

A Report on Sports and Cultural Events/Competitions Organised at NMITD in Year 2015-16

Mostly annual festivals of most colleges is just about fun, games, and cultural activities. This year NMITD decided to break with this trend. This year RooBaroo the annual techno-management festival of NMITD was based on the theme: "Joy of Giving" under which many events were organized specifically with the goal of contributing towards downtrodden segment of our society. The students of NMITD beautified the whole campus with various art-works, drawings, paintings, etc. highlighting the various ways in which youth can engage and contribute to some extent towards today's social problems. Lodha Foundation, J J Mahanagar Blood Bank, Rakshanaya Alliance, and Fandry Foundation were the supporters for the ISR activities which got conducted during the festival. In particular Blood Donation Drive was supported by J J Mahanagar Blood Bank, Book Donation Drive for Adivasi School Students by Fandry Foundation, Medical Camp for Poor Citizens by Lodha Foundation, and Self-Defense Camp for School Girls was organized at Worli's Maratha high school by NMITD students in collaboration with Rakshanaya Alliance. In addition the institute also organized the food donation drive for the poor and orphanage children of Girija Balmandir, Beed (Sahara Anathalay Parivar). The students and faculty members of NMITD under the coordination of Prof. Apeksha Gaje and alumni Mangesh Sutar executed this activity.

RooBaroo was inaugurated on 4th February 2016 by Pro Kabaddi Mumbai Player Mr Omkar Jadhav. RooBaroo saw participation of around 460 students from 20 colleges across Mumbai and Pune for various events. As every year students formed core committee and appointed event heads per event. Each event head took the responsibility of event promotions, garnering of participation and gaining sponsorships for their events making each a success. These practices indirectly lead to inculcation of many useful qualities, like leadership, team work and team management, decision making, accountability and ownership in the students.

Fourteen different activities/competitions got conducted under four broad categories: Indoor-Outdoor Sports competitions, LAN-Gaming competitions, Techno-Skills related competitions, and Cultural activities. Box Cricket, Rink Football, Badminton, LAN Gaming, Table Tennis, and Carrom were some of the main outdoor sports competitions attracting students from post-graduate and under-graduate institutes around Mumbai. Counter-Strike 1.6, FiFa 14, DOTA 2 and GO were some of the LAN Game competitions attracting huge solo and team participation. Many innovative cultural and creative activities like: Street-Play, Rangoli, Mehendi, Photography etc were also organized that encouraged participation from other colleges. Streetplays depicted contemporary social issues from the perspective of today's techno-savvy youth. Elocution competition saw impressive speeches on social networking and Make in India theme. Theme Selfie was a unique competition attracting curious crowd.

RooBaroo concluded with "Annual Day" and "Convocation Ceremony". "Annual Day" was well chalked out with various performances of students like solo-singing, group-singing, solo-dancing, group-dancing, etc.

In the "Convocation Ceremony" the graduating batch of MCA 2012-2015 and MMS 2013-15 were awarded their degree convocation certificates and also felicitated with a special NMITD graduation

memento frames in the presence of Chief Guest Ms. Ranjana Narawne, Managing Director of Technology in Accenture Ltd. Mr Sandeep Tarkas, then Director for Futures Group and Mrs Jaywantiben Mehata our founder and former Union Minister of Power were the Guest of Honour for the ceremony. The ceremony concluded with distribution of prizes for academic as well as co-curricular/cultural achievements of pursuing NMITD students.

