

STUDENT WELFARE DIVISION

Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani



Enhancing Student Life Across All BITS Pilani Campuses



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PILANI CAMPUS

Student's Achievements and Activities at Pilani Campus



COMMUNITY

1975 Alumni Batch Visit

Distinguished alumni from the 1975 batch visited campus on 18 March 2026 and shared their professional journeys and life insights. The group joined a tree-plantation drive for campus sustainability and met mess workers to extend their appreciation - a visit that reinforced heritage bonds and mentorship connecting alumni, students and staff.



SPORTS

Hockey Training Camp

Dr Bhavesh Verma supervised a five-day intensive camp (10-14 August 2025). 57 participants, both boys and girls, received expert guidance on stick work, passing and tactical awareness, complemented by agility drills and strength training. The camp concluded on National Sports Day, honouring Major Dhyan Chand's legacy.



SPORTS

West Zone Basketball Tournament

Men's Basketball team excelled at Bhupal Nobles University (Feb 3-6, 2026). Competing against 120 universities, achieved Top 16 finish with 4 consecutive victories. Defeated teams: Rani Durgavati, Sage, Jiwaji, and Jai Narayan Vyas universities. One of the most successful zonal runs in recent history.



COMMUNITY

NSS Tree Plantation Drive

NSS-sponsored environmental initiative at Bhagirath Bhawan on April 9, 2026. Students, wardens, and staff jointly planted numerous saplings. Promoted ecological balance and campus beautification while raising awareness about environmental conservation for future generations.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Groww Foundation Scholarships

26 meritorious students received scholarships on 30 April 2026. 10 recipients were awarded Full-Ride Scholarships covering 100% tuition and living expenses, while 16 students received ₹44,700 each towards living costs - easing financial burdens and letting recipients focus on academic and personal growth.



SPORTS

The Battle of Magadh

Multi-sport extravaganza (Feb 7-15, 2026) with 150+ students competing across 17 events. Extraordinary feats: 103 push-ups, 10-minute plank record. Musical performances and Director's motivational address inspired healthy lifestyles. All winners honored with medals and certificates.



COMMUNITY

Hostel Nights & Wellness

Grand events with professional stage setups took place across residential bhawans. Vishwa Karma Bhawan's celebration (23 February 2026) was graced by the Director and other dignitaries, featuring singing, dancing, open mics, DJ nights and games that strengthened peer relationships and enriched residential life campus-wide.



SPORTS

BITS Premier League 2026

This record-breaking tournament (26-30 March 2026) drew 2,300+ registrations across 17 sports, including 460 for cricket, 330 for football and 356 for badminton. A dedicated website and vibrant food stalls created a festive atmosphere that reflected the campus's competitive spirit and community engagement.



SPORTS

Freshers Premier League 2026

More than 250 first-year students competed (27 February - 1 March 2026) across eight traditional sports plus esports (Clash Royale). Singles tournaments drew 50+ players each, and a 13-team football tournament gave newcomers an excellent platform to showcase their talent and build community bonds.



SPORTS

Inter-Cultural Association Sports League

The inaugural ICL (2-5 April 2026) saw 15 regional associations compete in cricket, football, volleyball and athletics. HCA (cricket), Capitol (football) and Udgam (volleyball) took the titles, while Raj Nimbarkar claimed gold in both the 100m and 400m - a historic benchmark for campus unity.



SPORTS

Agneepath 7.0 Sports Festival

The chess team reached the final of this high-profile inter-university festival at Ashoka University (30 January - 1 February 2026) after defeating Munjal, LSR, Plaksha and Bennett, finishing runners-up after a 3-1 final defeat. Their run showcased real tactical depth, and the snooker team also competed strongly in Group B.



SPORTS

Desportivos 2026 Tournament

Under the theme 'Defy the Odds' at LNMIIT (30 January - 1 February 2026), the Women's tennis doubles: gold. Women's volleyball: runners-up after defeating LNMIIT semi-finals. Men's Squash Team B: silver. Men's tennis reached semi-finals. Strong performances across football, basketball, badminton.



