



# Indian Institute of Technology Madras

## Office of International & Alumni Relations



### Inter IIT Nimbus Awards- Report

The Inter IIT Sports Meet is the heart and soul of the Indian Institute of Technology's sporting culture. Witnessing an assemblage of over 3000 athletes from all over the country, this annual face-off between the IITs holds the remarkable distinction of being the biggest and the oldest pan-IIT event. Fondly called the "Inter IIT", the Meet promises to be the congregation of immense talent, unparalleled endurance, willpower and hard work. Even with boisterous rivalry in store, with each IIT fighting it out for pride and prestige, mutual veneration and true sportsman spirit form the very gist of the Meet. Hosted in rotation by seven IITs every year, this is one true celebration every IITian looks forward to. With this sporting extravaganza into its 52nd edition this year, packed with a whopping number of 23 IITs participating, IIT Madras had the honour of setting the battlefield for the toughest and the fiercest competition in the history of the event.

Taking a tour of the thickly wooded IIT Madras campus, one is sure to meet **NIMBUS**, the nimble deer – the event mascot! Carved out of the Guindy National Park, IIT Madras is surrounded by various exotic flora and fauna. Out of all the exquisite creatures to which the campus is home, it's none other than the spotted deer that symbolizes the pride and honour of IIT Madras. The Deer, a beautiful animal, a symbol of dignity, gentleness and the ability to move through life and obstacles with grace and being nimble – that's where it derives its name – NIMBUS!

Besides the innate passion for sports that the Meet represents, the greatest 'feel' is perhaps for the social cause it stands for. Every year, the Inter IIT Sports Meet flags off with a social campaign at its very crux. This year's campaign, christened the "**Inter IIT Impact League** – a fitness charity walkathon", is sure to leave its mark in the history of the games. A pan IIT month long competition, the Inter IIT Impact League took off on 25<sup>th</sup> September and drew its glorious end on 24<sup>th</sup> October. Organized in association with Impactrun - a fitness plus charity app, the objective of the drive was to raise money for charity by walking and jogging. For every kilometer covered, 10 rupees was donated to a social cause. With over 5000 students from all the 23 IITs competing to raise money under the banner of their respective institutes, this relentless sincere effort truly paid off as the month-long initiative was able to finally raise a whopping sum of **Rs. 1.7 million!** The money raised is for nonprofits like Think foundation, Global shapers, Nasscom foundation and Grow trees, and is being used to overcome various social issues in the society.

The Meet encompasses two colossal events - the Aquatics Meet & the Main Meet. Ever since the grand conclusion of the the Aquatics Meet in October, and main meet from the 15th December to 23th December, it is truly one emotion that witnessed the exuberant resonance of over thousands of IITian heartbeats.

The Inter IIT Sports Meet has a vividly rich history of being graced by prominent personalities from all over the nation. The previous editions of the Meet have witnessed a terrific array of chief guests be it Sachin Tendulkar, Sushmita Sen, Mary Kom, Vijay Kumar, Dhanraj Pillai, Sushil Kumar, Bhakti Sharma or Virdhaval Khade. The 52nd edition of the Meet being no different, proudly follows this rich heritage. With Olympian swimmer and Arjuna Awardee, Rehan Poncha, presiding over as the chief guest for the 33rd Inter IIT Aquatics Meet, the 2017 chapter of the Meet took off a stark start. Adding to the glitz, **Viren Rasquinha**, former captain of India's national field hockey team, was the guest of honour for the Main Meet.

One distinctive feature of the Meet has always been the ever-increasing number of female athletes participating every year. This is one bold success story that the Meet has upheld with due pride and honour, so that it's deeply ingrained in its rich heritage. **This year, the Main Meet witnessed a total number of 2,330 students, 1,830 boys and 500 girls, competing in tournaments that are held in 11 different sports**, namely: Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Lawn Tennis, Squash, Table Tennis, Volleyball, and Weightlifting.

The Meet had the privilege of having two eminent women's from the sporting world for 52<sup>nd</sup> Inter-IIT - **Tanvie Hans & Sushila Chanu**. Tanvie Hans is one of the first Indian-origin player to play for the Tottenham Hotspurs team in the Football Association Women's Premier League and the first female player to compete in the male-dominated "The Amateur League" (TAL), in India. Sushila Chanu is the women's captain of the Indian National Hockey team. She has won the Asia Cup and have earned the qualification for next year's World Cup on merit. She will be leading India in 3 international events in 2018 namely Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, Asian Games Indonesia and Hockey World Cup India.

