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On **November 4 2023**, **E-Cell** orchestrated an exploration into the field of financial technology. The event featured a powerhouse panel, including Fin-tech Industry experts like Mr. Rohit Taneja (Decentro), Dr. Prince Kohli (Automation Anywhere), Dr. Vinay Kumar Singh (Microfinance Institutions Network), Dr. Tarunika Agrawal (University of Delhi), and Mr. Gourav Agrawal (Cover Genius). These industry trailblazers illuminated the tech-centric future of finance, unraveling topics from AI's impact on BFSI to cutting-edge FinTech trends. An engaging discussion emerged, where these experts answered burning questions of IIITD's students,.

The Cultural Council organized Roshnara'23 on November 6 2023, the annual ethnic night. The event was full of fun, vibrant vibes, a full desi ambience, and a 360 camera to capture the best moments from the event. There were street food stalls, mini-events like pin the bindi, lattu, golgappa eating competition, etc., and live stalls to apply mehendi for everyone. Madtoes gave a mesmerizing garba performance, and the event ended with everyone dancing away the night with DJ and letting themselves loose onto the desi vibe!

E-Cell IIITD organized and hosted students at **IIIT Delhi Campus from the 15th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme (T.Y.E.P.)** initiated by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. The institute welcomed approximately 200 students from the tribal regions of the country, on the **November 6, 2023**. The students got to visit IIITD's state-of-the art Research and Development Labs gaining valuable insight into research projects. They also got a chance to visit our Innovation and Incubation Center,which has developed as a hub for nurturing entrepreneurial ideas. Various sport activities were conducted and yoga asanas were taught. Students also explored our library and the Design and Innovation Lab. The day concluded with a spectacular drone showcase and snacks being served.

Student Senate in collaboration with **ACM IIITD** organised a session on Google STEP Interships on **November 7 2023**. During the session, they covered the entire interview process, eligibility criteria and other important things related to the program application. It was taken by previous Google STEP Interns Siya Garg and Srishti Jain who have vetted the selection process. Right after the session, a coding test was be taken which mostly consisted of easy/medium DSA questions along with some CS fundamentals. Participants who qualified the test were invited to join Student Senate's Program for Interview Preparation (PIP).

The **SMP session with Math department mentors** was conducted on **November 17, 2023**. It offered mentors a space to discuss problems they have been facing with their mentees and how they have guided them. Mentors engaged in interactive discussions, fostering a sense of community and providing practical advice for academic success.

Well being cell at IIIT-Delhi organized 'Paint with Puppies' workshop on **November 28 2023**. This event offered a unique experience that combined creativity with canine companionship where adorable puppies scampered around, creating an atmosphere of pure delight as the participants unleashed their artistic flair onto canvas. The event also raised awareness about pet adoption.

Machaan performed its flagship streetplay titled "Charagari" on **October 29, 2023** IIM Indore during its annual cultural fest "Atharv Ranbhoomi". The play was centered around the themes of medical and health infrastructure in our country and how the cracks in its foundation have come to the surface due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We also showcased what role the media played in covering the pandemic and how it affected people.

On November 3, 2023, **BioBytes** presented "Generative AI Demystified" from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm at C21, Old Academic Building. The session provided an introduction to AI and ML, focusing on Generative AI. Following the informative session was the "Image Mirage" competition, tasking participants with creating images using Generative AI tools. The event offered cash prizes of 900/-, 600/-, and 500/- to the top three participants, providing an exciting incentive for their creative endeavors. BioBytes successfully combined education and engagement, shedding light on the intricacies of Generative AI while fostering creativity through a competitive and rewarding challenge.

Meraki participated in FMC Weekend - Director's Cut from **3-5 November, 2023** where participants were given a task to produce a short film within a tight deadline of 50 hours. The theme for the film was unveiled at the start of the event, and all filming and production was to be conducted on the campus at IIT BHU Varanasi. 8 students participated from IIITD.

On November 1, 2023, IIIT Delhi's LHC 1st floor witnessed a Halloween extravaganza named 'The Night Of Terror,' a pre-event for Odyssey 2024, jointly organized by **IRC, LeanIn, and Enactus**. Collaborating with Muse and Meraki clubs, the evening blended spookiness, style, and rhythm. Muse showcased creativity through a captivating ramp walk and fashion show. Meanwhile, LeanIn and Enactus orchestrated entertaining mini-games, infusing excitement into the night. The event reached its climax with a lively DJ night, where students danced to pulsating beats, creating lasting memories of a thrilling Halloween celebration orchestrated by the collaborative efforts of these dynamic clubs.

