

Students are encouraged to be involved in Sports, cultural and social activities. There are 11 clubs namely Dance Club, Arts Club, Public Speaking & Literary Club, Music Club, Drama Club, Social & Environment's Club, Photography Club, Sports Club, Design Club, Fashion Club and Quiz club. The following were some of the important activities held during the academic year 2018-19:

The Social and Environment Club

Social and Environment club organized many activities during the academic year 2018-19, the activities are given below:

Organic Farming - Organic Farming is held weekly in the organic farm and ladyfingers, cucumbers, potatoes, chillies, tomatoes, beans, bottle gourds, etc, were grown near the tennis court. The students are educated about the benefits of growing food organically. The produce is distributed among the volunteers and the faculty members. Every week, new seeds are planted or maintained, and the current crops are harvested.

Newspaper Paper Bags- Through this initiative, the club aims to replace the plastic bags present in the grocery shop of campus, Mini Mart with newspaper bags handmade by the dedicated group of student volunteers.

This ambitious initiative is currently in its 15th week and the students are receiving excellent responses from the people thanks to the support from the minimart staff and of course from the group of volunteers.

The volunteers are asked to make 5 bags minimum every week and they are submitted in a batch of 25 bags every 4 days to the minimart. Students also meet up in a common hour every week to make the bags together.

Mental Health Awareness Workshop - A mental health awareness workshop was organized by the club on 23rd September 2018. The workshop aimed to promote conversations about mental health and help in ending the stigma surrounding mental health. Students were invited to come and engage in an open discussion with topics ranging from anxiety, peer pressure, self-harm, substance abuse and how to deal with these issues.

DaanUtsav – Joy of Giving Week - DaanUtsav, or the Joy of Giving week was held from 30th September to 4th October 2018. The event was organized by the Social and Environment Club. The club organized a clothes and detergents collection drive throughout the week. All the commodities donated by the students and faculty members will be given to the Red Crescent Society. A blood donation camp was also organized in association with Latifa Hospital during this week in which a lot of people volunteered to donate blood. At least, 100 units of blood were donated by the students and the faculty members.

English Classes - English classes are organized regularly to help the supporting staff improve their language skills. These classes help encourage and empower their communication skills. The enthusiasm shown by the supporting staff through their regular attendance and also by the student volunteers is commendable.

'MINDFULNESS' Workshop - A workshop on 'MINDFULNESS' was conducted by the Social and Environment Club on the 25th of November 2018. The main aim of the workshop was to spread awareness among students regarding mental health and encouraged them to take care of themselves. Activities like chocolate tasting, impromptu theatre and coloring were conducted by life coach Shreya Maheshwari. Students also had a personal one to one session with the life coach to discuss about any other personal issue.

MAD club also collaborated with other clubs on this day to raise awareness. 'Shades' held a pink card making competition for cancer patients. 'Expressions' kept a stall where students could write letters or words of support to breast cancer patients. 'Groove' and 'Trebel' also performed and showcased their support. Cupcakes with Pink frosting were also sold to students as part of 'Pink Day'.

Christmas Breakfast - On 25th December 18, the club hosted a Christmas Breakfast for around 45 members of the supporting staff of the institute as a token of appreciation. Food boxes were distributed along with tea to each one of them to spread the "Festive Joy".

Spectrum- On 26th April 2019, The Social and Environment Club of BITS Pilani, Dubai campus organized one of the most inspirational events, Spectrum 2018. An event to spread happiness amongst the special needs students, it gave BPDC students an opportunity to view and be a part of the world through someone else's eyes. The theme for Spectrum was based on Winnie the Pooh and his friends in the Hundred Acre Wood. The event was inaugurated with the lighting of the auspicious lamp by the Dean of Student Welfare, Dr. Priti Bajpai, the faculty in charge of the club, Dr. Geetha and the office bearers of the club. It was followed by a short welcoming speech. The campus students also sang and

danced for the little ones. Over 120 students volunteered to organize activities such as games, singing, sketching, dancing and painting in which 140 students from Senses Centre, Al Noor training Centre, Manzil Centre, stepping stones Centre and National Institute of Vocational Education- participated and won several prizes. Smiles erupted on the faces of the children when they were awarded goodie bags full of exciting things and medals to appreciate and recognize their efforts. The event was a great success as it was able to achieve its primary goal of bringing happiness amongst those little princes and princesses and it also taught BPDC students, the virtue of showing gratitude and love.

