

# CLUB PRAKRITI - THE OFFICIAL NATURE AND ADVENTURE CLUB



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*We thank her for being a constant support to us. We hope we continue the legacy of the club under her counsel and remain enlightened by her wisdom for many years to come.*

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**CLUB PRAKRITI**

# MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

## ***Vision of the Club Prakriti***

*Implementation of sustainable solutions, developing leadership and ability to face challenges through nature, conservation and adventure related experiences that create social value for the community.*

## ***Mission of the Club Prakriti***

*To improve the quality of life by providing opportunities for taking up community and environmental responsibilities, developing leadership and ability to face challenges through adventure and nature related experiences.*

## ***Vision of the Organization (IBS Hyderabad)***

*To be a top ranking private university of choice for students, staff and corporates, recognized for excellence in Higher Education and Research especially relevant to social needs.*

## ***Mission of the Organization (IBS Hyderabad)***

*The mission of the University is to offer world class, innovative, career-oriented professional post graduate and undergraduate programs through inclusive technology-aided pedagogies to equip students with the requisite professional and life skills as well as social sensitivity and high sense of ethics. The University will strive to create an intellectually stimulating environment for Research, particularly into areas bearing on the socio-economic and cultural development of the state and the nation.*

Overall, the Eco Reverie event provided an opportunity for individuals to connect with nature, learn about environmental issues, and take action towards a more sustainable future.





## EVENT: ENVIROMENTAL DAY

### 5th June

Club Prakriti in collaboration with MACON - THE Enterprenuership cell

The Environmental Day event on June 5th was a collaborative effort between Club Prakriti and MACON, the Entrepreneurship Cell. The event celebrated World Environmental Day and featured a distinguished guest speaker, the CEO of Aryana Agricultural Alternative.

The event included a lecture on land restoration and desertification, highlighting the importance of environmental conservation. Participants learned about proper tree planting techniques and the significance of caring for trees.

The event was also attended by the Director of IBS Hyderabad, Dr. Venu Gopal Rao K S, who planted a tree along with the Student Activity Coordinator, Prof. Madhavi Garikaparthi. Other club members and students from the Institution Innovation Center (IIC) participated in the event, demonstrating their support for environmental initiatives.



# KNOW YOUR CLUB



On the 15th of June, all clubs at IBS Hyderabad conducted their "Know Your Club" (KYC) event, aimed at introducing the juniors to the various clubs and their domains.

Club Prakriti actively participated in this event by setting up a vibrant stall to showcase its activities and focus areas. To engage the juniors, the club displayed videos and posters highlighting past events related to nature conservation and environmental awareness.

Additionally, interactive games were organized at the stall to foster better engagement and provide a fun way for the juniors to understand the club's objectives and initiatives.

The event served as an excellent platform for Club Prakriti to connect with potential new members and introduce them to its vision and mission.



# TREK TO KHAJAGUDA

## 6th July 2024



The team of adventurous Prakritians along with 90 participants, set forward to a thrilling and adventurous trek to Khajaguda hills on **6th July, 2024** at 6 AM in the morning. **Professor Madhavi Garikaparthi** ma'am and **Mr. Shailendra Singh Bisht**, sir, Associate Professor at IBS Hyderabad, also served as a mentor for the journey, providing encouragement and bravery to get through the highs and lows.

Khajaguda Hills is situated in the heart of the Cyberabad area in Hyderabad, Telangana, India. This region is known for its prominence in the IT and technology sectors, and the Khajaguda Hills offer a scenic natural escape amid this bustling urban landscape. The hills are recognized for their picturesque views and are frequented by locals and tourists seeking a serene environment away from the city's hustle and bustle.

All participants were divided into two teams for the walk, and each team was required to visit three locations that the organisers had previously determined. At times, the journey proved to be quite difficult due to deep cracks and crevices that required the trekkers to pay close attention to every step they took. But after exhausting activities like scaling enormous rocks and strolling along rocky paths, the captivating views of the horizon and the city from a far-off height of the hills made it a highly alluring venture.