SPORTS

URJA 26 Sports Tournament

Athletics at Thapar (13-15 February 2026), the team finished 2nd place overall. 7 Gold, 5 Silver, 5 Bronze medals. Kavya Aithal: 200m & 400m girls' gold. Nishque Sanodiya: 800m, 1500m, 3000m boys' gold. Cricket team reached semi-finals. Exceptional discipline maintained despite administrative delays.



COMMUNITY

BITS CARES Initiatives

A new pickle-ball court opened, and a Career Counsellor joined the campus in July 2026. The new Faculty-Student Mess Programme, in which faculty dine in student messes, has already reached 100% menu adherence. A cyber-security talk by Anant Prabhu and Sukhmanch Theatre's production of 'Only Goodness' addressed substance abuse, and wellness activities expanded campus-wide.

Mental Health & Wellness

The MPower team ran initiatives throughout May 2026, and the 'Lite Le' events (April-May) drew strong footfall near the library. PhD sensitization sessions reached 22 Physics and 12 Biological Sciences scholars on work-life balance and coping strategies. Summer outreach and virtual consultations supported off-campus students, and wellness boards went up across hostels for peer support.



WELLNESS

Dubai Campus

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



WELLNESS

Decoding Wisdom to Live a Supreme Life

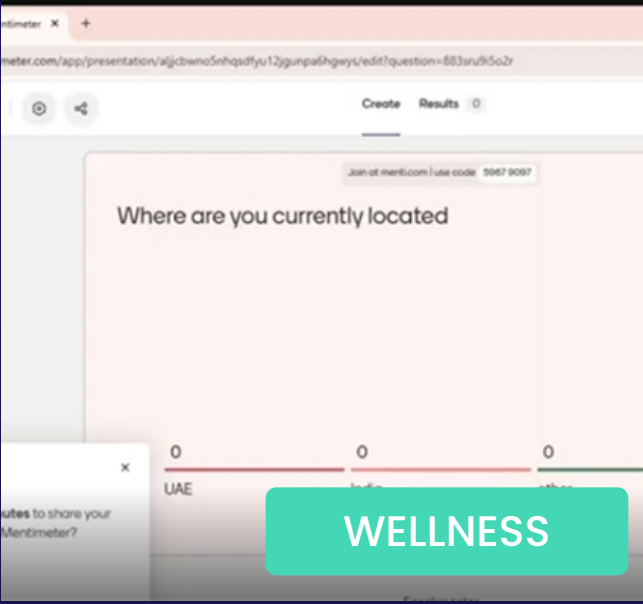
On 12 February 2026, the Student Welfare Division partnered with the Chime for Change Initiative for this session on decoding wisdom for a supreme life. Dr Satendra Kumar Multani, a Consultant Endocrinologist, shared practical wisdom on health, mindfulness and purposeful living to inspire students.



WELLNESS

How to Regulate Your Emotions

Students explored emotional regulation on 18 February 2026 in a session on empowering students for emotional wellbeing, gaining insight into managing academic stress, navigating interpersonal challenges and maintaining mental balance while building practical coping strategies.



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Check in and Connect

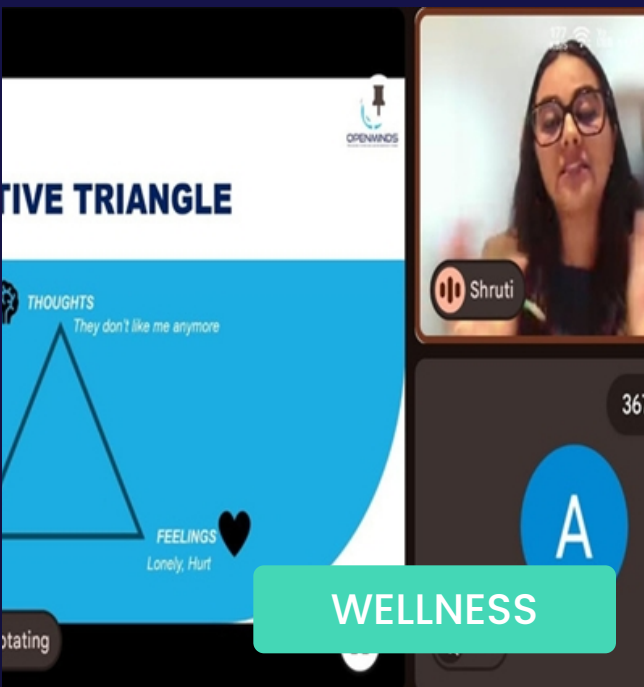
Ms Eunice Fernandes led this online wellbeing session on 26 March 2026, drawing 507 active participants. Interactive polls and segments such as This or That and Caption This Feeling encouraged students to connect with and support one another.



