

STUDENT WELFARE DIVISION

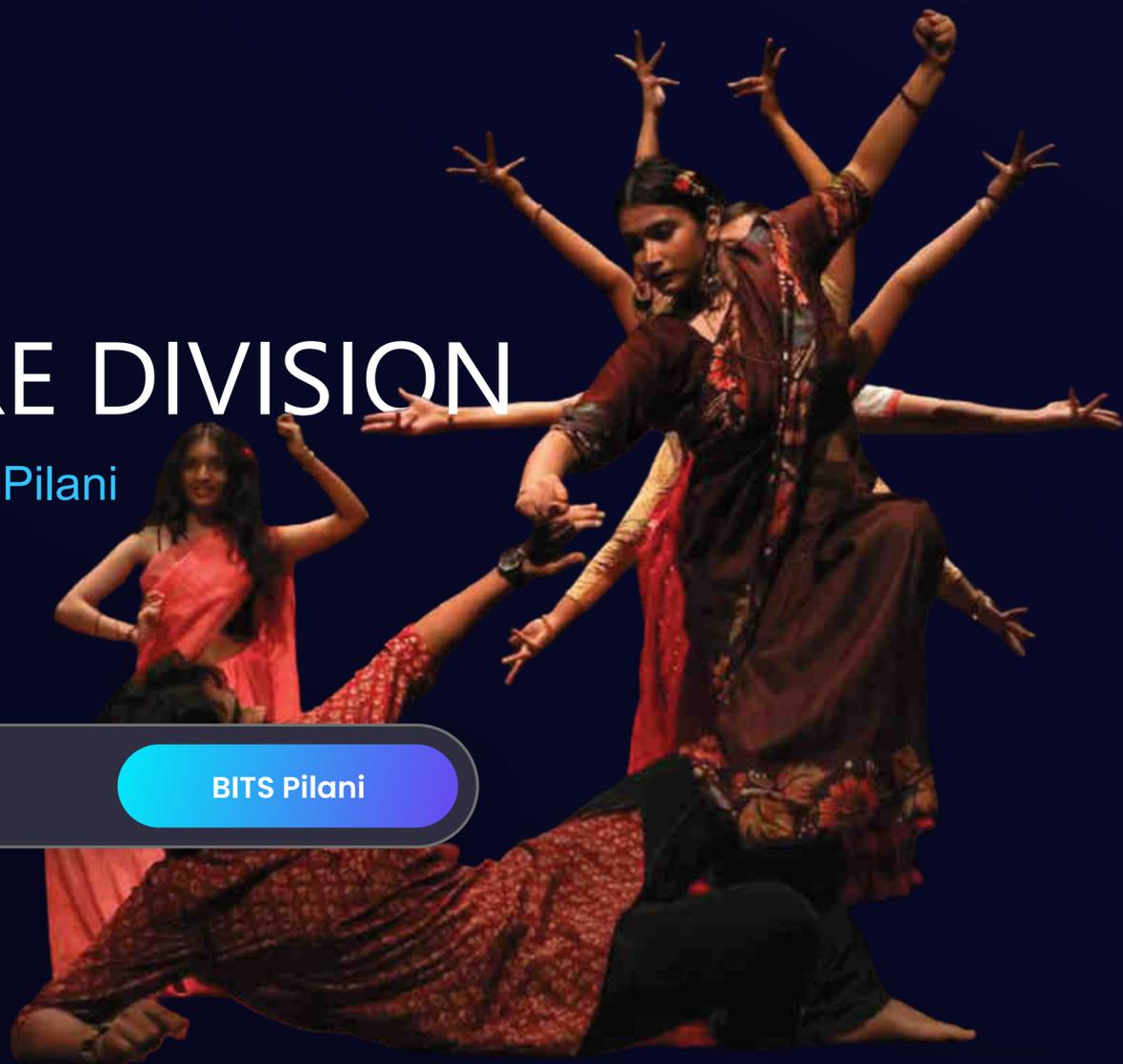
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Pilani Campus

STUDENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT PILANI CAMPUS



National Sports Day

On August 29, 2025, the campus celebrated National Sports Day to honor Major Dhyanchand. The event began with a garlanding ceremony led by Associate Dean Prof. Navin Singh, along with Dr. Bhavesh Verma and Dr. Ajay Shekhawat. Over 300 students and staff participated in matches, fostering a vibrant spirit of sportsmanship.

