

## Cultural Programmes: IIPS

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The Academic year (2017-18) started with a one week Cultural Fest, UMANG from 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August 2017. This is the first ever cultural festival organized by the students and staff of IIPS. On the first day, we had Extempore on interesting topics, both in Hindi and English separately. The evening indentified some very good speakers of IIPS who can engross audience with their impromptu deliberations. On the second day, a Quiz on Demography was planned by the students of the institute. Around 15 teams with 4 participants each, took part in the competition. The Quiz was arranged in 4 rounds with 2 power booster rounds. From audio visual to rapid fire, it was an interesting event, full of crowds. Day 3 was the Drawing competition. We were amazed to see some wonderful pieces of art. On Day 4 we had Treasure Hunt competition. With the theme of “Knowledge is Treasure”, the game started with more than 20 teams, with 3 players each. The teams were initially handed out 1 clue each that led them to the next clue and at last the final clue gave them a jumbled name of a demographer that the participants solved to reach to the treasure. The evening was fun filled with people running within the campus, searching for the clues and joyfully cheering each other. Even the audience enjoyed the game, watching the adrenaline rush of the students. Day 5, the last day of the cultural festival ended with another Quiz on ‘Culture and Entertainment’, organized by our non teaching staff members.



The event saw a lot of groups competing with 4 players in each team. The questions were interesting that tested the knowledge of the participants on all dimensions. The cultural fest saw a number of enthusiast participants and a cheerful audience each day. Students enjoyed UMANG after their class hours and got refreshed. The winners were awarded on the Foundation Day program on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.



The Foundation Day was celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> of August, 2017 in the IIPS campus. The welfare Committee distributed prizes on occasion of Foundation Day. The programme was packed with individual and group performances. The theme was “Unity in Diversity”. A Hindi play was scripted and performed by the students of first year. Different folk and regional dances were showcased, capturing the culture of different regions. There was Rouf dance of Jammu and Kashmir, Garba from Gujarat, Bhangra from Punjab, Lavani from Maharashtra, folk songs from Kerala and Manipur, Bihu from Assam, regional dance of Uttar Pradesh, Sambhalpuri dance from Orissa, Dhunuchi dance of West Bengal and the Kalbelia dance of Rajasthan. All participants delivered their performances with passion and vigor.



At the end of the programme, the tricolor was hoisted forming a human pyramid with an instrumental backdrop of Esraj. The programme received a standing ovation from the audience. The spellbound audience’s spontaneous chant “*Bharat Mata ki Jay*” “*Jai Hind*” was itself an appreciation for a fascinating programme.





The New Year 2018 was welcomed with celebrations on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. The cultural program had individual songs and dances in Bollywood tracks. Students of IIPS organized a ramp walk. There were dance performances on the theme “Old and New”. The appealing presentations of children of IIPS Staff members too were worth mentioning.

Members of IIPS enthusiastically participated in all the cultural events and we received full support from every corner of our institute.