WELLNESS

Relax in Real Time

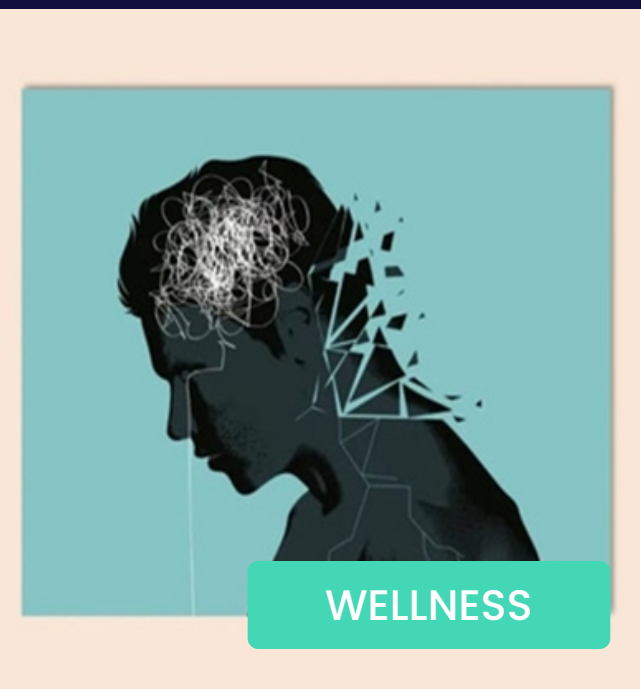
This online Progressive Muscle Relaxation session delivered a clear positive shift: live polls showed only 30% of participants felt relaxed beforehand, rising to 64% afterwards, and 93% rated the session highly effective for reducing stress and improving wellbeing.



WELLNESS

Mastering Your Mind

Psychologist Ms Shruti Chatterjee led Mastering Your Mind on 16 April 2026. Over 360 students explored the Cognitive Triangle, the connection between thoughts, emotions and behaviours, and learned to identify negative thinking patterns through real-time interactive exercises.



WELLNESS

Think Better to Feel Better

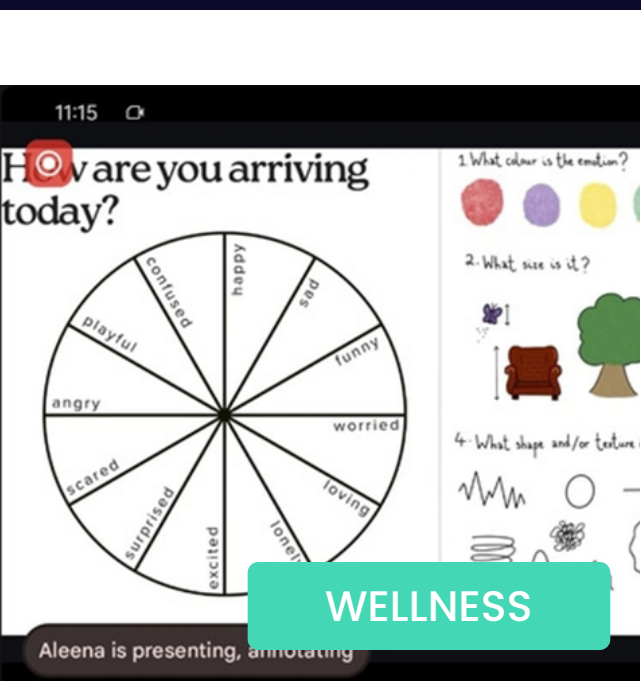
Participants learned to recognise self-limiting patterns such as demandingness, awfulising and low frustration tolerance. Using the ABCDEF model, students gained practical tools to dispute unhelpful thoughts, reframe them into healthier beliefs and build lasting resilience.