On November 3, 2023, the **URC** (Undergraduate Research Committee) hosted an "Investigationis Prospectus" event from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. at Venue A106, organized by Shobhit, Parth, Farhan, and Raghav. The session provided undergraduates with an introduction to labs and various research events. It aimed to enlighten students about diverse research opportunities, fostering an understanding of lab cultures. The organizers encouraged attendees to seek guidance, empowering them to make informed decisions regarding potential research paths in different working environments.
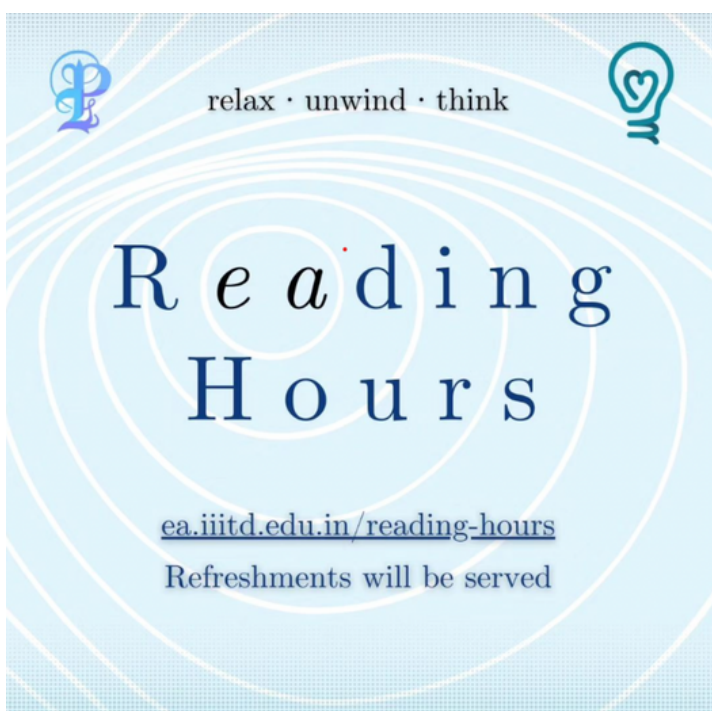
The Fork-It Hackathon, a collaborative effort by **ACM IIITD** Chapter, IFCA and the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, brought together teams from all across India to explore CoSyLab's advanced APIs. Held at IIIT Delhi from **November 7 to 17, 2023** participants converged for an overnight coding session. Fueled by the APIs' potential, teams worked on diverse projects, from AI recipe generators to food quality assessment tools. With accomodation and refreshments provided, the night buzzed with creativity and collaboration. Culminating in presentations judged by experts, the hackathon showcased the fusion of technology and culinary arts, leaving an indelible mark on gastronomic innovation.

Odyssey x Finnexia organised MockStock which is the annual mock stock trading event on **November 7 2023**. It was a thrilling fusion of financial acumen and fun, featuring a new Margin Trading challenge. Participants showcased investment strategies, while the memes contest added a humorous touch. Winners, who shared mockstock on Instagram and tagged Finnexia, had a chance to win a real cash bonus. A successful and engaging event!

Reading Hours 03 organised by **PhiloSoc**, a recurring fortnightly event, concluded successfully on **November 8, 2023** with a deep dive into "Belief in Belief" by Eliezer Yudkowsky. The session provided a platform for participants to unwind, relax, and engage in thoughtful discussions. The exploration of belief complexities, illustrated through a parable about an invisible dragon, emphasized anticipating experimental results and the impact of belief in belief on cognitive dissonance.

On November 8, 2023, Trivialis hosted a captivating "Movie Quiz" at C201 from 5 P.M. onwards. The recently concluded event provided a cinematic thrill, drawing parallels with the enigmatic ending of "Enemy." Resembling a Pandora's Box of film knowledge, the quiz presented challenges with Tarantino-esque twists. The questions, intricately crafted akin to Leetcode challenges, unfolded a world of movie magic, leaving participants in awe. The event crafted an unforgettable experience, blending the allure of cinema with the intellectual stimulation of challenging trivia, making it a memorable affair for all those involved.

