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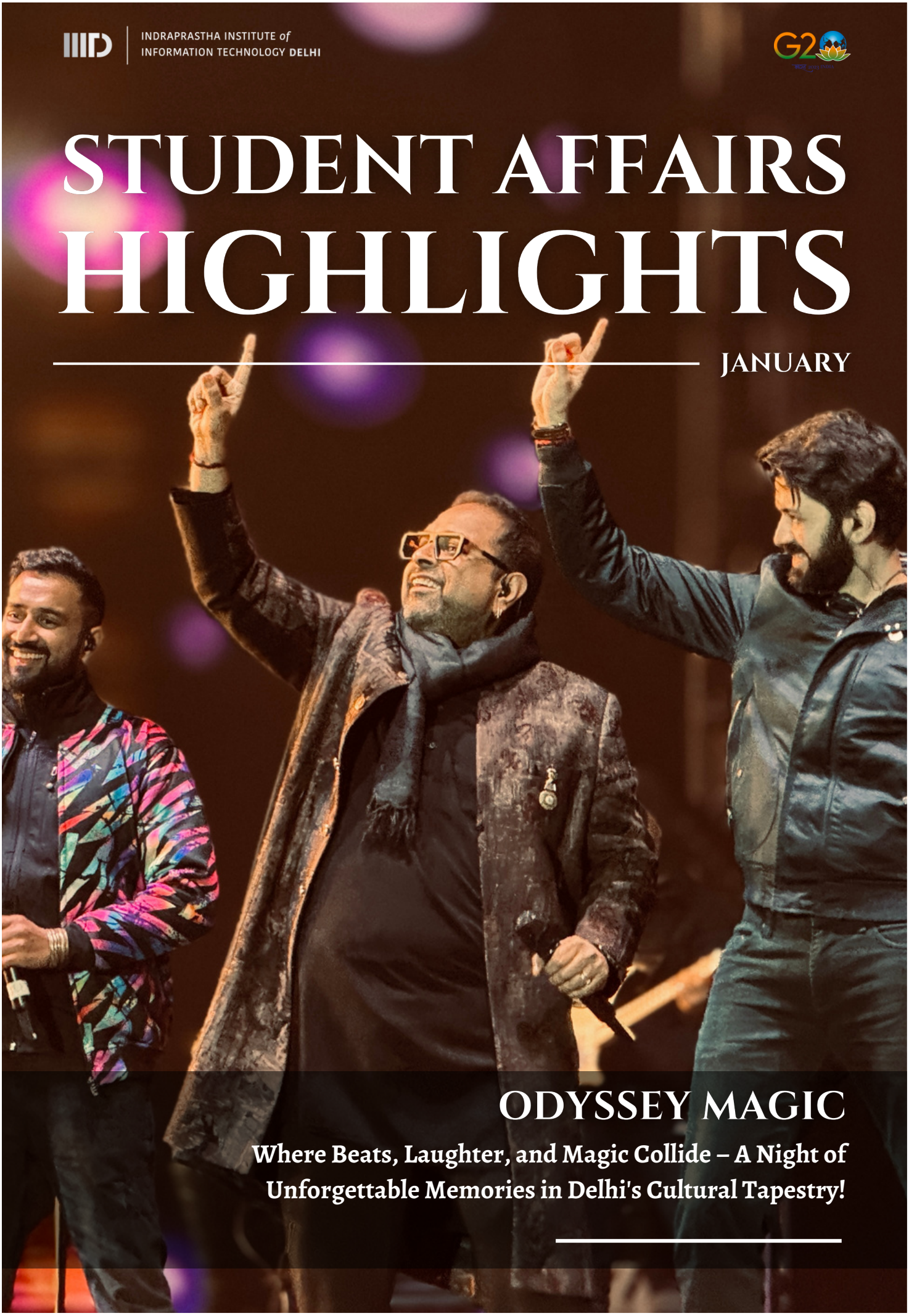
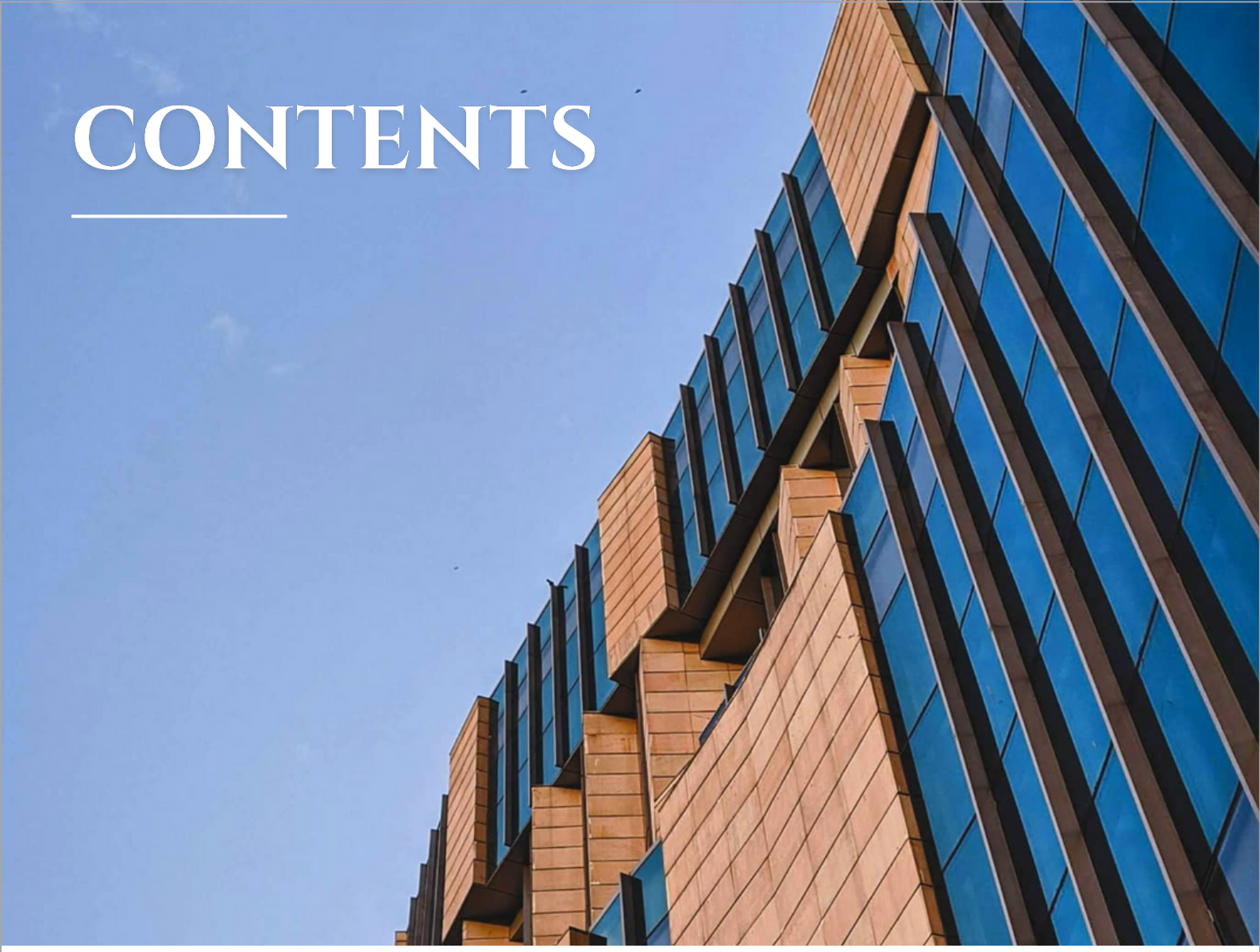