COMMUNITY

Bag of Love

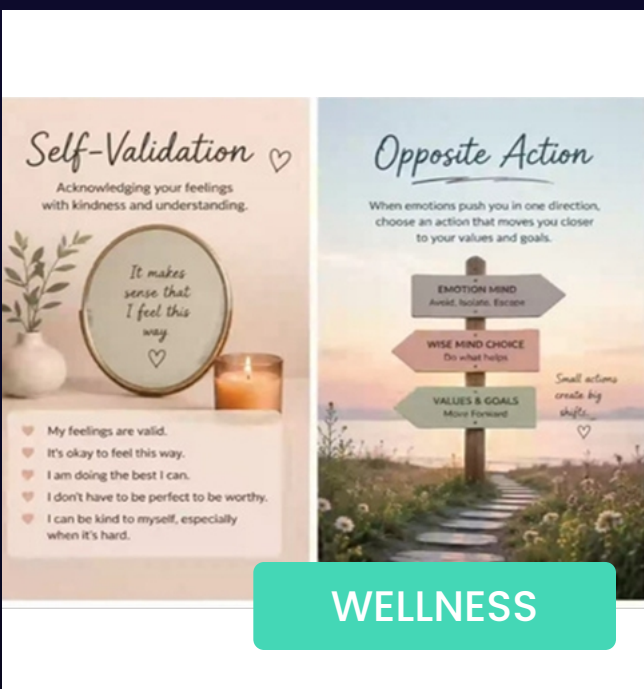
The Make a Difference (M.A.D.) Club closed the academic year on 22 May 2026 with Bag of Love, distributing thoughtfully curated goodie bags to the housekeeping, security and gardening teams in appreciation of their tireless work keeping the campus running smoothly.



WELLNESS

Stress to Self: A Creative Well-being Experience

Ms Aleena Babu facilitated this expressive-arts session on 7 May 2026, helping 238 first-year students step away from academic pressure through guided self-reflection and safe exploration of emotional awareness.



WELLNESS

Finding Your Wise Mind

On 21 May 2026, the Student Welfare Division introduced students to mindfulness-based strategies from Dialectical Behavior Therapy. Participants explored the Wise Mind concept – a balanced state integrating emotion and reason – through guided mindfulness practices and interactive polls.



CULTURE

Annual Day 2026

The Annual Day Celebration poster, shared campus-wide ahead of the event on 21 May 2026, invited clubs, associations and core committees to a night celebrating achievements, joy and togetherness.



CULTURE

Diro's Party 2026

Director Prof. Souri Banerjee hosted a special party for students on 22 May 2026. Fun games kept the energy high all night, and students especially enjoyed guessing faculty members from their childhood photos.



COMMUNITY

Earth Day 2026

On April 22nd, 2026, the M.A.D. Club organized Earth Day 2026, bringing together the campus community for meaningful environmental activities. A symbolic one-hour power shutdown was implemented across the campus to raise awareness about energy conservation and inspire collective action towards a more sustainable future.



SPORTS

Crew & Cricket: Abela vs Students

A friendly cricket match between the Abela crew and students on 27 May 2026 closed out the year in style, showcasing great teamwork and mutual respect, with fun games and spirited competition keeping energy levels high throughout the evening.





Drug Abuse Awareness

A campus-wide Drug Abuse Awareness programme on 16 January 2026 reached approximately 1,500 students, run with the Verna Police Station and the District Legal Services Authority. The session raised awareness of the risks of substance abuse, promoted informed decision-making and encouraged students to seek support when needed.

WELLNESS



Work-Life Balance Sessions for Staff

Work-Life Balance sessions were conducted for Placement Unit staff and Hostel Superintendents to strengthen workplace wellbeing and resilience. The sessions focused on recognizing stress and emotional fatigue arising from demanding responsibilities and regular student interactions. Participants explored practical self-care strategies and healthy professional boundaries to support overall wellbeing and effectiveness at work. The sessions were facilitated by Sahithi Mannar.



