

# STEPPING INTO 'FEST' MODE

Many events have been planned for the upcoming college fests in the city

## Express Features

It's that time of the year again, when colleges in the city get into groove. The campuses go abuzz in anticipation of the upcoming festivities.

Students get busy in preparations with focus on bringing novelty to their festivals and making them stand out. From star-studded nights to power-packed band performances, innovative tech competitions, Bollywood-style rap battles and DJing journeys, the festivals will feature a variety of events this academic session. *The City Express* interacted with various student committees to bring you what's in store this year.

Expressions, the annual flagship event of XIMB, is touted as the biggest management-cultural fest of eastern India. It is scheduled to take place from November 8 to 10. The students have been organising the festival since 1991. "It's a platform to showcase innovation and creativity. We also include lighter stage events and celebrity performances each year," said Kirti, a XIMB student.

The students have finalised their contest lists for the year. To begin with, Geemj, the solo singing competition will provide vocalists come on one po-

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dium to create a powerful impact in the minds of the audience. Their contests include a dance competition titled 'Farkon', a hand face-off 'Decibels' and a thematic fashion event 'Carnival De Vogue'. This year, the institute will host a stand-up comedy act by Kumar Varun. And, finally the starry night will feature live performance of Bollywood singer Mika Singh. The grandeur of Expressions 2013 will be supplemented by the innumerable business events that would test the acumen of the future corporate honchos.

IIT Bhubaneswar's Alma Fests will be held between January 17 and 19. "We are now busy preparing the events and star or artiste lists," said Deepak of IIT Bhubaneswar. However, the pre-Alma Fests fashion show 'Aghaz', was hosted at Symphony Mall recently. It gave

student fashionists a platform to flaunt their stylish side in front of a mixed crowd. The institute also hosts an one-of-its-kind technical fest, 'Wisenier'.

Students of AIIMS Bhubaneswar will host the annual festival, 'Chiasma' on their campus premises between February 14 and 17. The students have unveiled the logo of Chiasma 4.0 on social media platforms. IIT Bhubaneswar is yet to unleash details about its annual cultural and technical fest, Advaita. Other festivals like Phorenis and Festronics have not been finalised so far.

