

CAMPUS CRUNCH

# HOOKED TO HOBBIES

This week, we bring you the canteen and campus life of IIT Bhubaneswar students

Life is more than just cracking IITs—a thought that resonates on the campus of IIT, Bhubaneswar. Step inside its canteen or stroll through the campus, you will know it yourself! After putting in an Herculean effort for at least two years to get into a top-notch institute, the students bounce back to the 'mainstream.' Their unidirectional focus undergoes transformation to open-up a whole new world of music, dance, sports and other extra-curricular activities.

SPECIAL OVER

This year, the students organised 12 hostel games for the inmates of Mahanadi Boys Hostel. From PUBG, virtual Fifa tournaments to basketball, volleyball, football and cricket, they play it all. And, the sports are also a part of the institute's canteen culture. As the rules for each are mostly drafted in the mess. For instance, they have mended the rules of cricket to suit their requirements. On campus, they play cricket with soft tennis ball all night. The sport has only eight overs and nine players in each team. "We have included a special over in the game. The batting team challenges the opponent of scoring certain number of runs in a particular over. If they achieve the target, double runs are added to the score board. But, if they fail, it's a duck," explained the sports secretary, Saif Ali Khan.

TUMMYTALKS

The mess at IIT Bhubaneswar specialises in Hyderabad Biryani—going by what students said! Every second student on the campus loves the spicy Biryani served on specific days. "The menu is decided by the student's body. We included Hyderabad Biryani to the menu. It is the authentic Hyderabad Biryani! You will not find the same quality elsewhere in Bhubaneswar," said the General Secretary of the students.



Students attending a jam session at the Community Centre | EXPRESS



Bharat, the rapper

RAP RHETORIC

Interestingly, craze for rapping is trending in the canteens and on-campus hang-out zones. The 'rap-turours' success of Ranveer's Gully Boy has given the on-campus rappers a kick! And, the fun begins after classes in the evening. The conversations about music, rapping, dramatics and dance, of course, start over a cup of tea and a plate of maggi or chicken pakodas. The talks, then, roll over to the community centre. It's the liveliest zone of the Jatri campus. Often, packed with students rehearsing street-plays, hip-hop dance performances or jamming new tracks. There's also an indoor badminton court. Last week, when The City Express visited IIT Bhubaneswar campus, we met Bharath—an IITian, who is a rapper by heart! With his friends around, he was busy rapping his original composition— "Tu hi jaan meri, Tu hi shaan meri, Tu hi tu hai bas, Bas ek bar toh has." Inspired by Honey Singh, Bharath took to rapping in school. But, his passion intensified on the campus. So, who's the most popular rapper among IITians in Bhubaneswar? And, a group of 30 students shouted— "Divine." For them, he is the poster boy of Indian hip-hop. Dancers on the campus are also performing to the tunes of Divine's rap. Like students of other institutes, IITians have their own list of stress-buster songs, mostly drawn from Bollywood. Latest hits like 'Aankh Marey, Zingit,' and 'Apna Time Ayega' are the most-played tracks in the canteen and community centre.



SCHOOL MAGAZINE

# 'Activities must for students'

Express Features

Today, children want to learn new things. They are sharper and more active than the previous generations. That's what the principal of Guru Nanak English Medium Public school, Madhumita Sahoo, believes. "We must have proper feeding for their active brain. In our school, we try to engage them in various kinds of activities, including dance, music sports, yoga and self defence. These activities keep them engaged both at school and home," she said.

The principal emphasises on the need to include self-defence training in the curriculum. She feels, it not just empowers the girl students to protect themselves from any form of abuse but also teaches them to love and respect their bodies.

She also insists that moral values are mandatory for imparting holistic education to the students. "We nurture our students to have a spiritual bent of mind so that they will be able to differentiate between the good and the bad things. And, take the right path!" she adds.

Plans for expansion

The co-educational institution will soon launch its new branch near Uttara Chhak with a bigger building. The new campus will be equipped with all modern facilities.

At present, the existing campus is located at the heart of city. It was established in 1990. The school has been consistently focusing on quality education.