On November 9, 2023, Finnexia and **Ecell** collaborated to host a Movie Night at LHC-201, featuring "Tumse Na Ho Payega." The event celebrated National Entrepreneurship Day. The movie depicted a humorous journey where Gaurav and his friends rediscover themselves by defying societal expectations and pursuing their entrepreneurial dreams. The screening, held at 9:30 pm, provided an entertaining and insightful way to commemorate entrepreneurship, showcasing the spirit of following one's heart and venturing into the world of startups.

The collaborative event "Literary Lockdown" by **LDA**, **Electroholics**, and **Odyssey** unfolded on **November 10, 2023**. In this unique escape room experience, teams of 5 engaged in solving literature puzzles. After successfully deciphering each puzzle, teams received hints and utilized immersive electronic technologies to tackle corresponding electronic puzzles. The challenge consisted of completing six sets of puzzles, categorized into easy, medium, and hard levels, earning points for each successful solution. Teams were then ranked based on their points in descending order, adding a competitive edge to this literary and electronic fusion event.

On November 10, 2023, **Cyfuse** organized a unique Diwali celebration, "Diwali Delights: DIY Glow-Off Challenge," at the RnD block. Organized by Daksh, Mohit, Niharika, Vishal, Harsh Swami, Aditya, Sahil, and Harshwardhan, the event marked the Friday before Diwali with a distinctive electronic DIY decor contest. Participants, forming teams of up to four members, crafted decorative materials using electronic equipment. As the event drew to a close, organizers and teams illuminated the sky with lanterns, creating a magical spectacle. The Diwali celebration merged creativity with technology, offering a memorable experience for participants and onlookers alike.

On November 10, 2023 **FooBar** hosted codeclasses on Number Theory. Beginner codeclass was targeted towards students beginning their CP journey with topics such as modular arithmetic, binary exponentiation, Euclid's algorithm, etc. These concepts will enable students to kickstart their coding journey and approach beginner-level problems; for more advanced topics like Extended Euclidean Algorithm, Linear Congruence and Combinatorial Maths, a parallel Advanced codeclass was also conducted with special emphasis on discussing ways to approach number theory problems. This was also the last codeclass before ICPC 2023, thus, special emphasis was put on common problems seen iin such contests.

Odyssey x **Meraki** organised Kolam Quest November 11 to **November 12, 2023** which was a rangoli-making competition for Diwali. All the participants put their pictures with rangoli on their Instagram stories and then winners were chosen accordingly. The event channeled diwali vibes and brought out everybody's inner artists.

Rangoli Making Competition
Kolam Quest

To participate
Prepare and post a creative rangoli through your instagram handles and tag @iiitdodyssey & @artsociiitd

Prize Worth
₹3000

Finnexia Club's pre-event, "Wizarding Wonders – A Harry Potter Extravaganza," engaged attendees with a week-long Harry Potter movie marathon from **November 14 to November 22, 2023**. Each day featured a beloved film, fostering a communal atmosphere. The event set the stage for the club's main event, Bid-Buzz, promising an enjoyable experience centered around the wizarding world films.

Astronuts hosted a screening of Christopher Nolan's "Interstellar" on **November 16, 2023**, a cosmic triumph. Nolan's cinematic genius and stellar performances enthralled an excited audience, making it a treat for space enthusiasts. The event showcased the movie's brilliance, leaving attendees united in awe.

On November 15, 2023, The **65th Square** hosted the 4th Edition of its flagship Blitz Chess Tournament for Fall 2023. The tournament took place online on Lichess with a 5+0 time format and the BERSERK option, adding an extra layer of excitement. The event provided an exhilarating winter chess experience, attracting participants of all skill levels. Chess enthusiasts competed for top honors and prizes in various categories, making it a thrilling and inclusive event for those passionate about the strategic game.

On November 16, 2023, PhiloSoc organized a Movie Night and Discussion with the theme "Barbie Movie Night." Asa Singh and Lakshay Kumar orchestrated the event from 6:30 to 9:30 P.M., attracting around 20 participants. The movie night offered a surprise-filled cinematic experience, followed by a lively discussion on topics such as masculinity, feminism, societal norms, and identity. The conversation delved beyond the iconic doll's image, creating a sweet, stimulating, and open-minded exchange of ideas. PhiloSoc successfully combined entertainment with thoughtful discourse, providing participants with an engaging and thought-provoking evening.

