ISETS)

From 21 January 2026, the Department of Electronics and Telecommunication at I²IT, in association with ISETS, organised an E-Waste Collection Drive on campus for one week. Coordinated by Prof Anjali A. Jagtap with the ISETS Technical Team, the drive collected discarded items such as chargers, cables, batteries, and keyboards for responsible disposal and recycling. The initiative connected everyday technology use with environmental responsibility and supported SDG 12 and SDG 13.



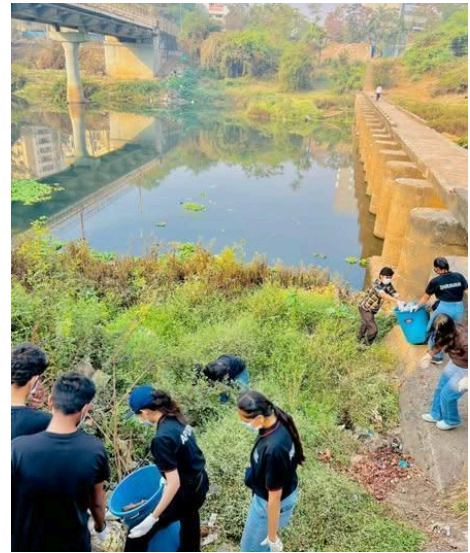
Nirbhaya Kanya Abhiyan

On 12 February 2026, as part of the SPPU initiative, I²IT, Pune conducted the Nirbhaya Kanya Abhiyan, a programme focused on empowering girl students with practical self-defence and personal safety awareness. Led by an expert trainer, the session covered self-defence techniques, situational awareness, and confidence-building exercises. By combining practical skills with awareness, the programme reinforced the importance of safety, confidence, and independence and contributed to a supportive campus environment.



River Cleanliness Drive

On 14 February 2026, I²IT, Pune participated in a River Cleanliness Drive organised in collaboration with the Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) and the Environment Conservation Association (ECA). Through the joint efforts of the NSS, FESA, and BSD units, students cleaned the banks of the Pawana River and contributed to environmental conservation. The initiative transformed civic responsibility into direct community action, strengthening teamwork and awareness of the need to protect shared natural spaces.



Cleanliness Drive and Community Engagement Programme (in association with ISETS and IIC)

On 16 February 2026, the Department of Electronics and Telecommunication at IIT, in association with ISETS and IIC, organised a Cleanliness Drive at Sant Dnyaneshwar Maharaj Samadhi Mandir, Alandi, Pune. Coordinated by Prof Anjali A. Jagtap, the initiative involved cleaning the temple premises and surrounding public areas. The activity connected hygiene with civic responsibility and heritage preservation while supporting SDG 6 and SDG 11.



Along with the Cleanliness Drive, a Community Engagement Programme was organised at Alandi Nagar Parishad Shikshan Mandal School No. 1, Devachi Alandi, Pune. Coordinated by Prof Anjali A. Jagtap, students engaged school children through interactive sessions and quizzes on environmental sustainability, human values, women's health, gender equity, and career guidance. The initiative extended learning beyond the campus and connected communication, social awareness, and community engagement with SDG 4, SDG 5, and SDG 13.



Free Health Check-up Camp

On 6 March 2026, the National Service Scheme (NSS), in collaboration with ITSA and the Student Board of Development, organised a Free Health Check-up Camp at the Academic Building under the supervision of Aditya Birla Memorial Hospital. Held on Founder's Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Late Shri Pralhad P. Chhabria, the camp offered blood pressure, blood sugar, eye, oral cancer, and ECG screenings from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The initiative promoted preventive healthcare and awareness of the value of early detection.



Blood Donation Drive

On 10 March 2026, I²IT, Pune organised a Blood Donation Camp to commemorate the birth anniversary of Late Shri Pralhad P. Chhabria. Students, faculty, and staff came together in a spirit of service to donate blood and support those in need. The initiative highlighted empathy, social responsibility, and community service, reinforcing the institute's commitment to meaningful engagement with society.



Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jayanti

On 13 April 2026, I²IT, Pune commemorated the birth anniversaries of Dr B. R. Ambedkar and Mahatma Jyotiba Phule through speeches, poems, and reflections on their lives and contributions. Faculty members also shared their perspectives on equality, education, social justice, and empowerment. The programme moved beyond commemoration by encouraging the I²IT community to reflect on the continuing relevance of the values associated with the two social reformers.



International Yoga Day 2026

On 19 June 2026, I²IT celebrated International Yoga Day 2026 with a Sahaj Yoga Meditation session at the Mohini P. Chhabria Convention Centre. Coordinated by Dr Ankita Dhone in collaboration with Shri Mataji's Sahaj Yoga Team, the session introduced students and staff to Sahaj Yoga principles centred on inner peace, self-awareness, and stress management. The initiative supported a culture of holistic health and wellness on campus.



Industrial Visit

Industrial Visit to Environment Conservation Association (ECA), Bhosari

From 10 to 12 March 2026, the Computer Engineering Department at I²IT, Pune organised an industrial visit to the Environment Conservation Association (ECA), offering students practical exposure to e-waste management, segregation, dismantling, and responsible disposal. The visit helped students connect classroom learning with real-world environmental practices and understand the importance of responsible e-waste management and sustainability.



Achievements (Students')

State Republic Day Parade Camp (SRD) 2026

Ms Pooja Vijay Pendor successfully completed the State Republic Day Parade Camp (SRD) 2026 and represented I²IT at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Park, Mumbai, on 26 January 2026. Organised by the NSS Cell, Department of Higher & Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra, in association with the University of Mumbai, the camp recognised her discipline, dedication, leadership, and service. Her progression from the district to the zonal level reflects her sustained commitment to the NSS programme and brings recognition to I²IT.



TATA Technologies InnoVent 2026: National-Level Achievement

I²IT students secured Third Prize at the national-level grand finale of TATA Technologies InnoVent 2026, emerging among the Top 3 teams in India from 2,822 nationwide submissions. Their project, “Intelligent Fleet Operations Management using V2X Communication,” also earned a Pre-Placement Offer (PPO) from TATA Technologies. The team—Aastha More, Harshdeep Kumar, Aryan Giri, and Narendra Patil of Third Year, Computer Engineering—was mentored by Dr Deptii Chaudhari, with hardware support from Mr Neeraj N. Magnani of Fount Lab, Pune. The achievement demonstrates how innovation, technical depth, mentorship, and industry relevance can translate into national-level recognition.



IoT GENESIS IDEATHON 2026: Team Nexus Runner-Up

The Department of E&TC, I²IT, Pune participated in the IoT GENESIS IDEATHON 2026, an intercollegiate competition organised by the IoT Club of Vishwakarma Institute of Technology (VIT), Pune. The two-round event encouraged teams to develop and present innovative ideas in the Internet of Things domain. Team Nakwa comprised Sameer Patil, Shruti Pathak, Karthik Patil, and Nachiket Barahalikar, while Team Nexus comprised Atharva Baviskar, Divyanshu Singh, Krutik Patil, and Vansh Dhanokar. Team Nexus secured the First Runner-Up position and received a trophy, certificate, and cash prize. The achievement reflects the students' ability to translate technical ideas into innovative solutions in a competitive setting.



NSS Volunteer: Best Volunteer Award

The Department of E&TC, I²IT, Pune congratulates its NSS volunteer, Mr Sarang Patil (SE-E&TC), on receiving the Best Volunteer Award at a three-day state-level Cyber Security Workshop held in Nashik. The recognition reflects his commitment, discipline, and active involvement in NSS and exemplifies the spirit of the NSS motto, “Not Me, But You.” The achievement highlights the value of combining technical learning with service and responsible participation.



