

STUDENT AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS

September 2021 Edition



As IIITD turned 13 this year, the Cultural Council hosted a virtual programme to celebrate **#13yearsofIIITD** on 8th September 2021, as a part of the 13th **Foundations Day Celebrations**. The event saw attendance from the staff, faculty and the student body. The event commenced with the congratulatory and motivational message by the Director of IIITD, Dr Ranjan Bose.



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Research Excellence Awards FACULTY

WINNING MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS	Dr. Ranjitha Prasad
WINNING MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS	Dr. Shobha Sundar Ram
WINNING MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS	Dr. Sumit J Darak
WINNING MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS	Prof. Mukesh Mohania
WINNING MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS	Dr. Tanmoy Chakraborty Prof. Vikram Goyal Prof. Mukesh Mohania Prof. Puspendra Singh
WINNING MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS	Dr. Ganesh Bagler
DEPARTMENT OUTSTANDING RESEARCHER	Prof. Anuradha Sharma
DEPARTMENT OUTSTANDING RESEARCHER	Dr. Jainendra Shukla

WINNING MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS	Dr. Pravesh Biyani
WINNING MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS	Dr. Tavpritesh Sethi
WINNING MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS	Dr. Sambuddho Chakravarty
WINNING MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS DEPARTMENT OUTSTANDING RESEARCHER	Dr. Tanmoy Chakraborty
WINNING MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS DEPARTMENT OUTSTANDING RESEARCHER COMMERCIALIZING RESEARCH IDEAS	Dr. Debarka Sengupta
WINNING MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS COMMERCIALIZING RESEARCH IDEAS	Dr. Gaurav Ahuja
WINNING MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS DEPARTMENT OUTSTANDING RESEARCHER	Dr. Rajiv Ratn Shah
WINNING MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS	Dr. Ojaswa Sharma
WINNING MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS	Dr. Saket Anand

It was followed by the addresses of the Dean of Innovation and Research Department, Dr Mukesh Mohania, the Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr Pushpendra Singh and the Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Sujay Deb.

The attendees engaged in the fun-filled activity of Word Hunt that covered various aspects of IIITD loved by us all. Various clubs participated in the event as well and wowed the audience with their terrific performances.





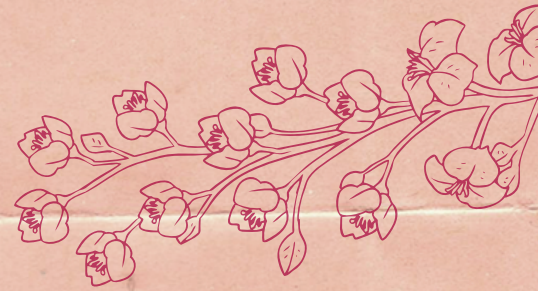
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EMPLOYEE AWARDS


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| ABHINAY SAXENA | RAJENDRA SINGH |
| AJAY KUMAR | RAVI BHASIN |
| ANURAG TYAGI | RISHA LAL |
| BHAWANI SHAH | SANA ALI NAQVI |
| GURSEVAK SINGH | SANJNA KHOSLA |
| KHAGENDRA JOSHI | SHEETU AHUJA |
| PRITI PATEL | UMESH |
| RAHUL GUPTA | VINOD KUMAR |

The audience loved to see Madtoes' power-packed dance ensemble, Audiobytes' enchanting musical and the beautiful recreation of our college campus on canvas by the talented painters of Meraki. The virtual event brought the entire IIITD family together to celebrate their love for our institution together.

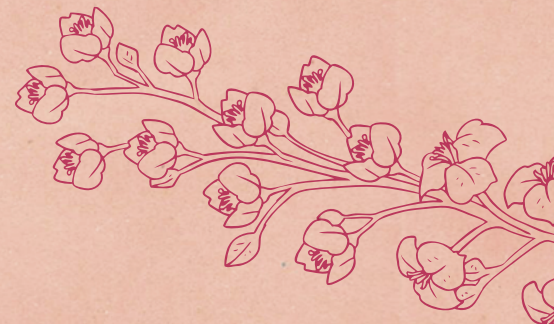
Along with that, Mr. Ravi Bhasin sir got the Employee Award and Our SA faculty, Prof. Rajiv Ratn Shah sir and Prof. Jainendra Shukla sir got the Research Excellence Awards in their respective categories.