Trivialis wrapped up the semester with the Sportify Premium, the SpEnt Quiz **on November 22, 2023**. The event, featuring a blend of sports and entertainment trivia, entertained participants with questions ranging from Kapil Dev's 83 World Cup triumph to infamous movie controversies. Attendees could go solo or form teams, and everyone received chocolates as a sweet incentive. The quiz masters delivered an engaging and stress-busting experience, marking a memorable end to the semester.

Salt N' Pepper invited everyone to a captivating movie night on **November 23, 2023** at 7 pm in room C01. The featured film, Ratatouille, unfolds a compelling narrative of culinary passion and unexpected friendships. Attendees will follow the journey of Remy, a cooking enthusiast rat, and Linguini, a kitchen novice, as they collaborate to craft extraordinary dishes. This event promises an evening of animated storytelling, humor, and the celebration of culinary magic by savoring the flavors of Ratatouille!

Audiobytes' Open Mic jam session on **November 23, 2023** was a delightful evening of music and camaraderie. Attendees enjoyed a diverse range of performances, from instrumentals to acapella. The welcoming atmosphere and provided instruments added to the charm. Thanks to everyone who participated and made it a memorable event!

Bidbuzz recently hosted an exhilarating superhero trading event on **November 23, 2023,** bringing to life a thrilling game where participants strategically navigated the realms of Iron Man's tech and Thor's mighty prowess. The challenge involved trading superheroes using the provided currency, and the participant with the most robust portfolio emerged as the ultimate champion, securing a substantial 6k cash prize. To cap off the event, all finalists enjoyed an epic pizza party, making Bidbuzz the ultimate destination where trading meets a superhero saga, offering unbeatable rewards!

Muse organised "Fashion Fridays" which captivated students over four themed weeks, encouraging them to showcase unique styles on Instagram for a chance to win fabulous prizes. Each Friday, outstanding outfits were selected as "Outfits of the Week," with creative winners receiving exciting rewards. The event's culmination celebrated ultimate winners for their exceptional style and fashion influence throughout, highlighting the diverse and stylish talents within the student community.

In the month long "Reel Review" November Edition by **AudioBytes**, Bollywood enthusiasts submitted impressive solo and duet performances of songs, both vocal and instrumental. The best entries were featured weekly on our Instagram page throughout the month, providing a golden opportunity for self-expression through music.

IIITD Sports Teams participated in Shiv Nadar University's Sports Fest from **November 3 to 5, 2023.** A total of 111 students represented IIITD, with particularly noteworthy performances by the basketball, and athletics teams, advancing to the quarters and delivering impressive displays.

A Yoga Workshop on Pranayama, emphasizing the power of yoga and pollution control, took place from **November 7 to 9, 2023**, every evening. In celebration of **Naturopathy Day** on **November 18, 2023**, a special event focused on the rejuvenating benefits of mud therapy and the refreshing essence of lemongrass tea was organized. These events encouraged embracing the healing powers of nature, and immersed participants in the therapeutic properties of Nature & Yoga.

Dr. Rajat Chauhan, a trailblazer in medicine, sports, and fitness delivered an insightful talk on **November 10 ,2023**, on the significance of physical activities in today's fast paced life, with his vast experience in the world of fitness, sports, and health. Attendees were inspired by his expertise, unraveling the secrets of sports medicine and musculoskeletal health. The event provided valuable insights into achieving physical excellence.

The **Semi-finals and Finals of the ICC Cricket World Cup** were screened in LHC on **November 15 and November 19 ,2023**, bringing the entire IIITD community together. The collective cheers for India fostered a sense of community and created memorable experiences for all. A Fantasy League ran throughout the World Cup. Winners were rewarded with merch and goodies, adding an extra layer of excitement to the cricketing extravaganza.

The **Karwaan Inter-Branch Sports Fest** showcased talent and sportsmanship in 10 diverse sports, including the introduction of athletics, pool, and esports for the first time. Eight teams passionately competed, creating an electric atmosphere of camaraderie. Beyond players, the entire IIITD community contributed to the vibrant energy. Spanning from **November 15 to 22, 2023,** the event drew extensive participation from students across branches and batches. Fun events such as Laser tag and Monster Pong added a fun twist, and the fest concluded with a prize distribution ceremony and an entertaining DJ night, capping off a week of sports, laughter, and celebration.

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