WELLNESS



Canvas Painting Workshop

This student engagement activity on 25 February 2026 offered a creative outlet for self-expression and relaxation, fostering a sense of community and wellbeing on campus.

CULTURE



Pottery Workshop

Held on 21 February 2026 and again on 30 March 2026, this hands-on session encouraged mindfulness and focused engagement, giving students a chance to unwind and develop stress-management skills through artistic expression.

CULTURE



Hostel Events

In view of developing more interaction and a healthy relationship between the Hostel Wardens / staff and the students of their respective hostels, events were carried out across hostels.

COMMUNITY



Dance Movement Therapy Session

Held on 17 April 2026, this student engagement activity used guided movement and expressive exercises to relieve stress, improve mood and strengthen mind-body awareness.

WELLNESS



Women's Day Health and Fitness Event

A special sporting event was organized to promote health, fitness, and women's empowerment. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation and was a great success, fostering unity, motivation, and community spirit. It celebrated the strength and achievements of women across the campus community.

COMMUNITY



Beach Run

Over 100 participants from the campus community took on a scenic coastal route, enjoying a refreshing setting that encouraged students, faculty and staff to embrace active lifestyles.

SPORTS



India Skills Gold Medal

BITS Goa student Khushraj Rathod secured the Gold Medal in IT Network Systems Administration at IndiaSkills, Maharashtra 2025-26, held on 3-4 February 2026. He advanced to the Regional Competition (West Region) and aims to participate in IndiaSkills Nationals and represent India at WorldSkills 2026.

SCHOLARSHIPS



India Skills Regional and National Journey

Following his gold medal at IndiaSkills Maharashtra, Khushraj Rathod progressed to the West Region Competition – a proud moment for BITS Goa as he continues his path towards representing India at WorldSkills 2026.

SCHOLARSHIPS



Aura Sense Edge Intelligence Challenge Runner-up

Team AuraSense secured runner-up at Silicon Labs' Edge Intelligence Challenge at T-Hub, Hyderabad on 16 April 2026. Shortlisted among the top 11 finalists from over 450 teams nationwide, the team finished second after a rigorous four-to-five-month evaluation process.

INNOVATION



Groww Scholarship Celebration

The GROWW Scholarship, introduced for students across BITS Pilani's Goa and Hyderabad campuses, was celebrated on 24 April 2026, recognising recipients' academic excellence and supporting their educational journey through this prestigious financial award.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Sports

Cricket Second Division Achievements

BITS Goa's cricket team qualified for the Second Division Cricket Tournament and progressed to the quarter-final, earning institutional recognition for its dedication, discipline and consistent results across the 2025-26 season. The team later received formal acknowledgement, with trophies awarded to its outstanding players.



SPORTS



Football Velsao SCA

BITS FC opened the season with a thrilling comeback against Velsao SC in the Second Division Football League. Trailing 2-1 at half-time, the side found renewed energy, levelled the score and struck the decisive winner to close the match 3-2.



Krida Utsav

This sports and recreational festival promotes physical fitness, teamwork and camaraderie among faculty, staff and their families, featuring activities such as tug of war, the lemon-and-spoon race, the 100-metre sprint and the baton relay.



Exhibition Football And Cricket Achievements

A Staff, Faculty and Students Exhibition Football Match on 26 January 2026 showcased sporting spirit across the campus community. The cricket team also earned recognition for its Second Division League campaign, finishing second in the pool stage after strong performances throughout.



Table Tennis Invitational League

BITS Goa hosted an Invitational Table Tennis League against UV Academy on 28 February 2026, strengthening inter-institutional sporting ties and showcasing the campus's growing table tennis talent.

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Udaan Special Olympics Bharat

Held on 28 February 2026 in association with Special Olympics Bharat, Udaan gave specially-abled children an inclusive platform to showcase their talents, build confidence and celebrate their achievements in a warm, supportive environment.



SPREE'26 Overall Championship

BITS Goa dominated SPREE'26 to become overall champions, securing titles in women's football, snooker, carrom and athletics alongside major medal hauls in powerlifting, badminton, table tennis and chess – and claiming both the men's and women's Best Athlete awards.

