

A REPORT ON INITIUM 2024

INITIUM 2024, NHCE's intercollegiate literary fest, was held on 7th June 2024 with the theme "**Retro**". The fest, organized by the Literary Club and Art Club of New Horizon College of Engineering, brought together students from colleges across Bengaluru for a day of creative, cultural, and intellectual competition. The following events were conducted during INITIUM.

1. OPEN MIC – VINTAGE SHOWDOWN

Organizing Club: Literary Club

Date: 7th June, 2024

Timing: 11:00 AM – 1:15 PM

Venue: Open Stage, NHCE Campus

The Literary Club hosted a vibrant Open Mic event on the open stage, providing a platform for creative expression. Emcees Abhijna and Harshit welcomed the audience and introduced judges Ms. Pragati Sahoo and Mr. Mukund Chander. A total of 21 participants showcased talents spanning singing, stand-up comedy, rapping, beatbox, and multilingual poetry, drawing a large and enthusiastic crowd.

Winner: Nicale J

Runner-Up: Deepak Singh



2. AIRCRASH – HIROSHIMA NAGASAKI

Organizing Club: Literary Club

Date: 7th June, 2024

Timing: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Venue: Tejas Seminar Hall

Hosted by the Literary Club at the Tejas Seminar Hall, Aircrash saw 20 participants embody fictional and non-fictional characters competing for the last parachute on a crashing plane. Event coordinator Aditya PV and emcee Anagha N commenced proceedings, with INITIUM founder Mr. Ateeq serving as judge. Over three lively rounds, the mix of character wit and sharp dialogue kept the seminar hall packed with enthusiastic spectators.

Winners: Tom Alben & Abhay S – St. Joseph's University



3. DECLAMATION – ECHOES OF ERAS

Organizing Club: Literary Club

Date: 7th June, 2024

Timing: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Venue: Chanakya Seminar Hall, NHCE Campus

The Literary Club organized this thought-provoking oratory event at the Chanakya Seminar Hall. Emcee Anish welcomed the audience and introduced judge Ms. Indrani Medhi. Ten participants stepped into the shoes of iconic retro personalities — from John F. Kennedy to Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam — and captivated the audience with their voice modulation and confidence. Following the performances, Ms. Indrani shared words of wisdom with the audience.

Winner: Aaryan Aayush – St. Joseph's University

Runner-Up: Seniorita Paul – MVJCE





4. COSPLAY – RETRO RENDEZVOUS

Organizing Club: Literary Club

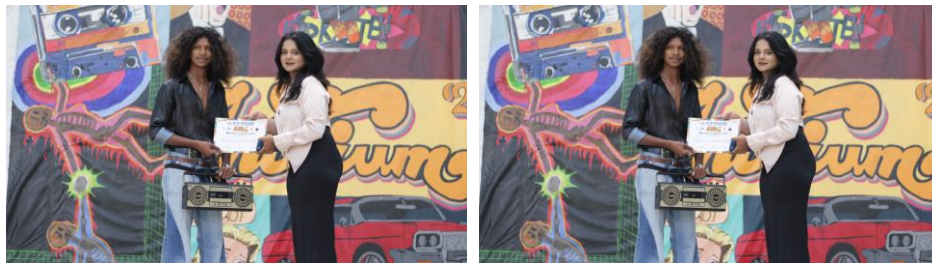
Date: 7th June, 2024

Timing: 1:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Venue: Open Stage, NHCE Campus

The Literary Club organized an exciting Cosplay event at the open stage celebrating retro fashion and creativity. Emcees Aadishesan and Harshit introduced judge Ms. Pragati Sahoo. Eleven participants embraced the retro theme with iconic costumes — bell bottoms, puffy hairstyles, classic hats, and vintage apparel — along with props like old-fashioned radios, transporting the audience to decades past.

Winners: Samrichard & Spoorthi S



5. F FOR FEUD – QUIZ

Organizing Club: Literary Club

Date: 7th June, 2024

Timing: 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Venue: Tejas Seminar Hall

This lively quiz event brought together 20 teams (40 participants) for a fast-paced game-show format. Quiz Master Chiranth kicked off proceedings and explained the 2v2 format, where teams scored based on the speed and accuracy of their answers. Teams advanced through rounds based on cumulative points, culminating in 2.5 hours of laughter and friendly competition.

Winner: Anirudh & Dikshit M – BNMIT

Runner-Up: Prajwal & Gagan – NHCE



6. PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE – CHAMBER OF THE PEOPLE

Organizing Club: Literary Club

Date: 7th June, 2024

Timing: 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Venue: MBA Classroom, NHCE

A dynamic parliamentary debate competition attracted participants from NHCE and several other colleges. The event was judged by a law student and a student from IIM, who provided insightful and constructive feedback. Throughout the day, participants tackled a wide range of timely topics spanning politics and economics, delivering well-researched arguments, sharp rebuttals, and confident public speaking that kept the atmosphere charged with enthusiasm.

7. ART CHARADES – PAINTING

Organizing Club: Art Club

Date: 7th June, 2024

Timing: 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Venue: Umbrella Canteen

The Art Club organized this creative team event as part of INITIUM '24. Eleven teams of two participated: one teammate was shown a picture for three minutes, described it to their partner, who then painted the image from memory. After an hour, the picture was revealed again for further refinement. The activity tested communication, memory, and creative skills in equal measure.

Winner: Pratyush Mangal & Ishita Sampat – NHCE

Runner-Up: Bhoomi Yadav & Sai Kruthi T – NHCE



8. GROUP SINGING – TREBLE MAKERS

Organizing Club: Literary Club

Date: 7th June, 2024

Theme: Retro

Venue: Auditorium, NHCE

One of the most anticipated events of INITIUM '24, Treble Makers saw groups from various colleges perform medleys spanning a wide range of complexities, all resonating with the Retro theme. The group from BMSCE impressed with their skillful execution of a challenging medley. The top honour went to Aarohan from CMRIT for their original patriotic composition, which stood out for its emotional depth and creative contemporary twist.

Winner: Aarohan – CMRIT

Runner-Up: BMSCE

9. SOLO INSTRUMENTAL – GAME OF TONES

Organizing Club: Literary Club

Date: 7th June, 2024

Theme: Retro

Venue: Auditorium, NHCE

Game of Tones celebrated the timeless appeal of instrumental music under the Retro theme. Guitarists, keyboardists, pianists, and violinists performed pieces ranging from classic rock and roll to soulful piano renditions. The standout performance came from Kanishk of NHCE, whose keyboard mastery captivated both judges and the audience.

Winner: Kanishk – NHCE (Keyboard)

Runner-Up: Varun – MVJCE (Keyboard)