IIIT Delhi to host Odyssey 2015 as ‘Alternate Reality’!

This year, the theme for Odyssey2015 – IIIT-Delhi’s second annual cultural festival – is ‘Alternate Reality’. This is a fitting title for an event that nurtures innovation by providing a platform for talent, competition and collaboration in various fields. Odyssey, which will be held from 30th-31st January, ‘15, is an important and an integral part of IIITD, a state university of the Govt. of NCT of Delhi and one of the country’s leading institute in IT education and research.

Odyssey 2015, will host events in a wide array of categories, including Dance, Music, Theatre, and Digital Arts. Odyssey has grown increasingly popular, and last year more than 4500 people from all over India attended Odyssey 2014. Some of last year’s participating colleges included Lady Shri Ram College, Gargi, Jesus and Mary College, NSIT, Jamia Millia Islamia, Hansraj College, Hindu College, SRCC, St. Stephens, IGIT, Kamla Nehru College, DTU, IIT Delhi, MAIT, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, and DePaul University USA.

The spirit of dance reverberates in many forms at Odyssey. Competitive entries are invited for group dance, solo dance, and classical dance. “The Dance event is always the most popular event at Odyssey”, shares Deepanshu Gupta, the student convenor of the Odyssey organizing committee. In addition to the dance event, the music event contains a wide range of areas of competitions, including the Battle of Bands, the soul-touching Acoustic Hymns, and the classical music event. “Odyssey 2014 was spectacular!” declares Shivangi Mehra. “We had guest performances by Antariksh Band and Euphoria.” And, when thinking of Dance and Music, one can’t help but think of Theatre. There is no voice, more subtle or stronger than that of theatre. When the youth communicates through this art form, the results are mesmerizing. At Odyssey, attendees are treated to fresh, young perspectives through street plays and the very popular ‘Solo Mime Act’.

Some might say that Art is a Lifestyle, and a Lifestyle is Art. These two events always draw a huge crowd at Odyssey. Art is integral to innovation and this year the Art Category offers several events, including the art carnival “Artival”, which is comprised of Arty Graffity, MASK-ermind, Cartoonista, Imaginacia, and Two Tones and Paint. “Artival” promises to present the audience with a high-level of creative inspiration, and the students always embrace their inner artist to craft some memorable artistic creations. The Lifestyle category is a thrilling search for the most iconic girl and the most charming boy in the Mr. and Ms. Odyssey event. It also includes ‘Reverbe’, the fashion show that breaks clichés and presents the fashions that are a reflection of the times. The Literary and Spoken Arts are also represented at Odyssey. With events such as Debating, PJMaster, Hoax Pocus and Grammar Nazi, the stage is set for language and grammar enthusiasts. And, the event could not be complete without digital arts like photography and designing. Several contests like Photography, Minimalistic Posters, Build Your Brand, Visual Arts and Video Making allow participants to display their digital skills.

PWNED v5.0. is the gaming zone in Odyssey 2015. It is the first ever DotA tournament to be held in Delhi and will host a variety of games, such as DotA, Counter Strike, FIFA and many more. Quizzing has been a part of human entertainment ever since people started living together. It excites, stimulates and entertains, all at once. Odyssey 2015 will have quizzes in various areas: Sports Quiz, the Literary Quiz, Pop Culture Quiz, and even the popular Harry Potter Quiz that honors the winners with the prize of the Order of Merlin First Class!
Preparations for Odyssey 2015 are in full swing and it promises to be larger and more engaging than ever before. Odyssey will also have workshops by eminent industry professionals and academics who are also part to the jury. It is IIITD ’s commitment to pursue excellence in higher education and research as a university in IT and CS and also encourage holistic development amongst students, says Prof. Pankaj Jalote, it’s founding director and professor.

To read more about Odyssey 2015 and participate, visit: http://odyssey.iiitd.edu.in/

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