I²IT Students Win AgentX 2026

The Department of Information Technology at I²IT, Pune secured First Place at AgentX 2026, an intercollegiate Agentic AI Hackathon organised by the Engineers Connect Club at Modern Education Society’s College of Engineering, Pune. The team competed against 35+ teams in an intense innovation challenge. Team MindGrade—Pratik Patil, Kushagra Prajapat, and Shivam Chopade—won the First Prize for its Adaptive Learning Agent, an AI-powered system designed to assess learner competency, identify knowledge gaps, generate personalised learning roadmaps, curate educational resources, track progress, and automate reminders. Developed and demonstrated within the five-hour hackathon, the solution earned the team a cash award of ₹12,000 and showcased the practical potential of agentic AI in education.



ShunyaShield Triumphs at Ciphathon

I²IT, Pune’s ShunyaShield Cybersecurity Club secured First Place, along with a cash prize of ₹50,000, at Ciphathon, a 24-hour national-level cybersecurity hackathon hosted at MIT World Peace University (MIT-WPU). Team Neural Mavericks—Parth Omprakash Bhad, Yugraj Prabhakar Mangate, Manasvi Manoj Yeole, and Aaditya Shrikrishna Hingmire—demonstrated technical expertise, resilience, and problem-solving skills in cybersecurity. The achievement reflects the club’s growing strength in competitive cybersecurity and the students’ ability to perform under demanding conditions.



Achievements (Faculty)

Faculty Achievement: Pinnacle CCNA Marathi

Prof Bhagyashri Thorat successfully launched her Udemy course, “Pinnacle CCNA Marathi – Learn Local, Work Global”, the first-ever CCNA networking course in the Marathi language. The initiative reflects her commitment to making technical education accessible through regional languages and demonstrates how locally contextualised technical learning can reach a wider global audience.



Placement Sutra: TPO Development Programme

Dr Madhav K. Raul, Training & Placement Officer, I²IT, Pune, participated in the “Placement Sutra” TPO Development Programme organised by the Maharashtra State Faculty Development Academy (MSFDA), Pune. During the three-day programme, Dr Raul delivered a session on “Student Profiling, Segmentation & Readiness Index” for Training and Placement Officers from across Maharashtra. The programme supported professional development, knowledge exchange, and discussion on strengthening student employability and readiness, contributing to improved approaches to career preparation.



Prof. Vaidehi Banerjee Completes Ph.D.

The International Institute of Information Technology (I²IT), Pune, congratulates Prof Vaidehi Banerjee (Vaidehi Raghava Menon) on the successful completion of her Ph.D. in Mass Communication from Amity University, Uttar Pradesh. Her doctoral research, “A Study on the Impact of Social Media on the Transformation in Usage of English Language,” examines the evolving nature of communication in the digital landscape and its influence on language use. The achievement marks an important academic milestone and adds to the institute’s culture of scholarly pursuit.



Sports

ASKARA 2025–26: Annual Sports Meet

The Sports Committee of I²IT organised ASKARA 2025–26, the institute's Annual Sports Meet, from 24–27 January 2026 at the I²IT Campus. Coordinated by Dr Ankita Dhone and the Student Sports Committee, the four-day festival featured 11 sporting events, including volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, cricket, kabaddi, tug of war, futsal, deadlift, badminton, chess, and table tennis. Inaugurated by Dr Vaishali Patil, Principal, in the presence of Prof Madhuri Reddy, Vice Principal, the meet brought together teams from across departments and academic years in a spirited mix of team and individual events. The Computer Engineering Department won the Branch-wise Rolling Trophy, while Final-Year (BE) students secured the Year-wise Rolling Trophy. ASKARA fostered sportsmanship, discipline, teamwork, and leadership while strengthening the sporting culture of the I²IT campus.