Along with these short but very varied activities, the Khajaguda hike also included rock climbing with ropes, scrambling up steep inclines, and squeezing through tiny spaces between rocks. The varied pathways and perplexing steps elevated the trek to a higher level of adventure and nature discovery, so it's safe to say that participants experienced a range of emotions throughout the journey, including perplexity and uncertainty. All who come to explore in the middle of nature will never forget the Khajaguda route, an all-around mystery of adventure.





# FRESHER'S WEEK EVENT: QUEST FOR THE IRON THRONE- 25TH JUNE



The "Quest for the Iron Throne - Trials of Valor" was held on 25th June 2024 at the football ground during Fresher's Week. Out of 15 clans, 14 clans participated, bringing together 28 players, split into teams of two. The event, designed to test teamwork, physical endurance, and strategy, was divided into two rounds.

Round 1, participants faced two challenges. The first, Hopping Hustlers, required each team to hop to the finish line while keeping their feet inside sacks. If any player stumbled or fell, they had to restart. Both the

teammates had to finish the race before proceeding to the next challenge. The performance was evaluated based on the time taken by each team, with their completion time being recorded. The faster a team completed the race, the better their chances of advancing. In Part 2 - **Blade and Balance**, teams were tasked with balancing a box between two swords while navigating a course. If the box fell, the team had to return to the start. Similar to Part 1, teams were evaluated on the time they took to complete the challenge. The combined times from both parts were recorded, and the five fastest teams advanced to the next round.

**Round 2 - The Iron Throne Quest** introduced a final test of coordination and communication. One player from each team was blindfolded and had to navigate an obstacle course, collecting four specific items (King's Robe, King's Scepter, Crown, and Casterly Rock) in sequence, guided by their partner seated on the Iron Throne. Once the items were collected, the seated player had to wear them in the correct order. The evaluation in this round was based on the total time taken to collect the items and dress the seated player. The **three teams with the fastest times** were declared the winners. Overall, the event lasted approximately two hours and was a resounding success, encouraging participants to work together while showcasing their competitive spirit

# RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS BATCH 2026

The recruitment of new members for Prakriti's Batch 2024-2026 took place on **8th and 9th July 2024**. The process aimed to identify talented and passionate individuals who aligned with the club's goals. A total of 87 candidates were interviewed, and **69 were selected** to join the club. The recruitment was conducted by **nine panels**, each comprising **three members**. The interview process consisted of two rounds.

In **Round 1**, candidates participated in a **personal interview**, where their knowledge, interests, and personality were evaluated. This round helped the panel understand the candidates' alignment with the club's objectives and assess their passion for environmental initiatives. **Round 2** was a **group task**, where candidates, in teams of five, were asked to plan an event related to Prakriti, such as a trek. This round tested their event planning, poster design, writing skills, operational capabilities, presentation skills, and teamwork. The group task provided insights into how well candidates could collaborate and execute tasks relevant to the club's activities.

This recruitment process ensured that the selected members not only possessed individual strengths but also demonstrated strong teamwork and creativity. The addition of these new members strengthens Prakriti, bringing in fresh perspectives and talent to further the club's mission.



# PRAKRITI INDUCTION 2024

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS WITH ENTHUSIASM AND TEAM SPIRIT



The **Prakriti Induction** for the new members was held on **12th July 2024**. The event began with the **senior team introducing themselves** to the new members, followed by the juniors introducing themselves to the group. It served as an introduction to the club, giving the new batch an overview of **Prakriti mission**, the various **events** organized by the club, and the structure of the **verticals**, including a detailed explanation of the roles and responsibilities within each vertical.