Open Gym Facilities

The Student Welfare Division (SWD) launched new open gym facilities at strategic locations like the Faculty House, TSF Quarters, and various Bhawan corners. As part of a broader wellness and fitness initiative, this project aims to promote a healthy lifestyle by providing students and staff with convenient, outdoor access to fitness equipment across the campus.



Dubai Campus

The past year at BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus has been a testament to innovation, collaboration, and an unyielding spirit of excellence



Flu Vaccination Drive

Beginning September 17, 2025, this health initiative offered free influenza vaccinations to students, faculty, and staff. With over 110 participants, the drive aimed to promote preventive healthcare and maintain a safe campus environment, reflecting the community's commitment to hygiene and well-being during the flu season.



Blood Donation Camp

Organized by the Make a Difference (MAD) Club on October 1, 2025, this camp received an overwhelming response from students and staff. Volunteers coordinated the process with healthcare professionals, allowing the university community to contribute to society and save lives, reinforcing the spirit of charity and social responsibility.



Humanitarian & Eco Initiatives

The MAD Club partnered with Emirates Red Crescent to donate 40+ cartons of food for Afghanistan earthquake relief. Additionally, the Green Hands initiative engaged students in campus gardening, while Spreading Smiles launched personalized birthday greetings for every student.



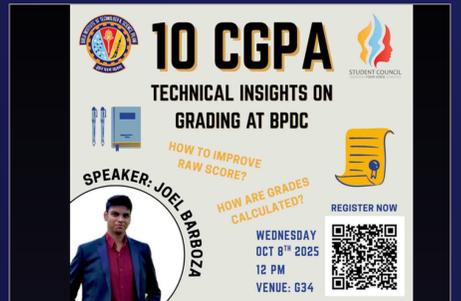
Gandhi Jayanti Celebration

On October 2, 2025, the campus honored Mahatma Gandhi with a "Nukkad Nataki" (street play) and soulful bhajans. The performances highlighted values of truth and non-violence, inspiring students to embrace simplicity and kindness. The event reaffirmed the community's commitment to Gandhi's vision of a just and peaceful society.



Breast Cancer Screening

From October 28–30, 2025, the MAD Club and Prime Hospital conducted preliminary screenings for female faculty and staff. The initiative focused on raising awareness about early detection and preventive measures. It saw active participation, underscoring the institute's dedication to the health and wellness of its women employees.



TECHNICAL INSIGHTS ON GRADING AT BPDC

On October 8, 2025, the Student Council hosted a seminar led by Joel Barboza to demystify the BPDC grading system. The session explained how raw scores translate to grades, clarified SGPA/CGPA calculations, and provided strategies for first-year students to plan their studies and improve academic performance.



Green Hands, Growing Future

This environmental initiative engaged students in a structured gardening activity at the campus nursery. Participants were involved in planting, soil preparation, and caring for young plants. The event aimed to promote environmental awareness and sustainability while offering students a hands-on learning experience that contributed to enhancing the campus's green landscape.



Spreading Smiles: Monthly Birthday Wishes for Students

This heartwarming initiative by the Student Welfare Division began in October 2025. Each month, the division refreshes birthday card templates and messages to ensure every student receives a personalized greeting, aiming to make their special day memorable.

Meditation And Mindfulness Sessions



The SWD organized a Meditation Session (Sep 25), a Mindfulness with Colours Workshop (Oct 17), and the Miracle of Mind Experience (Nov 20). These events introduced breathing techniques, creative arts, and affirmations to help students manage stress, improve focus, and find inner calm.

Cybercrime Awareness Talk

On August 27, 2025, the campus collaborated with Dubai Police for an interactive session on online safety. Experts educated freshers about threats like phishing and identity theft, discussing legal consequences and reporting methods to ensure students understand responsible digital behavior and the importance of cybersecurity in their daily lives.