Bag of Love - Bag of love, an initiative by The Social and Environment club was held on 1st May 2019. It was an event to appreciate the efforts of the support staff and security, throughout the year. They ensure that the campus is kept in safe hands, so that it functions smoothly. The event was held under the presence of the Director Prof. Dr. R. N. Saha, Dr. Geetha, office bearers and members of the club. The Director and the President of the club, shared a few words to appreciate the efforts of the support staff and security members. It was followed by the distribution of gift bags, containing everyday items such as snacks, juices and other household items. The purpose of the event was to bring smiles on the faces of the support staff and club members ensured that they were able to achieve that.

Valentine's Day- On 14th February 2019, the club had set up a stall to spread love and raise funds for 'Spectrum' as well. A stall was set up by the students which sold handmade cards, roses, donuts, cupcakes and chocolates. One could decorate the cupcakes themselves and send it to their loved ones anonymously as well!

International Women's Day - International Women's Day is celebrated globally on March 8th. The Social and Environment conducted a workshop on Women's health in general on March 7th, 2019 in G-34 from 12 to 1 pm as part of this occasion. It was conducted by Dr Lakshmi who is a practising gynaecologist in Zulekha Hospital who educated the attendees about the general illnesses prone to women. The officers bearers also asked the faculty and the staffs which female role model they would like dedicate this day to and it was posted as a collage on social media. The club also put up posters of unknown and obscure women around the world in different areas of the campus. It was the day to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women

DEWA Walkathon 2019 - On the 30th of March 19, few students of BPDC had come along and participated in the Walkathon organized by DEWA an occasion of Earth Hour in Mersai Promenade in Business Bay. The walk aimed at creating awareness towards fighting climate change. There were various stalls and fun activities in the venue along the walk.

Dubai Cares Walk for Education 2019 - Dubai Cares organized a walk for education on the 15th of February 19 at 8 am. It is a fund raiser involving a 3km walk in solidarity with the millions of children in developing countries who walk long distances on a daily basis to go to school. Our students participated in the walk and in the various stalls held in the park.

Earth Day 2019 - Earth Day is celebrated globally on April 22nd every year. This year the Social and Environment club provided handmade pen stands made with ice-cream sticks to the faculty. Booklets made from recycled test sheets were distributed among the students throughout the day. There was also a tree plantation which was officiated by the Director of the campus on the hostel ground behind the library.

Dandiya Night - The Social and Environmental Club held one of its most important events, Dandiya Night, on 18th October, 2018. Around 300 students from all 4 years participated in this fun filled event. All this could only be possible due to the tremendous efforts put in by the club members and volunteers and the constant support of the faculty. This event facilitates Spectrum, an event held every 2nd semester, for individuals with special needs who would be visiting our campus from different schools. It was a fun night filled with dance and music along with a photo booth and various games. All attendees were provided food boxes after the event.

Blood Donation Camp - As part of 'DaanUtsav', the Social and Environment club organized a blood donation camp in association with Latifa Hospital on 3rd October 2018 and 31st March 2019. A team of professionals from Latifa Hospital visited the campus to conduct the blood donation camp. This year, a lot of students and support staff turned up to show their support for their event and a 100 units of blood were donated which was a new record set by the club. This ensured that the objective of the event was met and it was declared a success.

Pink Day - Every year, the month of October is commemorated as the International Breast Cancer Awareness month. This year, the Social and Environment Club held 'Pink Day' on 31st October, 2018 as part of Breast Cancer Awareness on our campus. Students and faculty members were given ribbons as a symbolic gesture and were also encouraged to wear pink or white to show their support. There were stalls present for nail art and henna design and cupcakes with

pink frosting were sold among students. Two student dance groups also performed to showcase their support on Pink Day.

Teacher's Day 2018 - Teacher's Day is celebrated every year on 5th September 2018. The Social and Environment club, gave cards to all the faculty members as a token of appreciation for the hard work and dedication.

