

### **Russians spaceman Sergey Revin and Chess Master Ivan Popov visits IIIT-Delhi**

- Shared his experience in space and discussed the problems cosmonauts face up there
- Simultaneous Chess play with young chess masters

**New Delhi, November 18, 2019:** Students of Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIIT-Delhi) got a first-hand experience of space travel as they enjoyed a lecture by Russian Cosmonaut, Sergey Revin (of ROSCOSMOS), who is awarded the title of 'Hero of the Russian Federation'. The lecture by the Russian spaceman was part of Delhi Government's 'Days of Moscow in Delhi' -- a two-day event that witnessed activities in the field of arts and culture, heritage, sports and other areas of mutual cooperation between the two cities. Mr Revin was welcomed Prof Ranjan Bose, Director, IIIT-Delhi.

Mr Revin shared the experience of living in space. He also showed pictures and videos from his space expedition. The event was a treat for space and astronomy enthusiasts who were shown various videos of space and the experiments carried out by the spacemen. Students asked Mr Revin questions such as life in space, how animals react when they reach space, what psychological and physiological challenges are faced by the spacemen, etc. On being asked a question that what kind of problems spaceman face in space, he candidly replied that the space programs are designed in a way that there should not be any problem.

Students from other institutes such as Delhi Technical University (DTU), Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology (NSUT), Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University (DPSARU), and GB Pant engendering institute also attended the lecture.

Lecture by Mr Revin was followed by the opening of photo exhibition dedicated to space exploration, which gave students an idea about various technologies being used in spacecrafts and the milestones that mankind has crossed so far. Another highlight of the day was simultaneous Chess play for young Chess players with Russian Chess player and Grandmaster (FIDE-2007) Ivan Popov.

#### **About IIIT-Delhi**

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