

Extra Curricular Activities 2020-21

1. **The World Science Congress** organized the virtual Extempore Speech Competition on the eve of the 10th International Science Conference on 30 August 2020. Students were to present their piece based on the theme, "Science for Humanity".

Two students from BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus won top prizes at the competition.

2. BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus conducted a '**Virtual Annual Sports Day**' on the online platform Zoom, on 6 September 2020. The Chief Guest of the event was Pullela Gopichand, a former Indian badminton player.

3. **The JINA X Hackathon 2020**, powered by AngelHack was held between 18 to 20 September 2020 and brought together 700 participants worldwide. Organized by Jina AI, a neural search company, the challenge involved building a search engine like Google, where the user can not only search using text but also videos, gifs and audio. Representing the Institute, Adithya Praveen, a final year Computer Science student secured the bronze position and received a monetary prize worth \$500.

4. **James Dyson Award UAE 2020**. Out of hundreds of entries across the world, BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus students, Sarthak Sethi and Mujahid Salim were the runners-up at the James Dyson Award's UAE competition with their project "OBILIZER".

5. **Mission Hades**. The first place was bagged by Femi from BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus. The third place by Anam Mujtaba from BPDC.

6. **CGI Hack-A- Health Hackathon 2020**. Team deGerm from BITS Pilani Dubai Campus bagged the third place at the Confederation of Global Innovators' Hack-A- Health Hackathon 2020. The team focused its concerns on the impact of COVID -19 and proposed solutions for the same. From amongst more than 1000 participants from 4 countries, our students shone through the event.

7. **Gandhi Jayanthi Celebratory Exhibition** - Art speaks where words are unable to explain. The art club of BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus, Shades, conducted a virtual exhibition on occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi

8. The Student Welfare Division conducted **Virtual 'IceBreakers 2020'** for the new batch of students on 4 October 2020, over a Zoom meeting. The program commenced with welcoming the audience and a literal breaking of ice. These annual traditions symbolize creating new roots and breaking the social tension between freshmen, seniors and faculty.

9. **Flummoxed Quizzing Championship** - The Flummoxed Quizzing Championship is an online quiz with a different topic for each week. 4 weeks, 12 winners, 1 champion. The Quiz is conducted at 6 PM GST every week on Kahoot. Week 1 kicked off with the theme - "General Knowledge". The winners were awarded vouchers from one of the sponsors of the championship - Lassi Galaxy. They also received the Golden Ticket to the Finals of the Flummoxed Quizzing Championship. All Participants were also awarded vouchers from the championship sponsor - Bath & Body Works.

10. **EXPRESSIONS DISCUSSION FORUM** - Expressions, the literary and debate society of BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus launched their first ever digital discussion forum on 7 October 2020. The topic of the discussion

was 'According to prominent personalities like Elon Musk and Hasan Minhaj college isn't worth money, time and effort- What's your opinion'.

11. **Joy of Giving Week** - The Social and Environment Club of Bits Pilani Dubai Campus, Make A Difference aka. MAD,, conducted the 'Joy of Giving Week' on 13 November 2020. Students were asked to send in their messages of gratitude to their friend, family member or any person they wished to convey to. These messages were posted in the Club's official Instagram Handle (@mad.bpdc).

12. **HackNC 2020** - The University of North Carolina, USA conducted "The Covid-19 challenge presented by Google cloud" at HackNC 2020 and two students of BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus, namely Adithya Praveen and Dhruv Duseja, final year Computer Science students, won the challenge amongst 81 other teams competing globally. A mobile app called "Q-UP" was developed by the team which enables people to "wait virtually

13. **Maintenance 4.0 Hackathon** - Team Diglot of 3 students from Bits Pilani, Dubai Campus bagged the first prize in the Maintenance 4.0 Hackathon. It was organized by the Thales Group and Hub71, and extended from 23 to 25 October 2020.

14. BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus students won at the Future Entrepreneur Awards, organized by Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ADCCI) on 21 October 2020.

15. **Pink Day 2020** - The annual event of the Breast Cancer Awareness Day, or as BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus calls it- Pink Day, was organised by The Social and the Environmental Club on 28 October

16. **Paranormal Activity** - On occasion of Halloween, the holiday celebrated every year for all things spooky and mysterious, the Editorial Board had conducted their very own digital art competition named 'Paranormal Activity'. Students were encouraged to showcase their creative abilities with a scary twist. A large number of entries were received with a variety of art styles being displayed.

17. **Allure Winter Outfit Competition**-An online outfit challenge was organized by the Allure Fashion Club from 18th to 22nd January 2021 to celebrate the end of the first semester 20-21.

18. **Discussion forum by Expressions- Will Desi Parents ever understand the concept of Mental Health-** The Expressions Society of BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus held their second discussion forum on 19 January on the topic 'Will Desi Parents ever understand the concept of Mental Health'.

19. **Groove's Hookstep Challenge-Groove**, the dance club of Bits Pilani Dubai Campus conducted an online dance challenge called the hookstep challenge on their Instagram page where students were required to dance the hookstep of 9 songs in order to complete the challenge.

20. **Reflexions Indoor Photography Competition**-On Jan 14th, Reflexions announced the start of the Indoor Photography Competition. Consisting of 2 categories Mobiles and DSLRs, participants could send 5 photographs taken with either device and had time until the midnight of 25th to submit them to the club.

21. The **BITS Dubai Toastmasters Club** held a meeting with an education session from 4 PM to 6 PM on the 30th of January. It was titled "Let's LinkedIn" and the Toastmaster of the day was Toastmaster Abraham

22. The Lost Jewel by Flummoxed Quiz Club-Flummoxed, the official quiz club of BITS Pilani Dubai Campus, hosted 'The Lost Jewel' on 13 February 2021 to celebrate the occasion of Valentine's day. T

23. Flummoxed Jeopardy Event -On 28th February, 2021, Flummoxed Quiz Club at the Institute presented a fun filled Qualifier Round for 'BUZZED! - A Jeopardy! Themed event.'

24. Womens Day Quiz by MAD Club The Make A Difference Club and Flummoxed - the quizzing club of BITS Pilani, Dubai campus in collaboration organised International Women's Day Quiz to raise awareness on International Women's Day 2021. It was organised on 1, March 2021 from 5-7 pm. The topic of the quiz was 'Famous Women'.

25. DoH Pregathon Winners-The winners of the 3rd edition of the Health hackathon (Preg-a-thon), organised by the Abu Dhabi and Danut Al Emarat Hospital for women and children, were announced on 18th March 2021.

26. Virtual ARTEX Exhibition by SHADES Club-SHADES, the Art Club of BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus, organized it's annual 'Virtual ARTEX Exhibition' on the 30th to the 31st of march 2021.

27. Paribhasha - Infinity Hunt Quiz-The Infinity Hunt quiz was conducted by the drama club, Paribhasha on Tuesday, 13, April, 2021.

28. Paribhasha - The Triwizard Maze-The drama club of BPDC, Paribhasha created a thrilling online escape room based on the Harry Potter series held on 29th April Thursday, 2021 from 12 to 4 PM, participants could take part without any pre-registration.

29. Annual Sports Day

BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus conducted a virtual annual sports day on the 21, May 2021 at 6:30PM. Students were cordially invited to attend this event via a zoom link sent through WhatsApp and emails. Neha Aggarwal, world class table tennis player, the only woman to represent India at the 2008 Beijing Olympics was present during the event, as a chief guest.