The Meet also saw a range of entertaining Professional shows that had people laughing in fits and literally rolling on their bellies laughing as Rahul Subramanian lit up the stage with his charismatic charm and spot on humor. Mr. Rahul Subramanian, a well-known comedian is is an ex-corporate brand manager from Mumbai. In his comparatively short time in comedy, he has already won national open mics at the Pajama Fest, Canvas Open Mics and East India Comedy Virgin Pants. Mr. Manoj Prabhakar headlined the event with an equally hilarious performance that also left the audience chortling with laughter. Another show that made the evening more memorable for the teams was The Indian Jam Project, a fusion platform, arranging and composing the Indianised adaptations of Hollywood scores, often by bombing them with their own compositions with both Indian and Western instruments.

The General Championship for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Inter-IIT Sports Meet 2017, was won by IIT Bombay, followed by IIT Madras and the 3<sup>rd</sup> position was bagged by IIT Kanpur. In the Men's category, IIT Bombay, Kanpur and Madras held the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions respectively. The Women's General Championship trophy was won by IIT Madras for the second time in a row, followed by IIT Bombay

winning the runner-up trophy and IIT Delhi taking back home the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up. The best player awards for both Men and Women were given in each sport

### **Records broken this year**

1. Shubham Yadav of IIT Delhi broke the previous meet record in high jump of 1.82 mts. by a margin of 8 cm- that is 190 cm.
2. Karunya Bhaskar of IIT Bombay, new meet record of high jump at 1.41 mts.
3. Dileep Pudi of IIT Delhi set a new record for 800 m running at 1.56 minutes. He also holds the records for 100m, 200m and 400m.
4. Weightlifting saw a total of 8 new records in 5 categories:  
In the above 77 category, the snatch lift record for 106 kg, 130 kg clean and jerk lift and a total of 239 kg. Lokesh Singh of IIT Kharagpur set records in all 3 disciplines.
5. Pawan Dhahiya of IIT Bombay, covered 200 mts in 22.0 seconds. (Men)
6. Pawan Dhahiya of IIT Bombay, covered 100 mts in 10.8 seconds. (Men)
7. Aman Pal of IIT Roorkee set a new record for Hammer throw men by touching 45.9 mts.
8. Trishna k Chengappa of IIT Roorkee creates an unrivalled record of 13.4 seconds for 100 m (Women).
9. IIT Roorkee women's 4\*100 m relay team made a record for completing the race in 56.4 seconds.
10. IIT Bombay men's 4\*100 m relay team made a record for completing the race in 43.4 seconds.
11. Naresh Naik of IIT Madras made a record for pole vault (Men) by leaping 3.8 mts.

### **OUR OFFICIAL LOGO**



Standing tall and proud right at the heart of IIT Madras, welcoming everyone - student and guest alike, with its gentle eyes and regal visage are the two iconic tuskers of the Gajendra Circle. Nothing could have represented this campus and all it stands for better than these majestic beasts, for it is said that whilst one tusker bids adieu to the graduates and salutes the alumni, the other welcomes the freshmen and watches over the scholars. This winter, however, the mastodons will raise their trunks to welcome IITians

from across the nation, to watch over them as they battle it out on the grounds, tracks, and sporting arenas, and wish them farewell as they march out these gates victor and vanquished.

It was only apt then that the Gajendra become an integral part of the logo. The tusker represents hospitality, warmth, vitality, perseverance, and vigor, embodying the spirit, not only of the host but also of every single participant who braved odds, faced challenges and trained hard to make their way here. The 52 also forms a golden cup, representing more than just the championship, the coveted trophy the victor takes home, but also the fact that each of you is a champion - every athlete, every sports person, every girl and boy who marched under the shade of every one of those flags that now flies and flutters in the skies of IIT Madras. After all, this is your game, our story.

### **OUR OFFICIAL MASCOT**



The wooded campus of IIT Madras, surrounded by the various exotic flora and fauna, is home to some of the most exquisite creatures. So don't be surprised if you see monkeys chattering, squirrels briskly running around and butterflies swarming all over because Nature thrives here in all her fiery glory. You know you are in IIT Madras when you see the elegant black bucks and spotted deer gliding past you with unmatched grace and elegance leaving you in awe.

Nimbus, our vivacious, young mascot was born out of all this. In selecting the deer as a mascot, the Inter IIT Organising Committee 2017, chose an animal closely associated with the Institute which could fairly symbolize the pride and honour of IIT Madras. The deer, a beautiful animal, a symbol of dignity, gentleness and the ability to move through life and obstacles with grace and being nimble. (Afterall don't we all need a little Baratheon spirit in us sometimes?) Nimbus, the feisty teenager is brimming with contagious zeal, passion, and excitement, taking challenges head on and still beaming from ear to ear, radiating positivity. She's more than eager to welcome you to IIT Madras and invigorate you as you craft your sporting legacy. The only question she has is - Are you ready?