



Manish Sisodia inaugurates IIIT-Delhi's Summer Camp for School Students

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New Delhi, May15, 2017: Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister, Mr Manish Sisodia, inaugurated the Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi's (IIITD) Summer Camp for School students, here today. The month-long camp which includes academic sessions and fun activities is a one of its kind initiative, being organised by IIITD for the benefit of students of selected schools in the vicinity.

Inaugurating the camp, the Deputy Chief Minister said, "It's a wonderful opportunity and you need to make the most of it. It's learning, not just for school students, but for students of IIITD as well. Both ought to benefit from the experience." He encouraged students to ask questions, seek advice on career choices and personality development.

Lauding IIITD's initiative, Mr Sisodia said other institutes and colleges should follow IIITD's example of getting involved and paying back to the local community which has given land to set up the institute.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Pankaj Jalote, Director IIITD, said, "What students will learn at this summer camp, no school or text book can provide. The exposure the students are going to get here is going to be truly invaluable." Teachers from the participating school were also present at the inaugural.

The camp has been conceived as a group activity, each group comprising 30 members. It has organized by a team of five IIITD coordinators and 30 volunteers, guided by IIITD staff members and a senior student coordinator.

There will be educational sessions on all weekdays from 9 AM to 1 PM. In addition to regular subjects like Mathematics, Computers, Science, General Knowledge and Communication, students at the camp will be taught soft skills such as handling problematic situations, social etiquettes, table manners, personal hygiene and cleanliness as part of personality development. There will also be fun activities such as Theatre, Dance, Music, Arts and Craft, plus a weekly movie screen with refreshments.

The participating schools are Govt. Boys' Senior Secondary School, Harkesh Nagar; Govt. Girls' Senior Secondary School, Harkesh Nagar; Govt. Boys' Senior Secondary School, Kalkaji; RPVV, Lajpat Nagar; Veer Savarkar Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, No. 1, Kalkaji.

About IIIT Delhi:

Established in 2008, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi (aka. IIIT-Delhi or IIIT-D) was created as a state university by an Act of Delhi Government (The IIIT Delhi Act, 2007) empowering it to do research and development and grant degrees. Since then, the institute has grown from strength to strength to be recognized as one of the most promising young institutions for IT education and research in India. IIIT-Delhi has been instrumental in shaping well trained Information Technology professionals through its research-focused and industry-oriented programs. Governed by the able leadership of a distinguished Board of Governors and equipped with highly qualified and accomplished faculty members, the institute has, in a short span of time, established a strong research culture, focused research groups, and innovative education programs. The institute is accredited 'A' grade by NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) and has been accorded 12-B status by the University Grants Commission (UGC).