

The Event Management Committee which is a part of Student Council organizes many Inter and Intra university festivals. The major events held during the Academic year 2018-2019 are given below:

JASHN 2019

JASHN 2019 which is one of UAE largest inter university cultural festival. It started with a bang as Zakir Khan took stage and ended with the celebration of the semester as Sunburn transformed BPDC into UAE's first ever Sunburn Campus. A huge crowd of around 2500 students from various universities attended the program. The various clubs of BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus organized different events during the cultural fest which comprised of dance, drama, music, literary and art events to name a few. Participants included students from American University of Sharjah, American University of Dubai, BITRAK, Manipal University, Middlesex University, and Canadian University of Dubai, Amity University, IMT and Herriot Watt University etc. Events like Dance Drama, E Quiz, Battle of DJs, Battle of Bands, Pixels, Devil's Advocate, Singing, Short film, Fashion Show, etc were held.

Hostel Week Celebrations 2019

Hostel Week "Recharge" was celebrated with a lot of fanfare in the Dubai Campus starting from 3rd to 8th March 2019, it was a week long affair of fun activities for the hostel students. A special menu was prepared for the week for hostel students. Fun activities like Beg Borrow Steal, Blind Hit, Musical Chairs, Tug of Wars, Eating Competition, Antakshri, Tambola, Kho Kho, Bathroom singing and many outdoor sports were organized. Indoor activities such as chess, carom, badminton and table tennis were organized as well. There was a huge response and participation involved by the hostel students, wardens and the staff. On the final day of the celebrations, a program was organized in the football ground. Prizes were distributed to the winners of the various events and various hostel students displayed their skills by dancing and singing on stage. The hostel staff was also honored during the event. A grand Buffet dinner was organized after the closing ceremony which marked the end of the celebrations.

Farewell Party 2019

The 'DIROS Tea Party, a farewell party to the passing batch was organized by Student Welfare division on 10th of May 2018. The event began with Department photographs being clicked with the respective department faculty. A program was then organized in the auditorium to bid farewell to the graduating students. The graduating batch and faculty members attended the ceremony. A dance performance by the Dance Club and music performance by music club entertained the gathering. A lot of fun games were arranged and gifts were awarded to the winners of the games. A 15kg cake was cut by the students. The farewell ended with a dinner and on an emotional note. The Party was indeed one that is kept as a memorable and special day to the passing out batch. Students arrived dresses at their very best to Diros Tea Party and the party ended on an emotional note.

Welcome Party:

ICE BREAKERS was held on 10th September 2019. The program started with a tree plantation by the freshers and a block of ice was broken by seniors and juniors. Seniors welcomed the freshers and they interacted with each other. Presentations by all clubs were done to familiarize with the club activities & associations. There were different performances by the clubs and the freshers also performed.

SPARKS 2018:

Sparks, an Intra College Cultural Festival which is organised every year in the month of October. Sparks was organised from 24th October to 25th October 2018. The event was a great success with over 350 participants participating in 12 different events organised by over 9 different clubs of BITS Pilani Dubai Campus. The event was organised by Student Council and Event Management Committee, BITS Pilani Dubai Campus with the help of around 70 Volunteers.

DAY 1

The event started with the lighting of the lamp which was done by Director Prof. R.N.Saha, Dr. Priti Bajpai, and Student Council, followed by Group Dance. After Group Dance, the Event was followed by the Special Performance by the four stand-up comedians. They all have performed for various college festivals across Gulf. They have performed as opening artist alongside famous Indian comedians like Kanan Gill, BiswaKalayanRath and Zakir Khan. Last event for the day was the Dancing Doubles.

DAY 2

Day 2 started with the musical event - Instrumental and Beat Boxing which was followed by quiz event Pop Fiesta (Prelims and Finals). Next event on the line was Eastern Singing (Solo and Duet) followed by NukkadNatak - Street play and a fashion club event Drape.

DAY 3

The first event of the Last day was The Twist in the Tale organised by the Paribhasha (Drama Club) followed by the Ship Wreck and Stranger Games which was organised by BPDC Unplugged. Next in the line for the day were Western Singing (Solo and Duet) and the most exciting event Mr. and Miss. Sparks. Sparks 2018 ended with a special performance by DJ Ramy who is one of the famous DJ's in Dubai and has performed in various music festivals across UAE.

Ethnic Day 2018:

The Student Council and Event Management Committee of BITS Pilani Dubai Campus organized Ethnic Day, one of the most awaited events of the year, on 5 November 2018. Every year, the Ethnic day is celebrated on the occasion of the Foundation day of the Institute. The campus was decked with vivid hues and the multi-cultural environment. The campus was on full display as the students flaunted their ethnic pride with their traditional attires. The day concluded with the vivacious performances of both the students and faculty members of the Institute, apart from the various other fun events lined up throughout the day to keep them mesmerized.