Cultural Activities

Dhwani @ Dhruva 2026

Held on 1 February 2026 as part of Dhruva 2026, I²IT's Cultural Fest, Dhwani brought the campus alive with music and creative expression. Students showcased their singing talent with confidence and passion, while faculty and staff members also joined the performances. The event created a shared space for talent, enjoyment, and connection, capturing the spirit of togetherness that defines Dhruva.



Granth Dindi @ Dhruva 2026

Held on 1 February 2026 at the I²IT Hinjawadi Campus, the Granth Dindi Cultural Event commemorated the life and teachings of Sant Dnyaneshwar as part of Dhruva 2026. Coordinated by Prof Amit Kasar and Mr Prabodhan Sawant, with student coordinators Geeta Dhumane and Shravani Mahale, the fourth consecutive edition began with Palkhi Poojan by Dr Vaishali Patil, Principal, followed by a campus-wide Dindi with Keertan and Bhajan. Dramatized episodes from Sant Dnyaneshwar's life, including the Paithan debate and the Ashadhi Ekadashi Vari, added historical and literary context, while devotional performances and a Ringan accompanied by Dhol-Tasha brought the celebration to a vibrant close. The event connected students with Maharashtra's spiritual and literary heritage through collective cultural participation.



Band Wars @ Dhruva 2026

Band Wars, a major event of Dhruva 2026, I²IT's Cultural Fest, brought student bands to the stage for an evening of live music and creative expression. Performances of popular songs created an energetic campus atmosphere and gave emerging musical talent an opportunity to perform before the I²IT community. The event added a lively dimension to Dhruva and strengthened the sense of campus spirit through shared cultural experience.



Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti

On 19 February 2026, i²IT, Pune commemorated Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti through speeches, poems, and a skit depicting his life, bravery, and vision. The programme highlighted his ideals of courage, justice, good governance, and dedication to the welfare of the people. By connecting the historical narrative with these enduring values, the celebration encouraged the i²IT community to reflect on their continued relevance.



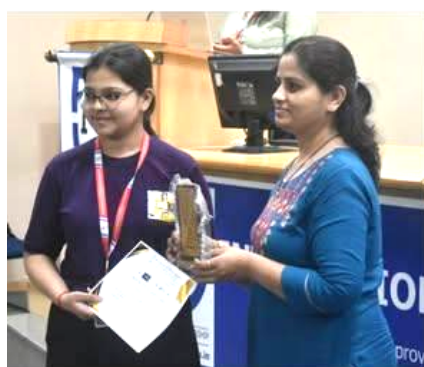
Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din

On 2 March 2026, the Department of Electronics and Telecommunication at i²IT, through ISETS and in association with the NSS Unit, SDO, and Reader's Club, organised Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din at the Mohini P. Chhabria Convention Centre. Coordinated by Prof Anjali A. Jagtap, the celebration featured poetry recitation, Powada, Abhang, Bhavgeet, speeches, and skits. Through these forms of expression, the programme celebrated the richness of Marathi language and heritage while giving students opportunities to strengthen confidence, communication, and stage presence.



Verses of Symphony 3.0: Women's Day Celebration

Verses of Symphony 3.0: A Women's Day Celebration, organised by I²IT's Student Departmental Associations (ITSA, CESA, and ISETS) in collaboration with the ACM Student Chapter, IIC, and IEEE Student Branch, combined discussions on well-being with creative expression at the Convention Centre. Dr Kommal Mohite spoke on "Decode Your Nutrition Formula" on 23 March 2026, while Dr Bhakti Chate addressed "Navigating the Ups and Downs: Strategies for Resilience and Well-being" on 25 March 2026. The celebration also featured the "Shades of Her: Every Stroke Tells Her Story" painting/sketching competition on 28 March under the theme "Give to Gain." Student winners were Palak Malkar, Atharva Gondhale, and Shreya Kadam; Faculty Category winners were Prof Sonal Kulkarni, Prof Shital Wadaganve, and Prof Deepali Ahir. The programme brought together conversations on physical and mental well-being with creativity, reflection, and celebration of women's strength.





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