ODYSSEY MAGIC

Where Beats, Laughter, and Magic Collide – A Night of Unforgettable Memories in Delhi's Cultural Tapestry!



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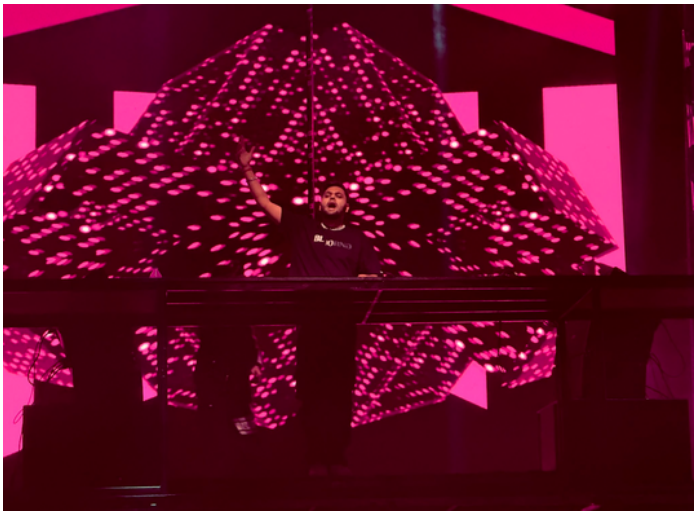


Odyssey 2024 pulled in a staggering 35,000+ people, turning it into one of Delhi's most talked-about fest nights. The creativity and hard work paid off big time, creating memories that will resonate for ages.

Krsna, Lost Stories, DJ Ravator – their beats made the night unforgettable, and Aakash Gupta whose stand-up had everyone in splits, adding the perfect dose of laughter to the fest.

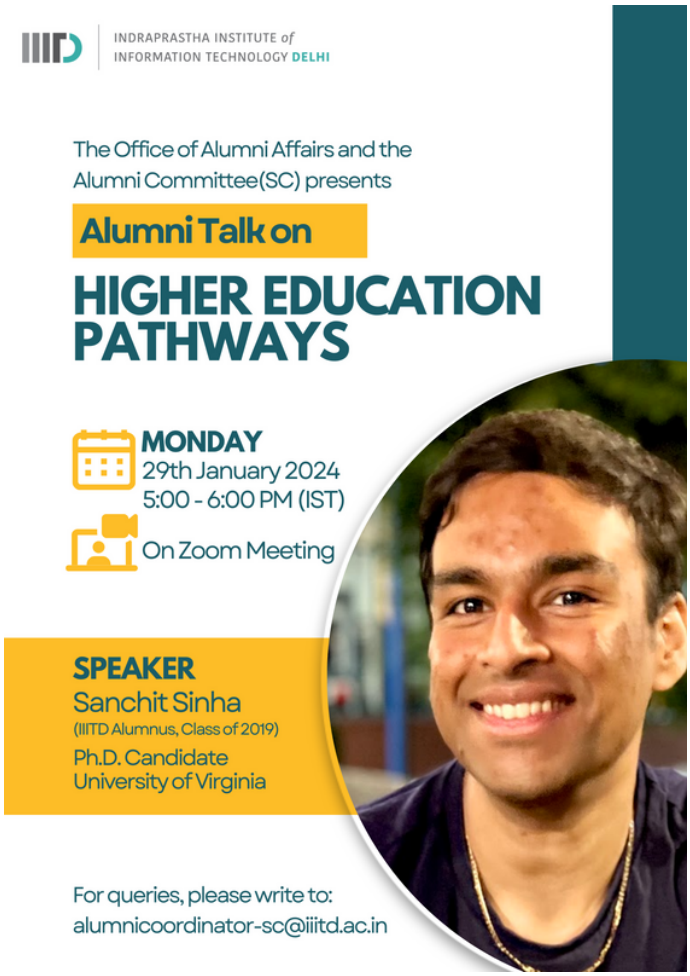
A special nod to Shankar Ehsaan Loy for not just performing but creating an atmosphere that had everyone vibing. Their music turned the night into a collective experience of pure magic.