The Public Speaking and Literary Club

Toastmasters debate contest: In the Inter Club Debate Contest, a division level toastmasters debate contest which was conducted on 16th November in American University in the Emirates. There were a total of 18 teams participating, including five star clubs such as ICAT Toastmasters Club, Emirates Toastmasters Club and Friends of Yoga Toastmasters Club. Among the participants were also teams from advanced clubs like Dubai Advanced Toastmasters Club and DIC Advanced Toastmasters Club. All contestants were not only much older than us but also more experienced toastmasters. Our team from BITS Dubai Toastmasters Club was the youngest team. The event had a preliminary round with 18 teams. Top 8 teams qualified for the next round, including the team from BITS. Next, the top 3 teams with the highest scores were shortlisted. After intense debating with just 10 minutes to prepare, BITS Dubai team was announced as the champions of the Division-F Inter Club Debate Contest.

BITSMUN 2018

Model United Nations (MUN) is a student simulation of the proceedings of the United Nations in the form of a two day conference. Students, referred to as Delegates, are assigned a country to represent in one of the UN's numerous committees with pre-set topics to debate. The goal is to identify solutions, by negotiation and consensus, on which many countries can agree. For the first time ever, Expressions brought the BITSMUN to BITS Pilani Dubai on the 17th and 18th of October 2018. The conference lived up to all the expectations and also stayed true to the foundational qualities of BITS Pilani, namely Innovate, Achieve and Lead. Conference hosted 6 schools and 5 universities from Dubai and Sharjah with a total of 150 participants including our BPDC students. The three UN committees which were simulated in this year's conference were the General Assembly which discussed and proposed a Draft Resolution for China's One Belt One Road initiative, the Security council which dreamt of and succeeded in introducing renewed control over the Conflict in the Arctic Region and also the UNESCO which labored to push new ideas of rehabilitation during post war efforts. Every participant in the conference went through the rigorous process of researching his/her country's foreign policy, drafting a position paper on the agenda at hand, giving the opening address to the respective committee, lobbying with fellow delegates, drafting an exhaustive Draft Resolution which resolved the matter at hand and passing it in his/her committee with a winning majority. The exercise proved to be extremely fruitful for all students and each one of them took back many memories, lessons and experiences to cherish from the two days.

Debate Competition: A debate competition was organized by American University in Emirates. Amongst the 16 colleges participating and over 25 teams, the BITS team of Abirami Baalaji and Athul Krishnan came fourth. Sameeksha Amin and Karthik Vasudevan further continued the season of good performances by making it to the Semi-finals of the NYUAD regional debate championships. This team not only almost reached the finals, but their debates and personalities further the reputation of BITS Pilani Dubai Campus in the debating circuit. They also received special mention in the debate hosted by SP Jain University. "Devils Advocate" was well received during Enginuity. However, during Jashn, the Expressions event – Poetry Slam, had 18 teams participating from over 6 universities. We have received a lot of positive feedback about the event and plan on hosting another one next semester. The judges of the event have also been very supportive and offered to mentor the participants and help further their literary aspirations. The last event of the semester – the BITS Debating Championship- saw 20 participating teams from 6 universities. A BPDC team also participated in a competition in Heriot Watt University, Dubai during II Sem 2018-19.

Emirates Environmental Group Speaking Competition: Urvashi Sharma, Zaidan Umar, Shivank Gupta, Mahwish Kaur and Meeru Sudhir represented Expressions and EEE Department at the Emirates Environmental Group Speaking Competition during 27-28 November 2018 and spoke on the theme "The Future of Agriculture in the Middle East".

Other Events organized/participated in during 2018-19

- 30 debaters participated in the Inter year Debate (following British parliamentary format, post induction) and was organized by a committee of 4.

- 15 students participated in Shipwreck (Sparks): Students are given a particular fictional role and are asked to defend their character for the objective of surviving in the ship until the very end. They practice persuasion skills.
- 8 students participated in New York University Abu Dhabi – Annual Debate competition and one more was a Chair.
- A 4 member delegation participated in Amity University's MUN.
- 6 students participated in SP Jain's Debate Competition
- 6 students and a chair participated in Herriot Watt's Debate Competition
- 3 delegates and 4 chairs participated in Heriott Watt MUN.

Dance Club

During the academic year 2018-19, groove proved it's passion for dance by winning many laurels at intra and inter university level. Activities kicked off in style during the clubs introduction during Icebreakers followed by auditions for interested students for both, the eastern and western teams. Dance club activities during different months is as follows:

In the month of February with an entertaining performance at the Global Millennium Annual Meet held at BPDC. Shortly after, the auditions were announced and club gave a warm welcome to all the new members.