Trained teachers and digital classrooms make the learning process of the children interesting and enjoyable. The school provides excellent education to children of all communities at affordable fees.



Madhumita Sahoo, Principal

Achiever's diary

In 2018-2019 session, several students brought laurel to the school. Adarsh Mohanty and Gayatri Behera stood first in Maths and English SOF Olympiad at the global level. Many students were selected for second level exam. Sanskruti Priyadarshini and Smruti Simran Das bagged first and second prizes in essay competition organised by Tata Building India Competition. Saishree Sahoo got first prize in Abacus competition and second prize in storytelling competition organised by Kasturba Nari Mahal.

Sipra Sagarika Sahoo, Gagan Kumar and Ritesh Kumar Sahoo fetched medals in various events organised by Reliance Youth Sports. Sipra Sagarika also participated in the district level athletic meet. She was a member of the district level kabaddi team.



IETA CHAPTER STARTS AT GIFT

The Odisha chapter of Indian Engineering Teachers' Association (IETA) was inaugurated at Gandhi Institute For Technology (GIFT), Bhubaneswar. Indian engineering Teachers' Association is a non-profitable organization. The main objective of the organization is to bridge the gap between Academics and Industry. It aims at providing a platform to engineering and management students to learn about the demands of the industry, which constantly changes according to global scenario. It facilitates to conduct FDPs on Emerging Technology on regular basis and it also conducts B.Tech and MCA projects.

## CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

ICCR celebrates foundation day



ICCR Bhubaneswar celebrated "ICCR Foundation Day- 2019" in collaboration with Ravenshaw University, Cuttack at Annex-II auditorium, Convention Centre of the university. The event was inaugurated by A K Dash, registrar, along with the council of deans of Ravenshaw University and professor Sangeeta Rath. A brief account on the life and works of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, founder of ICCR, was put forth by the varsity's registrar. A short documentary film made on ICCR was also screened. Students of ICCR presented

cultural performances on the occasion. A foreign student performed Odissi, while a group enthralled the audience with their Gotipua performance. The event ended with a stellar performance by a prominent folk dance and music group, Aradhana Dance Academy, Bhubaneswar.

Sustainable partnership for IIT

IIT Bhubaneswar will partner with Association for Overseas Technical Co-operation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS), an organization for human resources development to promote technical co-operation. The AOTS is established under the Japanese Government, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and currently functions as their policy implementations organizations in the field of Industry and HR Development in developing countries as well as implements some self-sustainable-social business based projects in co-operation with Japanese companies. "The partnership will have a strong focus towards professional development of students, creation of multiple academic and business opportunities, including events to promote education, internships and employment for students. We would want to explore the broader -options beyond," professor RV Rajakumar, director, IIT BBS said.



Haier India introduces The Next Gen All Rounder PuriCool Range of Air Conditioners with built-in air purifier

Haier, the global leader in Home Appliances & Consumer Electronics and World's Number 1 brand in Major Appliances for 10 Consecutive Years\*, expands its customer-inspired innovative product portfolio by introducing the revolutionary PuriCool range of Air Conditioners with built-in air purifier in 5-star (HSU-12J55 DC INV & HSU-19J55 DC INV) and 3-star variants (HSU-12JW3 (DC INV) & HSU-19JW3 DC INV). The cutting-edge range of both 5-star i.e. HSU-12J55 DC INV and HSU-19J55 DC INV and 3-star HSU-12JW3 DC INV and HSU-19JW3 DC INV range of PuriCool Air conditioners are available in 1 and 1.5-ton cooling capacities. This new range of ACs features an inbuilt air purifier that omits the need of a separate air purifier at home. The Haier Self Purify function in the new ACs enables powerful air purification system with a highly effective IFD (Intense Field Dielectric) filter, automatic PM2.5 air quality detection and slide-able cruising module. The ACs offer a high CADR (Clean Air Delivery Rate) of 300m<sup>3</sup>/h. The new PuriCool range of ACs will also feature Haier's iconic Self-Cleaning Inverter Technology (SCIT) which enables automatic cleaning of the ACs evaporator by lowering the temperature to certain degrees and frosting the surface with 30% increased condensate water. With this feature, all the dirt is removed from the evaporator through a strong cold expansion force generated by frosting, which is further washed away through defrosting. It also assures anti-bacterial efficiency up to 99.9% that provides bacteria-free airflow for users with a long air-throw of up to 50 feet, resulting in hygienic and effective cooling.

