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## CLUB ACTIVITIES

### Vaktavya Debate Club

Debates were conducted on the following topics:

- "Open access and intellectual property: Are Intellectual property derailing scientific progress?" on August 7, 2021
- "Harnessing Big Data at the cost of privacy is worth it" on August 21, 2021
- "College application resumes are a better way to gauge merit than entrance exams" on October 29, 2021
- "Healthy masculinity in the 21st Century" on November 19, 2021

### Drama and Music Club

- Spicmacay (Anubhav 3.0) DMC represented NISER in a weeklong online series of workshops organized by SPICMACAY (Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture amongst Youth)
- Represented NISER in VIRASATs (cultural festivals conceptualized by SPICMACAY, which feature renowned artists from diverse fields exhibiting some of their most exquisite performances).

### Oorna Nature Club

- "Know Your Snakes"- Talk by Avrajal Ghosh, PhD Research Scholar, SBS
- iNAT Project Documentation
- Titli Utsava (collaboration with Photography club): Species identification & Photography
- "Monitoring Long-lived Species"- Oorna Talk by Muralidharan M., Field Director in the Biodiversity and Monitoring Programme, Dakshin Foundation.

### Mathematics Club

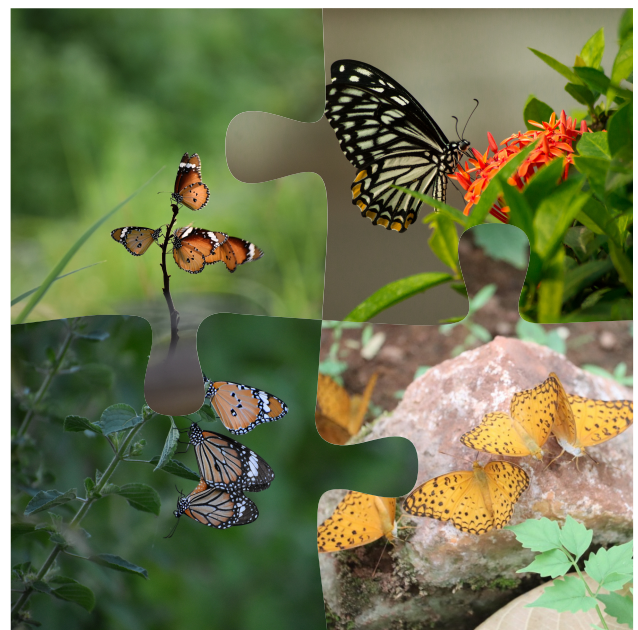
- "An Introduction to Knots" was a talk delivered by Ashwin Ayilliath Kutteri on September 4, 2021 (Student Research Seminar)
- Another talk entitled "A Journey with Numbers" was given by Aarjav Jogani on October 30, 2021 (Short undergraduate mathematics seminar)

### Arena eSports Club

- Intra NISER BGMI tournament: Several teams participated in the BGMI tournament conducted by Arena. It was live-streamed via Arena Discord server
- JOTO KANDO VALORANTE was conducted by IISER Berhampur, where two teams of NISER participated.

### Photography Club

- Monthly photography challenge series: Students were given themes on a monthly basis to showcase their photography skills by exploring the theme.
- Titli utsav, a collaborative event with the Oorna Nature club: It was a photography competition encouraging students to capture beautiful and rare species of butterflies in a given time frame.



## Astronomy Club

- NAC hosted COSNOVA (supported by NISER Outreach committee for cash prizes), an inter-college online Astronomy meet from October 29-31, 2021. The students from several colleges across India were invited to participate in unique astronomy events like Astro-treasure hunt, Logo-making, Short-video making, and Astro Quiz. Several professors from SPS and SEPS were judges of some of the events.
- Astro club hosted a NISER Astro Club talk series, which is currently covering the theme of the solar system. Swosti Prakash Sarangi of 2nd year, Integrated M.Sc., SPS, delivered a talk titled "Sun: The Literal Star of our Solar System" on October 23, 2021.
- The Editorial Board of the Club's Astronomy magazine "Kshitij" features an interview of Dr. Guneswar Thangjam.

## Science Activities Club

- Chemistry Student Talk- "Graphene- A Serendipitous Discovery" by Suritra Bandyopadhyay, SCS, B17 on September 18, 2021
- Physics Student Talk- "Black Holes and Photons around them" by Arshia Anjum, SPS, B19 on October 31, 2021
- Chemistry Alumni Talk- "Exploring Hydroxyl disproportionation reaction on Pt(111)" by Suman Bhaumik, B14, SCS on November 5, 2021.

## Institute Cultural Day : Roshni

A cultural night was organized by Students Gymkhana, where a lot of games like musical chairs, rangoli competition and diya decoration competitions were organized. DJ night was also organized.