A **Lohri / Makar Sankranti** event was organized by the Cultural Council on January 15th, 2024. This was a small outside event full of festive vibes, colorful lights, and some amazing and quirky refreshments. There were on-the-spot jamming sessions by students, and a musical extravaganza was set in. A desi vibe was aimed for, and snacks like bhelpuri, popcorn, revari, gajjak, and peanuts were served along with the traditional chai to beat the Delhi winter. There were several mini-events like arm wrestling, and card tricks along with some fun dancing beats on the DJ.

On January 17th, 2024, IIIT Delhi hosted a **health camp**, promoting wellness within the campus. The event offered health screenings, informative sessions, and consultations, emphasizing the importance of proactive health management.

Students and staff actively participated, fostering a collective commitment to well-being. The camp served as a valuable initiative, encouraging a healthier lifestyle and raising awareness about various health aspects. Overall, it contributed to creating a more health-conscious community within the institute.

On January 26th, 2024, the **Republic Day Celebration** at IIITD, organized by the Clubs Committee, painted the campus in vibrant hues of patriotism. The Director's flag hoisting inaugurated the day, accompanied by inspiring words on the nation's spirit and the crucial Vikshit Bharat mission. Clubs and students then showcased India's cultural diversity through dazzling performances, involving RWA kids, faculty, and staff. Patriotic songs and poems filled the air, stirring hearts. It was indeed captivating to witness IIITD community unite in a distinctive fusion of creativity and patriotism to celebrate the spirit of our wonderful country.



The online session on **"Higher Education Pathways"** featuring esteemed alumnus Sanchit Sinha from IIIT Delhi held on January 29th, 2024 was a resounding success, offering valuable insights and guidance to attendees. Sanchit, currently pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Virginia, shared his enriching journey, combining academia and industry experiences. His internships at AWS and Amazon Alexa, coupled with his work on Learning Management Systems (LLMS), provided a comprehensive perspective on the diverse facets of computer science. Sanchit delved into the challenges and opportunities awaiting students in the realm of higher studies in computer science, offering a nuanced understanding of the evolving landscape.

From December 24, 2023, to January 2, 2024, **Salt N' Pepper's** Taco Shot Challenge unfolded online. This culinary event encouraged participants to showcase their cooking skills by crafting visually appealing festive dishes. Entrants, who tagged Salt N' Pepper on Instagram with #TacoShotChallenge, had their creations meticulously evaluated for aesthetics, creativity, and presentation. The challenge provided a rewarding experience for those who could visually capture the essence of their dishes.

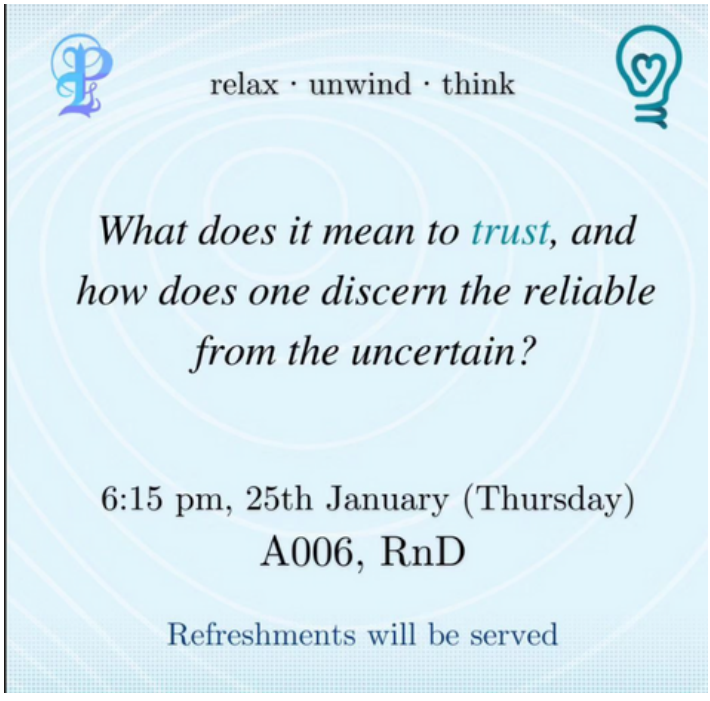
On January 15, 2024, **Cyfuse** organized "Algorithmic Paradigms: Exploring the Nexus of Data Structures" at C201, LHC, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. The event delved into essential Data Structures and Algorithms (DSA) topics. Attendees engaged in practical discussions on Linked Lists, Stacks, Queues, Trees, and Graphs, exploring real-life applications and case studies. The interactive session featured problem-solving activities like "A Magical Word Search," "Shoot Each Other," and riddle-based questions.