Sparks 2018, an intra-college event was held between 23 rd -25 st October, 2018. The dance competition for the fest was divided into 3 categories: Western Group Dance, Eastern Group Dance and Dancing Doubles. There were 11 teams for the eastern category, 2 for western and 8 for dancing doubles. The event was embraced by special performances delivered by the eastern and western team of Groove. There were many brilliant performances that left the audience awestruck. The group event was judged by AtulyaRajendran, DivyaRagunathan, and the Civil department faculty SreelakshmiBabu. Dancing doubles was judged by AtulyaRajendran and DivyaRagunathan. All of them are brilliant dancers and won countless awards for their breathtaking performances. All the judges were amazed at the splendid performances of the students. The non-stop cheering and support from the audience throughout depicted that they thoroughly enjoyed the event. The hard work, effort and time put in to making this event a success was both prominent and commendable. To sum it all up Sparks 2018 was a platform that displayed a colorful pallet of varied performances, where individuals and teams stepped out from the silhouette into the limelight. To say that an event so magnanimous in dance and spirit was merely a success would be an understatement.

In the month of November 2018 Groove also gave few entertaining performances during the EEE Department Meet and Greet held on November 19th, 2018 and also for Inaugural Ceremony of the BITS Sports Festival held on 25th

November 2018 . In the month of December 2018, students performed in ENGAGE 2018 held at BPDC on Dec 8 th 2018 and an entertaining performance was given by dance club students during this Alumni meet function.

The 2nd semester started off in the month of January 2019, with an entertaining performance for the Bio-Tech department day held at BPDC on January 27th 2019. Groove also performed for Enginuity on 7th Feb 2019. Shortly after, the auditions were announced and gave a warm welcome to all the new members.

Students performed at the Indian Consulate on 15th February 2019 during an interactive session between the consulate and the Indian students studying in the UAE.

The team bagged 1st position in both Solo and Western category at the IMT Inter-university competition held on 13th March 2019 and secured 1st and 2nd position in Solo and Western Category respectively at RIT Inter-university competition held on 21st March 2019.

The club secured 2nd position in Western category during the annual Inter-University cultural festival, **Jashn (15th-18th April 2019) organized by BPDC** and also secured 1st position in the duet category.

Dance club entertained and brought smiles to the faces of special needs children during **Spectrum (28th April 2019)** hosted by the Social and Environment Club.

A small performance was also done during the **Annual Day (29th April 2019)**, marking it as one of the most active year for the club.

Lastly, club bid adieu to the seniors at **Diro's Tea Party (2nd May 2019)**.

Drama Club

The Drama club, Paribhasha encourages budding actors and performers to showcase their talents by giving them a platform by hosting events.

During **Jashn 2019**, organized by BPDC, the club hosted two events – **Proscenium** and **Standup**.

1) In **Proscenium**, teams staged a play that was written and acted completely by the club members.

2) For **Standup** comedy, Students from universities all over Dubai, performed their standup acts and judges scored their performances.

The club hosted following events during **Sparks18**.

1) NukkadNatak (Street Play) is held during Sparks every year. Street play is an annual tradition of the club to hold street plays where social issues are highlighted and stories are depicted through plays which are performed outdoors.

2) A Twist in the Tale was held during Sparks. This event aimed to make contestants think on their feet by giving them a scene from a popular movie to start with and leaving the rest to their imagination and improvisation skills.

The club also participated in **WattFest- Master of Theatre Competition** which was organized by Heriot Watt University. The Team performed 'Jaa ne Bhi Do Yaaro'. The Team was Led by Zaid Ahmed Baig (Paribhasha President). It was a great experience for the actors as they gained valuable knowledge about theatre.

Apart from this another major event the club organized was **Bits Film Festival (BFF)**. Through this event aspiring film makers got a platform to compete against each other and showcase their work a larger audience.

Art Club

The Art Club "Shades" had been active in every major event of BITS Pilani Dubai campus in academic year 2018-2019. The major events and activities by the Art club are as follows:

Convocation(1st September, 2018): Art club individually had done Rangoli and all decorations connected with convocation ceremony.

Gandhi Jayanti (2nd October, 2018): Shades, The art club organized an art exhibition of portraits of Mahatma Gandhi and a rangoli done by our members to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of the father of our nation.