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Goa T20 Bash 2026

Featuring six local teams, the Goa T20 Bash 2026 ran at the institute's ground from 29 May to 2 June 2026. Panjim Capitals emerged champions, with Calangute Giants as runners-up, in an event that highlighted the institute's excellent sports infrastructure.

Hyderabad Campus

Student Events at Hyderabad Campus, BITS Pilani



BITSAA Global Meet

Held at Hyderabad Campus (9-11 January 2026). Hosted the Telangana IT Minister Sridhar Babu Duddilla at Apollyon Dynamics' office. The visit showcased the startup ecosystem and defense tech innovations, bringing together alumni and industry leaders for networking and knowledge sharing.



Axiom AI - National Winner

Team Axiom AI won the POWERGRID Innovation Challenge, a prestigious national competition that drew more than 80,000 teams. The achievement demonstrates the exceptional talent and innovation emerging from the campus's infrastructure-technology space.



De Beers Case Competition - 2nd Place

Rishit Chakravarty and Sarthak Tomar secured second place at the prestigious De Beers Case Competition, held with the De Beers Group, tackling strategies for boosting industry growth and sustainability in the global marketplace.



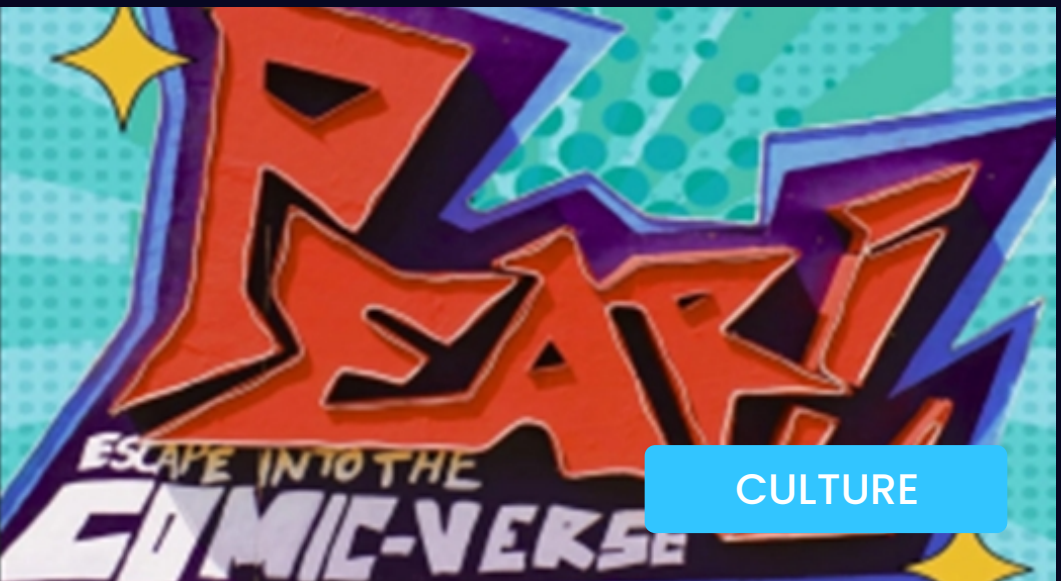
Elan & nVision Festival - IIT Hyderabad

BITS Hyderabad shone at the Elan & nVision inter- collegiate festival, with six clubs competing: the Music Club took first place, the Movie Club won first and third, the Dance Club claimed first, the Dramatics Club placed second, and Hindi Tarang shared the win - a proud showcase of campus talent.



Beijan - ₹25 Lakh Grant

Led by Naman Kasliwal and Shiv Patil, Team Beijan won a ₹25 lakh grant at Curiosity 2026, hosted by South Park Commons and ARTPARK, after an intensive field deployment with an Indian Army camp that demonstrated real-world application of their innovation.



Pearl'26 - Annual Cultural Fest

Held from 20-22 February 2026 on a grand scale, Pearl'26 engaged the entire campus community with a wide range of cultural events and competitions spanning music, dance, drama and traditional arts.



Arena'26 - Annual Sports Fest

The annual sports festival showcasing athletic excellence and competitive spirit across multiple disciplines. Students competed at their best to win medals and glory for their respective teams and hostels, celebrating the importance of fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship.