LDA's Book Club met on January 17, 2024, from 4:45 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at C-216 (LHC), discussing Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale." Conversations delved into its cultural impact, imaginative depth, and nuanced themes. Attendees explored the book's relevance even 50 years post-release. The next meet will feature Haruki Murakami's "Colourless Tsukuru Tazaki and his Years of Pilgrimage."

IEEE orientation session on January 16th, 2024 for the first-year batch at IIITD provided a comprehensive introduction to the IEEE-IIITD student branch. The session shed light on IEEE's role as the college's student body for the world's largest technical organization. Attendees gained insights into IEEE's functioning within the college, with a focus on networking opportunities with alumni and professional members. Diverse events and societies like Slash, X-Grid, Tech Talks, WiE, and CompSoc were highlighted, fostering enthusiasm and cultivating a research-driven culture among students.

This week's beginner **codeclass by Foobar** on C++ and data structures, along with in-depth coverage on preparing a template for competitive programming in C++, concluded successfully on January 23rd, 2024. Participants gained insights into STL, macros, debugging techniques like GDB, and assert statements. These skills are invaluable for internship preparation and programming courses.

On January 24th, 2024 **Byld** hosted a DevCall event at LHC C101, starting at 4:30 PM. The event featured Mr. Vasu Goel, an alumnus and Microsoft representative. Attendees engaged in discussions on the latest tech trends, gaining industry insights and valuable connections. DevCall provided a platform for enriching dialogues, networking, and community-building among like-minded professionals.



On January 25, 2024, **PhiloSoc** organized 'Reading Hours' at A006, RnD, starting at 6:15 PM. The event centered around trust, featuring a 30-minute reading, followed by 5-7 minutes of reflective contemplation, and concluding with a dynamic 30-minute discussion. The cozy ambiance, complemented by refreshments, facilitated meaningful conversations and open-minded exchanges, creating an intellectually engaging and enjoyable experience for all participants.

CyFuse did an online **Ask Me Anything Session** on January 29th, 2024 just prior to deadline for the Build for Bharat Hackathon. The aim of the session was to suggest and explain some strategies for successful participation in the Build for Bharat Hackathon. The session also featured advice by two hackathon experts - Siddhant Kumar Agarawal and Tushar Chandra. The given problem statements were examined and expounded. The tech topics needed to implement these problem statements were discussed. Finally, some winning tips were given.

Epoch 1 - Introduction was the first Epoch event in the Epoch series. It was held on Janurary 29th, 2024 at A007 RnD. The Epoch series is an initiative by CyFuse to bolster students in hackathons. The whole series is logically divided into stages to improve one aspect of students' performance at a time. Epoch 1 - Introduction was an open session to explain this novel attempt to the student body. The event also featured motivating talks by some experienced seniors. The event was graced by the CEO of iHub, Saurabh Chaubey, too. He talked about his experience and gave us a peek at the startup culture at IIITD and the country. The event was well received by the students with over 100 students attending.

Viewers immersed themselves in the captivating world of "Your Name." on **movie night** organised by LDA on January 31st, 2024. Directed by Makoto Shinkai, the film's emotive storytelling and breathtaking animation mesmerized audiences. The streaming event provided a delightful escape into the realm of romance and fantasy for all attendees.

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