Pink day(30th October,2018): Shades, The Art Club conducted a monochromatic card competition, "Shades of Pink" on the occasion of Pink Day, organized by the Social and Environmental Club to spread awareness about breast cancer. The participants were asked to make a card about Breast cancer awareness using only one color, pink. Around 22 students participated in the competition. Out of 22 cards, best 5 cards were selected and given prizes. Certificates were given to the winners and volunteers.

Faculty Get together(16th November, 2018): A Faculty/ Staff get together was organized by the BPDC Staff recreational club members with family and friends. The art club members had done Rangoli and all decorations for the get together.

Origami Workshop(22nd November, 2018): An origami (paper folding) workshop was organized by the Art club. The workshop was conducted by Ms. Neeraja Narayanaswamy, 3rd year CS student. The session began with the basics of paper folding such as the types of folds and some basic structures like frogs, butterflies, lilies, etc. Towards the end, techniques to make a bow and a diamond were taught to the students gathered there. A certificate of appreciation was given to Ms. Neeraja for taking out her precious time to teach the basics of paper folding.

BITS Alumni Meet(8th December, 2018): The students from art club was involved in arranging a photo booth for the BITS Alumni Meet which was conducted to cherish their nostalgic memories during the college life of all the members and to reunite them.

ARTEX(27th and 28th March 2019): The annual intra-college art event was conducted by Shades. It's main event is Kalakriti, an Art exhibition, a show case of various forms of art like Oil painting, Acrylic painting, Water Colour painting, Poster Colour painting, Digital Art, Classroom art, Pencil Sketching, Oil pastels, Pen/ink art, Pencil color shading, Glass painting, Fabric painting, Embroidery, Pot designs, Best out of Waste (Junk Art). During Artex,

competitions like Rangoli making, Face painting, Henna designing, Origami, Clay modelling, Beg-borrow-steal, Blind art, Doodle god, etc were conducted for the students. Prizes and certificates were given to the winners.

Contribution during Conferences: Art club members did Rangoli and all decorations for the Conference for Mechanical Department and GISA .

Music Club

Following were the activities of the Musicclub Trebel of BITS Pilani Dubai campus. With the commencement of a new academic session this September 2018, The Club's first activity / performance of the year was on **Ice-Breakers '18**, where the club gave its formal introduction to all the Students, most importantly, the first year students. The Introduction was followed by an enthralling performance by the existing members of the club. The end of Icebreakers marked the beginning of the Registrations Process for the new academic year.

The Club organized all the Musical Events of Sparks '18, the intra university cultural festival which included events such as – Solo and Duet Singing (Eastern & Western), Beat boxing and Instrumental Competition. The Judges of the events were Reputed Local Artists, BITS Alumni and BITS Faculty.

Trebel represented BPDC in various inter-university festivals, namely IMT Vaudeville at the Institute of Management and Technology and Watt-fest at Heriot Watt University and Manipal carnival at the Manipal institute of technology also at Jashn 2019 organized by BPDC. Trebel also organized, Musical Events of JASHN 2019, the likes of which included Eastern Singing (Solo and Duet), Western Singing (Solo and Duet), Battle of the Bands and Instrumental Competition. BPDC team bagged first prize in Instrumental category, second prize in Solo singing both for Eastern and Western category and Duet singing in Western category. Third prize in Band and Duet singing Eastern category. All the Music Events witnessed huge participation from universities across Dubai.

The club then performed at the annual **Diro's tea party**, 2019 for the graduating batch, and impressed everyone with their performance.

Design Club

The club designed the year book for the outgoing batch. The club has been contributing in many ways such as: Graphic Design & Illustration done for various events organized by ACM - BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus, Team IFOR, ASME, Sports Club, Drama club, Astronomy Club, Quiz Club, Fashion club and the Editorial Board - BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus. The club is also involved in designing bulletin, brochures pamphlet etc for various events like Jashn, Sparks BSF etc.

Fashion Club

With the increase in popularity of the club and the shows along with the burden of maintaining a winning streak among interuniversity competitions, Allure members thrived to entertain the crowd and to teach those who are interested a sense of fashion and styling.