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DEAN AWARDS
STUDENT AFFAIRS

SPORTS	Jahanavi Bakshi (2020069)
TECHNICAL	Priyansh Agarwal (2019077) Rupanshu Yadav (2019475)
CULTURAL	Harsh Choudhary (2020433)
LEADERSHIP	Arnav Tandon (2018278) Pranay Jain (2018358)
CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETY	Aniket Gupta (2020173)
OVERALL	Arnav Tandon (2018278)



The Office of Student Affairs at IIITD on 16 September 2021 organized the award ceremony for the winners of **Dean's List of Student Affairs awards**. All the award winner who were available joined and were presented the well-deserved certificates by Prof. Sujay Deb.

Microsoft Learn
Student Ambassadors



Byld IIT, Delhi in collaboration with **Microsoft Learn Student Ambassador (MLSA)** organized a workshop on building a Q/A bot using azure details

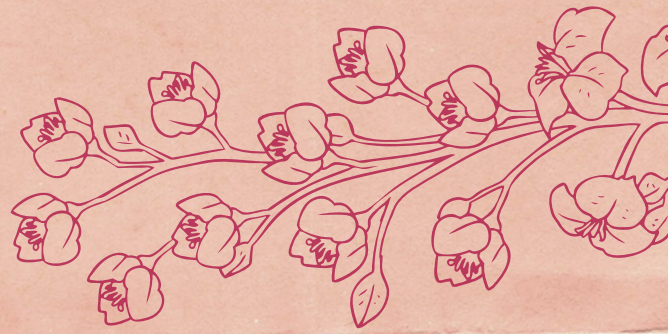


Exploring the Tech World
- To provide an overview of opportunities in CS and related domains, Women in Tech IITD organized a session that aims to help students explore and navigate different domains during their undergraduate studies

D4rk0de organized a session on advanced web-app Exploitation techniques, how to check for them and craft payload for getting things done.



Mehul Singh



Harsh Choudhary



Met Gala by MUSE - Participants styled an outfit according to what they would wear at the Met Gala, an annual fundraising gala

CHAMPIONS OF IIITD

Event	Organized By	Winning Team/Player
BizQuiz	Finnexia	I Shivangi Dhiman II Pranay Gupta III Manik Arora
ProSort	Foobar	Division 1 I Nishkarsh II Sanyam Agrawal III Apurv Patani Division 2 I Ojus Singhal II Raghav Nakra
BGMI Tournament	Sports Council	First - 4 Immortals - Yash Khatri - Ujjwal Godara - Ishan Pandey - Saurabh Sejwal Second - Black Market - Sarthak Daksh - Neev Swarnakar - Mayank Kaim - Ashish Kamathi Third - Dracarys - Ankit Kumar Kamat - Vikhyat Yadav - Rohit Kumar Vishwas - Vaibhav Soni

Monthly Interest by Finnexia

Sri Lanka's Economic Crisis - Aditya Kashyap

Why Sri Lanka's economy is in jeopardy?

Several factors have led to the current economic crisis in Sri Lanka which includes inefficient governance and the surge of a global pandemic that curbed the tourism industry. A country whose tourism industry contributes 10% to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and brings in foreign exchange is been hit hard. Also, it heavily depends on export to full fill its basic needs like sugar, milk powder and wheat. Further, the government's complete 100% ban on the use of chemical fertilisers in farming did aggravate the crisis by dampening agricultural production in the country. As a result, the price of food items has risen in addition to the depreciating value of the Sri Lankan rupee by 8% in comparison to the previous year.



What has been the government's response to counter the situation?