Celebrate Pana Sankranti with Brand Factory's 'Unbranded to Branded' Festival

It's that time of the year where every state in India is gearing to celebrate Ugadi, Gudi Padwa, Bihu, Vishu, Puthandu, Baisakhi, Pohela Boishakh and Pana Sankranti to welcome the New Year. Festivities means shopping everything new and most importantly buying the best of fashion. With Brand Factory's 'Unbranded to Branded' Festival customers can save and at same time get some of the best national and international brands at a discounted price. Celebrating the New Year with all its customers, Brand Factory's 'Unbranded to Branded' Festival has been started from April 5, 2019 and will continue till April 14, 2019. Customers can exchange their old unbranded clothes, footwear, luggage and many fashion products and get Xchange discount vouchers which can be used for additional discounts apart from the ongoing offers in the store. Customers can enjoy smart shopping and save through the xchange discount vouchers that range from Rs.100 to a maximum of Rs. 500. In addition to this, customers will get up to 50% discount on shopping the popular brands.

## Business & Beyond

Bajaj Consumer Care Launches Bajaj Cool Almond Drops Hair Oil

Bajaj Consumer Care Ltd. (Formerly known as Bajaj Consumer Care Ltd.), one of the leading players in the light hair oil category, launched a new hair oil in the cooling oils segment, Bajaj Cool Almond Drops Hair Oil. Expanding its range of personal care products, Bajaj Consumer Care presents yet another novel product for the Indian consumer for the approaching hot summers. Bajaj Cool Almond Drops Hair Oil provides the benefits of cooling oil without the hassles and problems of stickiness. It is light and has a unique combination of sweet almond oil and Vitamin E to nourish the hair. It is also enriched with menthol and camphor that provide cooling and relax the body & mind.



Multi-Speciality Health Camp by Vedanta Hospital gets record numbers on World Health Day

Observing World Health Day with the theme 'Universal Health Coverage', Vedanta Limited's Lanjigarh unit organised a free multi-speciality health camp at Vedanta Hospital, Lanjigarh to reach the unreach in terms of access to quality healthcare. Held in collaboration with the District Health Department, over 600 villagers from three blocks in Kalahandi availed a wide range of medical services – all in one day. Through the day, the patients benefited from various medical services like ophthalmology, orthopaedic, dental, paediatric, ENT care, X-Ray and O&G treatment for serious diseases like tuberculosis, and general health check-up to name a few. Rakesh Mohan, COO – Vedanta, Lanjigarh unit was present with other senior Vedanta officials including Sanjay Agarwal, Director, Projects, Sunil Kumar Singh, General Manager, Expansion Projects, Vikash Binani, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Hemant Kumar Bhatia, Deputy Chief People Officer, Ravindra Kumar Dhang, Head , Spares & Services, Dr Akshaya Kumar Sahoo, Chief Medical Officer along with Vedanta Hospital staff members and members of the community development team.



Nokia 6.1 Plus, Nokia 2.1 and Nokia 1 now even more accessible than before

HMD Global, the home of Nokia phones, recently announced that the much-loved smartphones – the Nokia 6.1 Plus (6/64 GB variant), the Nokia 2.1 and the Nokia 1 – have now been made even more accessible for fans in India. Nokia 6.1 Plus (6/64GB variant) will now be available at a recommended best buy price of INR 16,999. Consumers can buy a Nokia 2.1 at a recommended best buy price of INR 5,499; and Nokia 1 at a recommended best buy price of just INR 3,999. All phones are available across top mobile retailers in India and on Nokia.com/phones. The supercharged Nokia 2.1 has a bigger 5.5" HD screen and dual front facing stereo speakers. It has 5MP front-facing selfie snapper and BMP rear camera with auto focus. The Nokia 2.1 also runs the latest Android 9 Pie.