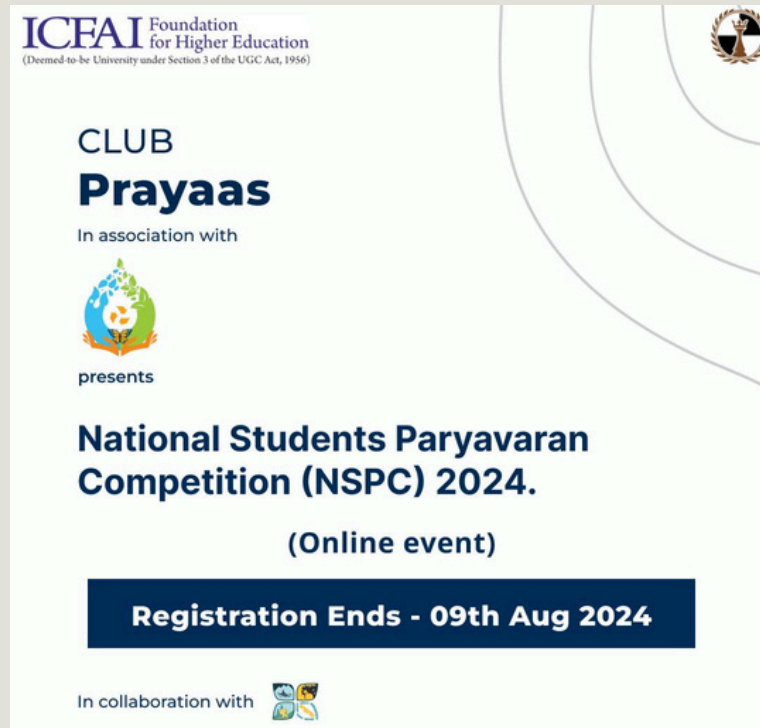
After the formal introductions, the event transitioned into a fun and interactive session where members played games such as **Dumb Charades** and **Guess the Word** with music on, creating a lively and engaging atmosphere.

To conclude the induction, **snacks were distributed** to the juniors, marking the end of a successful and enjoyable event that warmly welcomed the new members and set the tone for their journey with Prakriti.



# NATIONAL STUDENTS PARYAVARAN COMPETITION (NSPC) 2024

A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT FOR CLIMATE ACTION



On **1st August 2024**, **Club Prakriti**, The Official Nature and Adventure club, and **Prayaas**, the official Inter B-school and Corporate Events club, collaborated to organize the National Students Paryavaran Competition (NSPC) 2024. This event was aimed at raising awareness about environmental challenges, particularly climate change, and empowering students to take action. Climate change, which claims over 150,000 lives annually, was the central theme of the competition, encouraging participants to address pressing environmental issues.

The event offered participants the chance to explore environmental topics through a series of quizzes and tasks under the **Holistic Actions for Revival of Indian Traditions (HARIT)** framework. Participants were invited to join the nationwide network of environmental champions and were rewarded with **E-certificates** for their involvement.

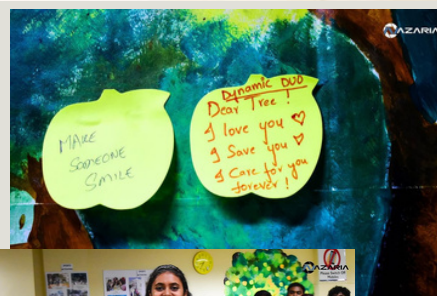
The event was well-organized and provided an engaging platform for students to contribute to climate action. Both clubs worked together effectively, showcasing the strength of collaboration between Prakriti's environmental focus and Prayaas' organizational expertise. The competition not only enhanced awareness but also fostered a sense of responsibility among students towards the environment.



# Adventure Arena

## The Introductory Event

On the 7th of August, Club Prakriti organized an introductory event called Adventure Arena for the junior batch of IBS Hyderabad. The event aimed to blend fun with environmental awareness and consisted of three engaging rounds. The first round involved puzzles with nature-related themes, while the second round featured tasks centered around earth and environmental topics. The final round challenged participants to spell the names of flower species that are facing extinction, raising awareness about biodiversity loss. The event successfully combined entertainment with education, providing participants with an enjoyable experience while learning about important environmental issues. Overall, Adventure Arena was a successful and impactful introduction to the club's activities.



