

# NEWSLETTER



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# 1. GURUDAKSHINA

**F**or 30 years, IIT Guwahati has been a beacon of excellence in northeastern India, consistently ranked among the top 100 universities worldwide under 50 years. To keep pushing boundaries in knowledge, research, and innovation, we now invite you—our alumni—to join us in our mission.

Introducing Gurudakshina, a meaningful way for you to make an impact. Alumni can pledge one month's salary or 1% of business profits. Your support will directly uplift our endowment fund, provide vital student aid, and support projects that preserve the legacy of IIT Guwahati. Donations of Rs. 1 lakh or more will be celebrated at a public function, and donors will receive a framed certificate of recognition.

Your Impact:

- Endowment Fund: Supporting the next generation in learning, research, and campus development.
- Student Aid: Helping talented students reach their potential without financial hurdles.
- Batch Legacy: Unite with batchmates to leave a lasting legacy on campus.
- Emergency Fund: Providing timely help for the IITG family in times of need.

Through Gurudakshina, your contribution will create opportunities and secure IIT Guwahati's place as a powerhouse of knowledge. Let's keep the light shining brighter than ever!



## 2. CONVOCATION

**F**or the batch of 2024, 14th July, 2024 was a day of pride, celebration, and new beginnings. The 2023 students of our institute stood proudly, having transformed years of dedication into the degrees they now held. Faces beamed with excitement as they prepared to embark on the next chapter, inspired by the support of friends, family, and mentors.

This year's convocation ceremony was graced by Padma Shri Dr. Sridhar Vembu, Founder and CEO of Zoho Corporation. In total, 2023 degrees were conferred, including:

- 876 Bachelor of Technology
- 56 Bachelor of Design
- 54 Master of Arts
- 182 Master of Science
- 592 Master of Technology
- 63 Master of Design
- 34 Master of Science by Research
- 150 Doctor of Philosophy
- 16 Master of Business Administration

### **Medalists and Award Recipients:**

- President of India Gold Medal: Vedant Gaurang Shah (Roll No: 200101115)
- Governor of Assam Gold Medal (UG): Pranshu Kandoi (Roll No: 200101086)
- Governor of Assam Gold Medal (PG): Arpita Ray (Roll No: 224104205)
- Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma Gold Medal: Rethyam Gupta (Roll No: 200121043)

### **Institute Silver Medalists:**

- Grace Mary Matson (Roll No: 200102034)
- Goutham Jyothilal (Roll No: 200103047)
- Nandan Kumar (Roll No: 200104066)
- Megha K (Roll No: 200106044)
- Eshu Patel (Roll No: 200107026)
- Srishti Goel (Roll No: 200108053)
- Gilkara Arnav Naidu (Roll No: 200121018)
- Omkar Ganesh Chaudhari (Roll No: 200122042)
- Sarthak Diwan (Roll No: 200123076)
- Trisha Sharad Pawar (Roll No: 200205052)
- Anjana S (Roll No: 222241007)
- Tanya Kole (Roll No: 222242015)
- Geetanjali (Roll No: 224024005)
- Srinjoy Ghosh (Roll No: 222121049)
- Sonam Rani (Roll No: 222122048)
- Dibyendu Dey (Roll No: 222123019)



In an inspiring address to the graduating class, Dr. Sridhar Vembhu encouraged them to channel their knowledge toward the progress of society. "Education is a path to not only professional success but to become impactful citizens of the world," he remarked. "The future holds both challenges and opportunities, and it is your commitment to purpose that will help build a more inclusive, forward-thinking world." With heartfelt wishes and guidance, our new graduates are set to bring positive change, marking yet another milestone in our institute's journey of excellence.



### 3. PLACEMENT SEASON

After countless hours spent on quizzes, mid-semester exams, end-semester exams, labs, assignments, and projects, the moment the batch of 2024 had all been waiting for had finally arrived: the placement process. The eager students, once wide-eyed newcomers at one of the country's most prestigious institutions, now stood transformed, ready to embrace the next chapter of their lives. Dressed in professional outfits, with a mix of eager yet nervous feelings, the batch of 2024 was filled with enthusiasm as they prepared for the commencement of the much-anticipated 2023-24 placement session.

The placement session for the 2023-24 academic year began on December 1st, with nearly 260 companies from various sectors participating in the recruitment process. A total of 1,584 students registered for campus placements during this session.

The overall placement rate for B.Tech. and B.Des. students reached **78%**, with an average package of **₹25.75 lakhs per annum** (treated as CTC) for **B.Tech.** students and **₹36.17 lakhs per annum** (treated as CTC) for **B.Des.** students. For **M.Tech.** students, the average package offered was **₹14.55 lakhs per annum** (treated as CTC). The total placement percentage across all programs was **71%**.

The majority of students were placed in the software sector (31.9%), followed by the core (23.1%).

A total of 229 pre-placement offers were received. The highest salary offered (CTC) was Rs. 2.05 Crore .

In the B.Tech. program, Computer Science Engineering had the highest placement percentage at 91%, followed by Mathematics and Computing at 87%.

In conclusion, the placement session enabled students to pursue their passions and achieve their dreams of working with top companies.

### 4. FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

**Dr. Abraham Cyril Issac**, an Assistant Professor in the School of Business, has been selected as the HR Division Ambassador of the prestigious Academy of Management.

**Prof. Bosanta R. Boruah** and **Dr. Santanu Konwar** from the Department of Physics have been granted Indian Patent Number 391998 titled as "Free Space Optical Communication System Apparatus and a Method Thereof."