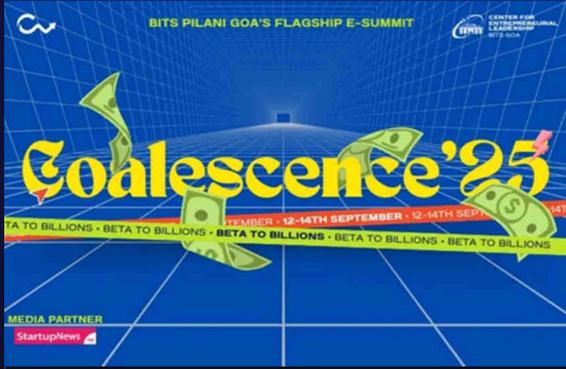


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Goa Campus

A Complete Year of Events, Achievements, and Innovation on Campus



Coalescence '25– A CEL & PIEDS Initiative

Held on September 12, 2025, this entrepreneurship event by CEL and PIEDS featured mentorship and workshops with industry leaders like Mihnil Innani (PharmEasy), Smeet Aditya Kulkarni (Kiwi), and Bharti Maan (Capgemini). Highlights included internship offers from top venture firms, ₹50 Lakh in tech credits, and a "Pitch to the VCs" session, bridging the gap between student innovators and the professional ecosystem.



Zephyr 2025

Held from September 19–21, 2025, Goa's flagship inter-hostel fest united 22 hostels in 40+ events. Cultural highlights included "Dance Faceoff" and "Fashion Parade," while technical minds competed in the "Zephyr Hackathon" and "Venture Verse." Sports events like football, kabaddi, and "Push-up Royale" showcased intense rivalry, transforming the campus into a vibrant arena of talent and hostel spirit.



Aditya Birla Group Scholarship

Ms. Adishree Haresh Korde, a first-year Computer Science student, was awarded the prestigious Aditya Birla Group Scholarship for the 2025–26 academic year. This distinguished award recognizes her exceptional academic performance, leadership qualities, and overall excellence, marking a significant individual achievement that brought pride to the entire BITS Goa community.



Sports Championships & Tournaments

The BGSC organized the "Airball" basketball tournament and "Powerplay" cricket tournament, where Benchwarmers and Edging Lords emerged as respective champions, showcasing immense student talent. Additionally, the Ultimate Frisbee team competed in the South Regional College Ultimate Championship at Azim Premji University, gaining valuable exposure against top regional teams.



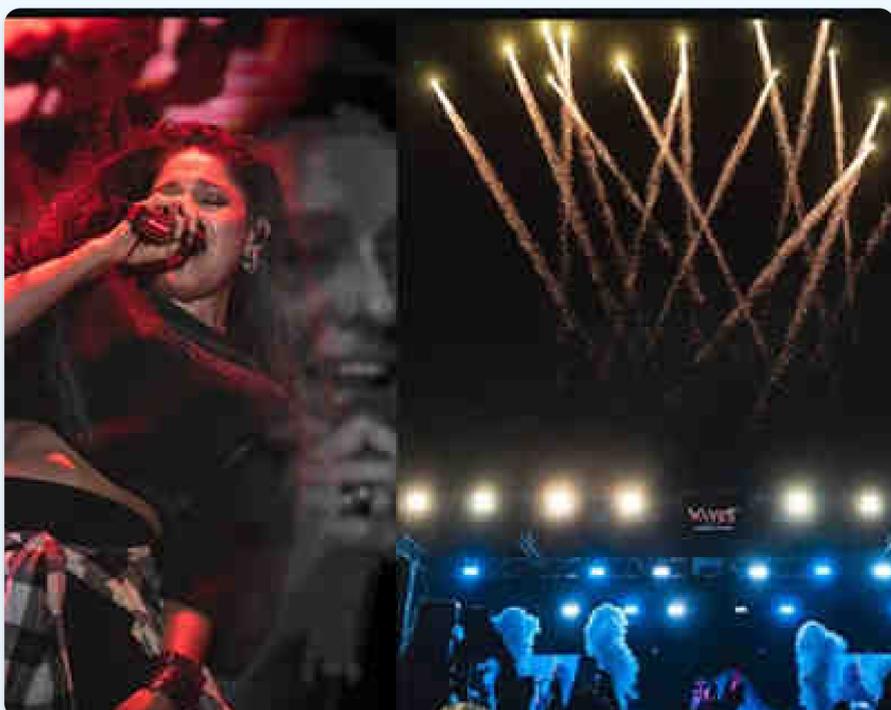
BITS Goa Contingent at Inter-BITS Sports Meet 2025