The academic year 2018-19 kick-started with a debut video during icebreakers, which was made by a well know videographer - HaseebLatheef. The next step was taken by making a Instagram handle " Allure fashion blog" where the followers were given ideas on how to carry themselves and how to dress for a particular event/season. The next event for the first semester was Sparks'18 in which the club organized two events;

Drape- which was conducted on **23rd of October 18**, it was a fashion designer's show where 5 participants brainstormed and came up with innovative designs to portray their ideology. (1st prize - Anna. 2nd prize - Zoha Ansari. 3rd prize - Mahwish Kaur. Best model - Syed Razaa Ali)

Mr& Ms. Sparks - being one of the most hyped events and the last of **Sparks '18(25th October 18)** included 16 participants (8 boys and 8 girls) wherein they competed with each other for the title. Other than the main titles there were other awards such as best dressed male/female and best model male/female. The newlings were trained and guided by the allure team for 3 weeks so as to prepare them for the show.

Mr.Sparks- Adnan Khan. **Ms.Sparks-** Meera. **Best male model-** Haris Patel. **Best female model-** SunidhiKashyap. **Best dressed male-** Abhishek. **Best dressed female-** Mary Sheryl

During the second semester, The first show of the year was participation by Panache, the BPDC team during an event organized by IMT, Vaudeville which was held on **14th of March 2019 at IMT**. The theme was "**Straight Outta Heaven**".

For Jashn19, for the event Drape BPDC designers won **1st and 3rd place**, (1st - Zoha Ansari and 3rd- Anna) And for Jashn19, fashion show which took place on **18th of April 2019**, BPDC team Allure acquired **2nd place** after losing to UOWD by just a difference of 0.5marks. The theme for Jashn was - "**Disney Villains**". Although the club Vice President, Anushka Singh still bagged the title of "**Best female model**" and won a **modeling contract** by **Fahad Kidwai** (Fashion designer & Producer)

All the activities were held under the able guidance of the faculty in-charge Dr. R Swarnalatha. The current members are Syed Razaa Ali, SagarChorera, Kaushal Sharma, Anushka Singh, DivyaGerra, NayanikaGoje, Raza Ali, Arjun Kamath, Nathan Monteiro, Adnan Khan, Rohan Modak, MeeraSudhir, Mary Sheryl Winnie, Simran Arora, SunidhiKashyap, TauqirWaqar, Rohan Modak, Sandra Nakshatra, ParthiPirta, Sanjana Gupta, Randa, Anna, Zainab Fatima Juddy and Priyanka Das Gupta.

Photography Club

During the year academic year 2018- 2019 the club covered many events like Jashn, Sparks, Recharge, Bits Sports Festival, Enginuity, Technofest, and also covered various Talks and workshops held by all the disciplines. A photography competition that was held during ENGINuity and prizes were sponsored by Nikon. First cut was a short film competition organized in collaboration with Paribhasha - The Drama Club, BITS Pilani Dubai Campus.

Quiz Club

The quizzing club of BITS Pilani – Dubai Campus, Flummoxed, had a very fruitful year where the club promoted and created a quizzing culture on campus by conducting numerous quizzing events, weekly quizzing sessions, and organizing quiz competitions in association with multiple corporate and academic entities. Some of them have been listed below:

TAPMI Quiz on The Beach: The quizzing club acted as a promoter for this event held at Manipal's Dubai Campus. BPDC team qualified for the international final for the fifth year in a row and flew to Manipal, India to compete in the International Finals.

Pop Fiesta: Held during the Sparks Festival 2018, this event saw over 30 participants from the university compete against each other in a quiz based on the pop culture events which took place in the past decade or so.

The Big Oh: Held during Enginuity 2019. The Big Oh was conducted in collaboration with ACM Chapter, BITS Pilani Dubai Campus as a quiz on all things science and tech. There was a prelim round and a final round. The event had an attendance of 60-70 students and prize money of AED 300 was awarded to the top 3 winning teams.

Quizzards by Flummoxed: During the second semester of 2018-2019, Flummoxed set up groups on WhatsApp and Instagram called Quizzards and initiated a program called "Question of the Day" where participants of the group could create and answer fun quiz questions on any topic just for kicks. There was no incentive involved or contest but was created for promoting quizzing as a fun social activity. The engagement over 3 months exceeded 300 participants and the average engagement per question was around 10-15 participants online.