Gandhi Jayanti Celebration:

BITS Pilani Dubai Campus celebrated Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October 2018, to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of the father of nation "Mahatma Gandhi". The event started with the lighting of the lamp. It was followed by one of Gandhiji's favorite bhajan "Vaishnav Jan To" by music club (Trebel). Next the drama club of the campus Paribhasha, presented a street play idolizing the values and principles of Gandhi ji. It reflected the life of Gandhi ji, his struggle for Indian independence through nonviolent resistance, his fight against racism and his love for the country. The event ended with floral tributes and prayers to Gandhiji's portrait by the Director, Prof. R. NSaha, faculty, staff and students. The portrait of Gandhi ji was painted by a student of the Campus. Apart from this Social and Environmental Club (Make a Difference) organized blood donation camp and Detergent & soap collection as a part of Dan Utsav. There was also an Art exhibition & Rangoli put up by Art Club (Shades) on the theme of Gandhi ji's ideology of truth and nonviolence. There was a huge involvement from students as a mark of respect to the Father of Nation.

Health Drive

To sensitize students on ill effects of junk food, many measures have and are being taken by BITS Pilani Dubai Campus. The menu was revised and items like Burgers and Cutlets which are prepared from frozen food were removed from the menu. A presentation and interactive session was conducted on 4 Oct'18 by Ms. Jinu Mary Prasad (Nutritionist & Dietician) guiding students and faculty on how to live a healthy lifestyle. Ms. Jinu being an inspiring personality has given various talks and regularly conducts workshops & sessions on healthy diet. She has participated in surveys conducted in different schools and colleges acknowledging deeper into the fact that where today's youth nutrition is lacking and how can they cope up with it. She started with brief introduction on balance diet further adding importance of proteins and carbs in our daily diet. She advised students about having meals in regular intervals, drinking minimum two and a half liters of water and long term effects of eating healthy food etc. She also suggested some ways to deal with stress and anxieties. During the session she covered all aspects of living healthy and positive lifestyle. She also answered some of the questions put up by students and faculty. Apart from this a BMI measuring machine was placed in the clinic around 80 faculty, staff and students measured their BMI. This talk was a great advantage to students as they got to understand that being healthy is not about having perfect body or losing weight it's about living healthy. October 18th to 18th November 2018, as part of BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus commitment to the Dubai Fitness Challenge, Sports Club of BPDC is organizing various group fitness activities for 30 Minutes every day (from 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm). To take the Fitness Challenge to a whole new level, Sports Club has called on board Naveen Arya- finalist of Dil Se Naache India Vale and of Dance India Dance fame, renowned fitness trainer- Rob Edmond- all the way from

UK and Yoga teacher Victoria from IAHV(International Association for Human Values) to show us how the fitness challenge is really done.

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 practicing gynecologist in Zulekha Hospital. The office bearers asked the faculty and the staffs which female role model they would like to dedicate this day to and it was posted as a collage on social media. Only when we bring everyone together especially women in society, we can grow and prosper. The club also put up posters of unappreciated 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.

Setting Goals for a Better Tomorrow

On 26th March 2019, a talk was held by Ms Rema Menon the professional counsellor. She talked about the importance of Setting Goals for a better tomorrow, highlighting the importance of setting goals than wishes. She encouraged students to share their goals with their parents as they will constantly remind them and keep a regular check on their progress. She also mentioned the importance of peers in staying motivated to their goals. She said hang out with those who would push you to stay committed and who you can reach out for help. Adaptive thinking also plays a major role in achieving your goals. Thinking right from the beginning that after graduating you have to support yourself will make you independent and responsible. The courses taught in college are just a skeleton which will make the base. She said it not always about the job, sometimes vision to what you are working is more important. At the end she encouraged the students to be passionate in whatever they do as passion is the key to success.

Visit to the Consulate General of India

The Consulate General of India, in Dubai invited Indian students from BITS Pilani Dubai Campus to the consulate on 15th February 2019. This was to welcome the Indian students studying in UAE Universities and also to share their views on issues faced by Indian students in the country. The event was initiated by lighting of diya by Deans of universities and the Consul General. A presentation was given by the consulate which listed the work handled by the consulate, it mentioned the rules and regulations to be followed by students and the steps taken by the Government of India in the field of Higher Education. The students were told to register on website www.madad.com and they also shared free helpline number in case of emergency. From BPDC, Dr Priti Bajpai and 15 students participated in the program. The students actively participated in the discussion with the Consul General. There was an open forum inviting questions and suggestions for amending the activities of consulate. Students and teachers discussed their problems regarding funding for projects, placements from Indian companies etc. A dance team of 7 students performed a classical dance.

The event concluded by vote of thanks.