IGNITE'26 by NIRMAAN

NIRMAAN's flagship event drives positive social change, supporting four homes and more than 170 children with the help of over 80 volunteers from the BITS community, who work diligently to provide meaningful support to underprivileged communities.



LAUNCHPAD'26 - Entrepreneurship Summit

Now in its tenth edition (3-5 April 2026), Launchpad has evolved into a dynamic platform bringing together entrepreneurs, industry leaders and innovators for knowledge exchange and strategic collaboration.



Hostel Events - Cultural & Sports

Multiple hostels organised inter-wing cultural and sporting activities. Meera Bhavan hosted workshops in Kathak dance, meditation, bracelet-making and cultural nights, Malaviya Bhavan held a Floral Holi Bash, and other bhavans - including Ganga, Gandhi, Budh, Valmiki, Vishwakarma, Vyas, Gautam, Krishna and Ram - ran their own celebrations.



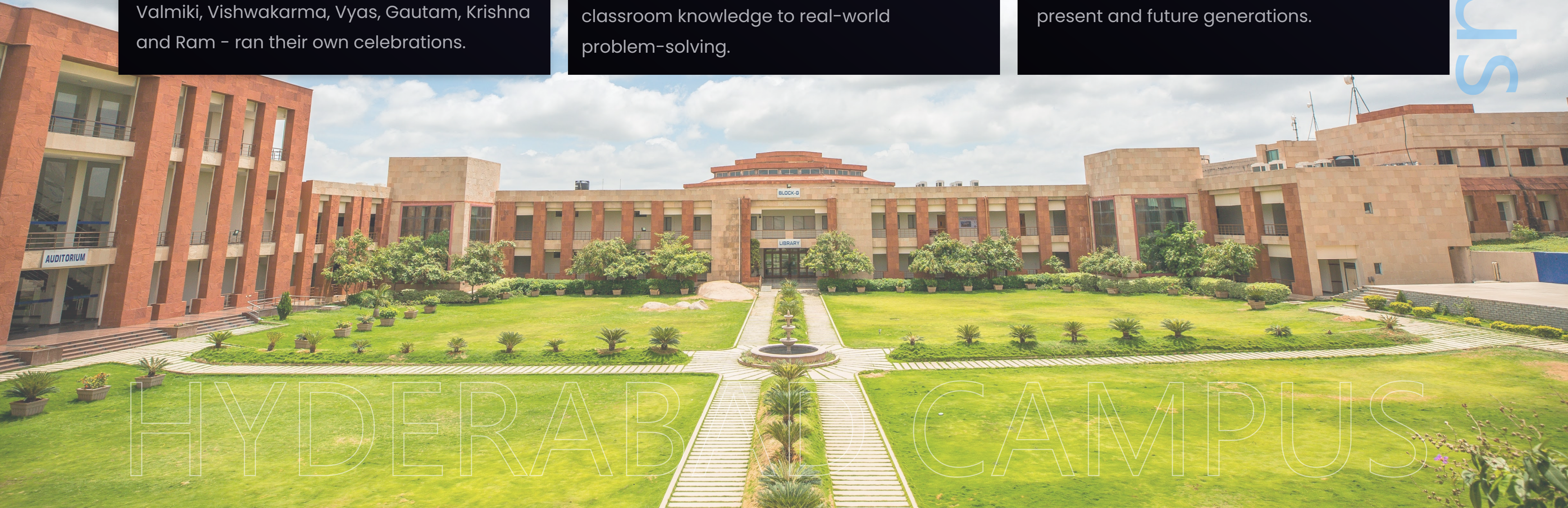
Workshop Unit - Engineering Projects

460 students across 115 teams, supported by 40 instructors and 13 technicians, created innovative engineering solutions for the Introduction to Engineering course, demonstrating a strong ability to apply classroom knowledge to real-world problem-solving.



NSS Activities - Environmental Initiatives

NSS activities focused on sustainability and environmental awareness through tree-planting drives and Earth Week celebrations, encouraging meaningful steps towards a sustainable campus and community for present and future generations.



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