Lights, Camera, Quiz: Held during BITS Film Festival 2019. LCQ was conducted in collaboration with Paribhasha, the Drama Club as a quiz on all things film: Hollywood and Bollywood. There was a prelim round and a final round. The event had an attendance of 70-80 students and certificates were awarded to the top 3 winning teams.

Quiz Du Fromage: Held during Jashn 2019. QDF was conducted as a quiz on all things food: Multiple cuisines and Culinary facts. There was a prelim round and a final round. The event had an attendance of 70-80 students and certificates were awarded to the top 3 winning teams.

Tata Crucibles: An event held in partnership with the wildly successful Tata Crucibles Campus Edition team saw over 500 participants from universities across the UAE compete against each other to win cash prizes worth upto 30,000 AED. Our university was placed second in the competition, with 5 out of 8 final seats occupied by BPDC students. ShaleenBengani and JiteshPrasad Guravrepresented the region in the International Finals.

Sports Club

The Sports Club at BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus has always tried to promote, develop and improve the quality of sports as well as the facilities involving these sports. In 2019 sports club organized the following sports activities:-

1) Inter-Year Tournaments:

Sports Club organized Inter Year/Class tournaments for both boys and girls in Cricket, Tennis, Football, Table-Tennis, Throw ball, Badminton, Chess, Carom, Handball, Basketball, Athletics (Field & Track) and Volleyball.

3) Inter-University Tournaments:

a) Scottish Highland Games –

BPDC students participated in the SHG Sports cup held at Heriot Watt-Dubai on 2nd to 6th February 2019.

Table Tennis (Boys) – Second Place, Tug of War (Mixed) - First Place.

b) Gulf Medical University Sports Meet -

BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus participated in GMU Sports Festival organized by GMU from February 9th to February 14th 2019. The following are the results:

Throw ball (Girls) – First Place, Cricket (Girls) – First Place, Badminton (Girls) – First Place, Table Tennis (Girls) – Second Place, Tennis (Boys) – First Place and secured 5 golds in swimming event (Boys and girls).

c) Manipal Sports Fest –

BPDC students participated in the Manipal sports Festival – 2019 held at Manipal University-Dubai on 24th to 28th February 2019. The following are the results: Chess (Boys) – First Place, Chess (Girls) – First Place, Throwball (Girls) – First Place, Cricket (Girls) – Second Place, Basketball (Boys) – Second Place and Badminton (Girls) – Second Place.

d) National Indoor Football Sports Competition -

BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus participated in National Indoor Football Sports Competition organized by RAKMHSU 7th March 2019, where 10 universities participated. The college Football team secured the Third position.

e) Vaudeville'2019 -

BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus participated in Vaudeville Sports Competition organized by IMT Dubai on 11th March 2019. The following are the results: Chess (Boys) – Winners

f) Inter-University Swimming Gala -

BITS Pilani Dubai Campus participated in the Swimming Gala organized by Abu Dhabi University at Al Ain on 2nd March 2019.

g) Amity Sports Fest –

BPDC students participated in the Amity Sports Festival – 2019 held at Amity University-Dubai on 10th March to 14th March 2019. The following are the results: Throwball girls – Winners, Basketball boys - Runner-up, Cricket girls – Winners, Cricket boys - Runner-up, Athletics: 400m (Girls) - Third place, 100m (Girls) - Second place, 200m (Boys) - Third place, 800m (Girls) - Third place and 4x100m (Girls) - Second place.

4) Intra-College Staff and Faculty Sports Tournament:

Staff and Faculty sports tournament was conducted by the Sports Club in April 2019 and featured Badminton, Volleyball, Table-Tennis, Carom and Chess as categories of participations.

5) Inter- Year Boxing Championship:

Annual sports day, Inter-Year Prize Distribution Ceremony: On 5th and 6th May 2019 organized Mega event Boxing Finals followed by sports awards ceremony. Medals were handed out to the winners of the intra-university sports events including field and track events, cricket, throw-ball, volleyball, football, badminton, chess and table tennis. Director Dr. R.N. Saha presided the ceremony as the chief guest and gave away the prizes. Also best Sports persons from each Sport were awarded Best Player Trophies. Also, Faculty and Staff Sports Tournaments award ceremony was held the same day.

Recharge- 2019: Sports Club was responsible for conducting all the Sports Events for the Hostel Week Celebrations in Recharge- 2019. A total of 20 categories of various sports with over 400 participants were conducted in a span of 5 days.