The Sri Lankan government has been blaming the speculators, because of their practice of hoarding essential commodities. As a result, the army has been provided with the task of seizing food supplies from traders and supplying them to consumers at fair prices. The swapline with China and another with Bangladesh, together with funds supplied in August by the IMF through special drawing rights -- a facility offered by the fund to boost global liquidity -- should cover Sri Lanka's dollar requirements until year-end at least and enable it to meet bond repayments due in January, according to Ek Pon Tay, senior portfolio manager at BNP Paribas Asset Management in Singapore. Also, they need to keep a check on forex reserves that, they are being used judiciously for the purchase of essential commodities.

Will the government's response help in the revival of Sri Lanka's economy?

Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, denying attitude upon the decision to make Sri Lanka 100% organic farming based agriculture only contribute to making up things worse. The escalation food prices, can lead to severe shortages as demand exceeds supply at the price fixed by the government. Despite of measures taken to stop the hoarding of essential commodities by using armed forces doesn't seem to be an effective decision on ground. Further, the decision of the Sri Lankan central bank to ban forward contracts and the spot trading of rupees at above 200 rupees to an American dollar may drastically affect the supply of essential commodities in the country.



What effect does Sri Lanka's Financial Crisis have on India?

According to India's "Neighbour First" Policy towards Sri Lanka and Sri Lanka's "India First" foreign and security policy in 2020. Also, Sri Lanka being India's third biggest export destination, free trade agreement signed in 2000 initiated a free trade agreement which benefited both nations. India's development partnership with Colombo has always been demand-driven, with projects covering social infrastructure like education, health, housing, access to clean water and sanitation, besides industrial development. However this relationship was affected when in February, Sri Lanka backed out from a tripartite partnership with India and Japan for its East Container Terminal Project at the Colombo Port, citing domestic issues. Also, China's recent interference, where recently, it has invested more in Sri Lanka rather than india. As a consequence, India has been rethinking to evaluate their interest and investment in Sri Lanka.

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The Evergrande Crisis - Sahas Marwah

Evergrande Group

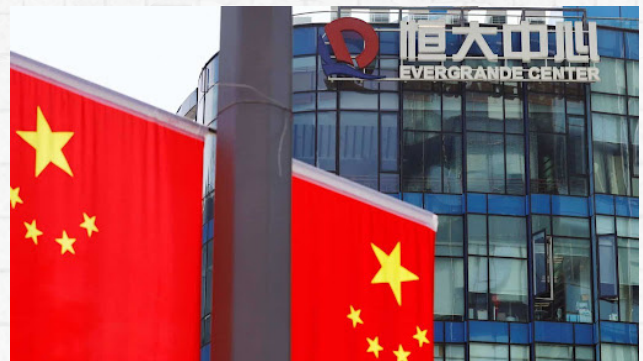
Evergrande Group is one of China's biggest Real-Estate Companies in terms of total sales and workforce. It is a Fortune 500 company. It is listed on Hong Kong Stock Exchange. This group has its own Football Team, an Electric Car Company, and is heavily invested in the Tourism and Entertainment Industry.

Trouble with Evergrande

It is on the brink of Bankruptcy as it holds liabilities worth over \$300 billion, which is equivalent to 2% of China's GDP, and has to pay around \$37 billion in interest and maturing debt over the next year. In addition to that, Evergrande has also taken money in advance from over 1.5 million property buyers, promising to deliver developed properties to them in the future. The company has also collected over \$6 billion from its own employees, promising high returns.

What went Wrong?

Long story short, the group took many Loans, and now they don't have the capability to repay them, hence the Debt Crisis. The group borrowed to finance its real estate projects. It then sold them at a faster rate and at shallow margins with the hope of raising cash to buy more land and start new projects and continue this cycle.



After Effects

As Evergrande Group is highly diverse, the effects are going to be varied and robust. Banks, Buyers, Suppliers, and Investors are mainly affected. Now, a "Cascading Effect of Dominoes" is predicted on China's Property Sector. Slowly, other property conglomerates of China may fall. All this tumbledown will probably lead to an economic slowdown in China.