# 75th VanMahotsav 2024

IBS Hyderabad's Club Prakriti proudly commemorates the successful completion of our plantation drive on August 9, 2024. This event was our contribution to the Telangana State's 75th Van Mahotsav celebrations—a nationwide initiative aimed at promoting environmental sustainability.

We were honored to have District Collector, Pratima Singh, IAS officer, and Additional Collector (Local bodies) Ranga Reddy, as our esteemed guests for the event. Their presence greatly boosted our efforts to create greener surroundings and work toward a more sustainable future.

Together, we planted over 1,000 saplings in the surrounding areas, symbolizing our commitment to environmental stewardship. This initiative took place in Mokila, and stands as a testament to our belief that collective action is crucial in addressing climate change and preserving our planet's natural resources.

As these saplings grow and flourish, so too will our efforts to build a more sustainable and resilient future. Let us continue to work together to protect our planet and ensure a healthier tomorrow for future generations.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our Student Activity Coordinator, Prof. Madhavi Garikaparthi, for providing this invaluable opportunity and for her unwavering guidance and encouragement.

#VanMahotsav2024





# NUKKAD NATAK "JAGRITI"

## A CALL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

On **September 12, 2024**, IBS Hyderabad's Club Prakriti, in **collaboration with XpressionZ Theatre Society**, successfully organized a **Nukkad Natak** titled **"Jagriti."** This impactful street play was an integral part of our ongoing efforts to raise awareness about critical environmental issues such as pollution, unregulated construction, water contamination, and the deteriorating condition of our planet.

The event aimed to inspire the IBS Hyderabad community to reflect on the consequences of human actions on the environment and encourage active participation in protecting nature. The street play highlighted the urgency of addressing environmental degradation and emphasized the need for every individual to become an eco-warrior, fighting to preserve the Earth for future generations.

**"Mulaqaat Zaroor Hogi,"** the tagline for the event, served as a powerful reminder of the inevitable encounter we will have with the consequences of environmental neglect. The Nukkad Natak was performed in the open, engaging the audience with its strong narrative and emotionally charged performance.

We extend our gratitude to the members of **XpressionZ Theatre Society** for their artistic collaboration, and to our audience for their enthusiastic participation. Special thanks are also due to our Student Activity Coordinator, Prof. Madhavi

Garikaparthi, for her continued support and encouragement.

Together, we reaffirm our commitment to promoting environmental awareness and inspiring positive action. Through initiatives like **"Jagriti,"** we aim to build a more conscious and eco-friendly society.



# KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND DIGITAL WORKSHOPS - EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

In July 2024, Club Prakriti took the initiative to organize a series of knowledge-sharing sessions aimed at helping our juniors enhance their academic and technical skills. These sessions, conducted by senior members of the club, provided valuable insights into both academics and technological skills, ensuring our juniors are well-equipped for their academic and extracurricular challenges.

## 1. BA Knowledge Sharing Sessions (14th & 15th July 2024)

On the 14th and 15th of July, senior members of Club Prakriti led interactive knowledge-sharing sessions for our juniors. The focus of these sessions was to assist them in clearing doubts and gaining a better understanding of the Business Analysis (BA) subject. This peer-to-peer learning experience created an open and supportive environment, allowing juniors to freely ask questions and seek guidance on complex topics. The sessions helped strengthen their foundation in BA, enabling them to approach their studies with greater confidence.

## 2. Digital Workshops: Poster Making & Editing (18th & 19th July 2024)

On the 18th and 19th of July, we expanded our knowledge-sharing efforts by conducting digital workshops that focused on creative skills. These workshops provided hands-on training on two essential design platforms: Canva and Photoshop. The sessions covered the basics of poster making, visual storytelling, and editing techniques, empowering participants to express themselves digitally. Juniors learned how to create eye-catching posters and edit images efficiently, skills that are invaluable for personal and professional growth in today's digital age.

Both workshops were highly engaging and well-received by the participants, as they not only learned technical skills but also gained confidence in using digital platforms for creative expression.

Through initiatives like these, we aim to create a collaborative environment where knowledge is shared, creativity is nurtured, and every student is empowered to reach their full potential.