The BITS Goa contingent secured 172 points and was crowned Overall Swimming Champions, dominating with 14 Gold medals in the pool. Beyond aquatics, the team clinched Gold in Cricket, Basketball (Boys/Girls), Squash (Girls), and Badminton (Mixed). They also achieved strong podium finishes in Athletics, Powerlifting, Football, Kabaddi, and Volleyball, showcasing excellence across both individual and team sports.



BITS Premiere League-2025(Winter Edition)

This prestigious cricket tournament fostered unity and competitive spirit, drawing enthusiastic participation from students and staff. The event concluded with Super Kings emerging as champions, Majestic Masters securing the runners-up spot, and Warrior XI taking third place, highlighting exceptional teamwork across the institute.



Waves 2025

Celebrating its 20th anniversary from October 31 to November 2, 2025, the cultural fest embraced the theme "Masquerade of Mayhem." This three-day extravaganza featured star performances by Sunidhi Chauhan and Ravator, along with dance battles and fashion parades, drawing thousands of students for an unforgettable explosion of music, art, and campus energy.



Competitive Achievements

Ishaan Semwal and Arjun Gautam each won ₹1 Lakh in the HDFC Ergo Insurance Quiz Senior 2025. Additionally, student teams "Axiom AI" and "Team Antardrishti" emerged as National Champions at the Smart India Hackathon 2025, securing ₹1.5 Lakh each and earning recognition as "Most Outstanding Teams" for their problem statements.

Hyderabad Campus

Student Events at Hyderabad Campus, BITS Pilani



CanSat Competition 2025

BITS Pilani Hyderabad's Team JANUS secured 3rd place among 35+ teams at the IN-SPACE CanSat Competition 2025 in Kushinagar. After 18 months of work, their CanSat demonstrated flawless deployment and 100% recovery. The team was honored to interact with astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, who personally signed their project.



Vidwanotsav

Held from July 7-12, 2025, this Ph.D. fest was inaugurated by Mr. VC Cheemalakkonda (Vice President of Engineering, Insight Software), setting the tone for a week of academic and cultural events. Highlights included poster presentations, a hardware expo, and workshops. The fest concluded with sports and cultural activities, celebrating the doctoral community's innovations.



International Astronautical Congress (IAC) 2025

SEDS teams Archangel and Hyperion represented BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus in Sydney from September 29 to October 3. Presenting research on VLEO Earth observation and sugar rocket technology to experts from NASA and ISRO, members Aman Jaiswal and Shreyas Dubey showcased the institute's commitment to advancing space science.



Fervour '25

The official freshers' fest ran from August 29-31, 2025, welcoming the new batch with boundless energy. The event brought the campus together through cultural showcases, fun competitions, and interactive sessions designed to help freshers build connections, express their creativity, and integrate smoothly into life at BITS Hyderabad.



Under 25 Summit

Held on August 30, 2025, this vibrant youth festival transformed the campus into a hub of innovation. Tailored for the student community, the summit featured inspirational discussions, collaborative workshops, and a carnival-style atmosphere, empowering young minds through engaging sessions on music, performing arts, and creative professional growth.



Sanskriti '25

On September 14, 2025, the annual cultural night celebrated India's diverse heritage. Regional associations performed traditional dances and music in resplendent attire, with professors joining the festivities. The energetic evening enthralled the audience, successfully showcasing the rich cultural tapestry of the students and faculty residing on campus.