Effect on India

A significant impact will be seen on the Commodities Sector, mainly Steel and Iron Ore. This is due to the factor that a large portion of it is exported to China. Now, suppose Yuan's value is depreciated. In that case, India's Textile and Chemical Industry will have to face stiff competition from China's local companies. Thus, we would see a multi-nation impact following the deeds of the Evergrande Group.



On the 23rd of September a **yoga session** was conducted in the college premises. Quite a lot of hostellers, even faculty members, attended the session and left with a smile on their faces and a stronger, more flexible body. These sessions are held regularly in order to encourage a healthy lifestyle of everyone in IIITD. As we all know, “a healthy body is a healthy mind”.



On 18 August 2021 the Battlegrounds Mobile India (the India counterpart to PUBG) was finally launched on iOS as well as Android phones, and this gave the green signal for the eSports wing of the Sports Council IIITD to conduct a major event for the same. On Sep 10-12, an **intra-IIITD BGMI** event was conducted in which a whopping 117 students participated. The competition between the teams was extremely fierce. When the Gold champions team collected a total of 75 , the Silver place holder had a total of 71 points offering tough competition throughout the 3-day tournament.



The event, being one of the largest in participation, was successfully conducted and sensing strong demand for another competition, the Sports Council decided to participate in an inter-college BGMI competition held by **NODWIN PVR**. The first phase of the PVR will be held in first week of October, and the top 2 teams will be going to the final stage of the inter-college tournament. The venue for the finals (offline mode) is Ambience Mall, Gurgaon.

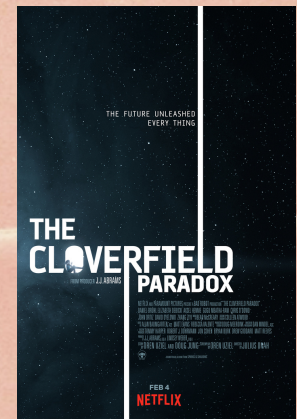
A match between the football team of the students and alumni was also conducted. Both the teams played well, but the alumni were victorious with the final score of 5-4. Dhruv Pargai was declared Man of the Match for scoring 2 goals and providing 4 assists.



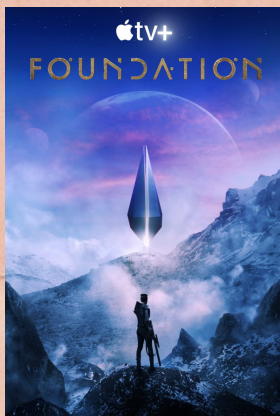
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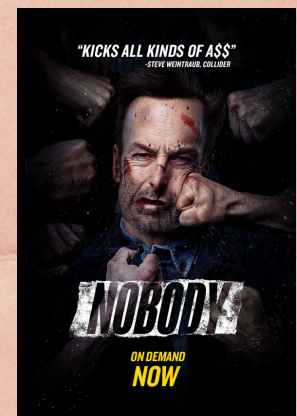
Only Murders in the Building (TV Series)



The Cloverfield Paradox (Movie)



Foundation (TV Series)



Nobody (Movie)



This month, the batch of 2024 also completed their first year at IIITD, and we reached out to them to ask about the experience at the institute. Here are some glimpses of the same.....

"It was good as well as bad. Some of the life experiences were missed because of the online session, but there were still some advantages of going through the session online. Like the recorded lectures are a good way to revise topics. Also if we were not able to attend a class for some reason then we could watch the recorded lecture to cover for the same."

- Aryman

"All the courses were great, but DSA was lengthy and more competing than others as there was less time to practice due to short semesters and lengthy exams. Online mode was quite an unpleasant experience as college is more defined by the environment students make than the studies. But courses are well designed and helped me gain knowledge."

- Rahul

"Lectures were a bit too hectic towards the end which was due to the uneven distribution of workload but that may be because of the COVID situation."

- Ishaan

"Not too hectic. Demands expertise in time management. Since it was online and most of us are introverts, group projects should have been more in number."

- Nikhil

"Made tons of friends both academic and non academic!"

- Sumit

"Even though the first year was completed in online mode, I still am happy and we all should be. Congrats to everyone who's holding up. To a year full of new experiences and knowledge!"

- Aditya