Inter-BITS Sports Meet 2025

Hosted from October 23-26, 2025, this massive event saw over 400 participants from all four BITS campuses (Pilani, Goa, Dubai, Hyderabad). Athletes competed in disciplines like cricket, athletics, and swimming. The host campus provided world-class facilities, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and high-level competition among the sister institutes.



ATMOS '25 & TechSeva Ideathon

The technical fest ran from November 7-9, 2025, featuring the "TechSeva Ideathon" sponsored by Eli Lilly. Focused on technology for social good, the event challenged students to design accessible public service solutions. It included workshops, guest lectures, and exhibitions, emphasizing ethically driven technology and innovation for public welfare.



Inspiring Young Minds

During ATMOS, iPEARL and Research Chronicles hosted an event to inspire students toward scientific research. Participants toured the BSL-2 facility with Vaibhav Jain and engaged in hands-on molecular biology sessions led by Aditi Dey, exploring parasites and host-pathogen interactions under the guidance of Prof. Nishith Gupta.



ReThink Ideathon hosted by IIIT Hyderabad

The "KhetSe" project addresses agricultural stubble burning by creating a scalable supply chain to transport stubble from fields to biogas plants. This solution mitigates air pollution, offers farmers a sustainable alternative, and supports renewable energy production, effectively tackling a major environmental challenge in India.



Aditya Birla Scholarships '25

Mr. Abhay Ayyalasomayajulu (2025A7PS0008H) and Ms. Snigdha Mukherjee (2025A7PS0003H) from Hyderabad Campus has been awarded the prestigious scholarship.



Library Attendance Management System

Implementation of Pattern Traffic Counter (PTC) is an electronic device that allows registered users to access a system by scanning their barcode ID cards. In libraries, patron counters provide real-time data on visitor activity, enabling staff to better understand traffic patterns, peak usage hours, and user behaviour.



Apollyon Dynamics

Apollyon Dynamics, a student-led defense startup led by Jayant Khatri and Sourya Choudhury, achieved a ₹25 Crore valuation in six months. Their Kamikaze drone, "Ahuti," successfully demonstrated high-speed maneuvers before Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the BSF Raising Day. With verbal procurement confirmation from senior officials, they proved that field-validated innovation can succeed even from a college campus.



Post Doctoral Fellowship

We are extremely proud to announce that Dr. Sanjay Mandal, Dr. Simran Arora and Dr. Gaurav Gadball from our group Cosmo @ BPHC have successfully achieved the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship in Japan. This milestone is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and passion for advancing research and practice. Special thanks to our mentor, Prof. P.K. Sahoo, whose invaluable guidance and encouragement made this achievement possible. Congratulations to Our JSPS Postdoctoral Awardees!



Hostel Life & Community Events

Inter-wing indoor and outdoor games were organized by wardens and hostel superintendents across hostels to foster camaraderie among students and staff. Additionally, Ganga Bhavan hosted a vibrant "Girls' Gala" on November 1, 2025, where wardens distributed prizes for games like Musical Chairs, bringing over 100 students together for an evening of creativity and celebration.



Workshop Unit

With 680 students across 170 teams, our workshop has been brimming with ideas, collaboration, and hands-on innovation over the past three weeks. As part of the newly introduced 'Introduction to Engineering Design and Prototyping' course, each team was tasked with creating a 3D solid model and fabricating their product using campus facilities. This initiative represents an experiential, project-driven upgrade to the traditional curriculum, offering a glimpse into the creativity of our first-year students.



Research Scholars Accomplishment

A research group from the Hyderabad campus participated in the 33rd National Congress of Parasitology at the CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute in Lucknow. The scholars presented their work and were honored with two Best Poster Awards. The event also facilitated valuable scientific discussions and new collaborations for future research.



NSS Blood Donation Drive

The National Service Scheme (NSS), BITS Pilani Hyderabad Campus, organised a Blood Donation Drive on 6th November 2025 in association with the P.V. Narasimha Rao Trust. The event was a remarkable success, with 164 donors coming forward to contribute to this noble cause. Additionally, 30 NSS volunteers actively volunteered for the event, assisting with coordination and ensuring smooth conduct throughout the day.

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