**Dr. Birinchi Panda**, an Assistant Professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department, and his team secured 2nd runner-up position in the Tata Steel Grand Finale MaterialNEXT 4.0 competition with their development of a graphene-based coating material.

**Dr. Debanga Raj Neog**, an Assistant Professor at the Mehta Family School of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, received the Young Scientist Award 2023 from the Assam Science Technology and Environment Council under the Science, Technology and Climate Change Department, Government of Assam.

**Prof. T. V. Bharat**, a Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering has joined the Editorial Board of the journal "Clays and Clay Minerals," which is the official publication of The Clay Minerals Society, as an Associate Editor.

**Prof. Nachiketa Tripathi**, a Professor in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, has been elected President of the National Academy of Psychology (NAOP).

**Dr. John Jose**, an Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, has been included in the Executive Committee of IEEE India Council for the year 2023 as Vice Chair, Industry and Academia Collaboration.

**Dr. Amit Awekar**, an Associate Professor, and his M.Tech. student Anuj Khare from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering received the Best Short Paper Award at the ACM Joint International Conference on Data Science and Management of Data (CoDS-COMAD) held at IIT Bombay from January 4 to 7. Their paper, titled "Surface Name Errors in Wikipedia," discusses methods for identifying and correcting linking errors in Wikipedia.

**Prof. Mihir Kumar Purkait** from the Department of Chemical Engineering was awarded the prestigious NASI-Reliance Award 2022 by the National Academy of Science India Council.

**Prof. Rupam Barman** from the Department of Mathematics has been selected to join the editorial board of "The Ramanujan Journal," a prestigious journal published by Springer Nature.

## 5. ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

**Dr. Siva Teja Kakileti** featured in the **Forbes India 30 under 30** list in 2023. He completed his B.Tech. in Electronics and Communication Engineering in 2015. He is the founding member and director of Niramai Health Analytix. He received the **Young Alumni Achiever Award in 2023**.

**Akshat Jain** secured **AIR 2 in UPSC Civil Service Examination(CSE) in 2018**. He completed his B.Des. in 2017. He received the **Young Alumni Achiever Award in 2023**.

**Puneet Talesara** is the founder and CEO of Workspace Metal Solutions and Pyrotech Workspace solutions. He received Export Excellence Award from Federation of India Export Organizations. He completed his B.Des. in 2002. He was awarded the **Distinguished Alumni Award in 2023**.

**Prabhat Gupta** is the co-founder of Nected and Travel Triangle. He completed his B.Tech. in Computer Science Engineering in 2008. He was awarded the **Distinguished Alumni Award in 2023**.

**Mohit Bansal** is the Head of Enterprise Compliance Technology, Fidelity Investments, USA. He is also the president of IITG Alumni Association. He completed his BTech in Electronics and Communication Engineering in 1999. He received the **Outstanding Service Award in 2023**.

## 6. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Rashmi S (2024)** won the Best Poster Award (Third Prize) at the Winter Symposium & South Zone MICROCON 2024, Christian Medical College, Vellore, for her poster titled "Karanjin as a promising antiviral against NDV – insights from in-vitro, in-silico, and in-ovo studies." **Rubeka I (2024)** was a finalist in the ICA Food Writing Prize 2024 for her paper "Unveiling the tapestry of Black rice of Assam and Manipur, India," presented at the India International Centre, Delhi. The Finalist Team 'BHEEMA,' comprising **Nuzelu** and **Sonu** from ABL Group and **Anamika** and **Debaditya** from AEL, won a cash prize and certificate at the prestigious Vishwakarma Project 2024 organized by IIT Delhi.

**Nuzelu (2022)** received the Best Flash Presentation and Poster Award at the International Conference on Biotechnology, Sustainable Bioresources, and Bioeconomy, IIT Guwahati, in 2022.

**Rubeka I (2022)** won the First Prize in the Scientific Quiz at the same conference and also earned the PhD Scholar position at the School of Agro and Rural Technology under the prestigious PMRF Fellowship.

**A Senapati (2022)** received the Best Poster Award for his work on the floral diversity of North Guwahati, while **Rubeka I (2022)** also earned the Best Oral Paper Award at the Research and Industrial Conclave Integration for her paper on the black rice of India.

**G Bhatt (2019)** won the Best Poster Award at the 4th International Conference on Nutraceuticals and Chronic Diseases for his research on estrogen receptor  $\alpha$  (ER $\alpha$ ) and ligands.

**I Chakrabarty (2019)** was honored with the AWSAR Award by DST, Government of India, for the Best Science Story in the PhD category.

**MK Gupta (2019)** received the Best Research Scholar Award for his research on the melanogenic activity of flavones.

**I Chakrabarty (2018)** earned the First Prize and Springer Award for his oral presentation at the Indo-Japan Bilateral Symposium, and in 2017, he won the First Prize for Best Poster on bioactive compounds from *Alpinia nigra*.

**A Singh (2016)** received the Best Poster Award for his research on diarylmethylamines and antioxidant properties.

**I Chakrabarty**, along with **L Rangan (2017)**, was awarded the Departmental Winner prize for Best Poster at the 3rd Research Conclave, IIT Guwahati.

**R Das (2014)** won the Prof Awtar Krishan Flow Award (Second Prize) for his research at the TCS Workshop, and **AM Ramesh (2014)** was awarded the Young Scientist Award for his work on biofuel plants.

**S Basak (2014)** received the Poster Award for his research on turmeric diversity in Northeast India.

**S Ghosh (2012)** was awarded full travel support by ICS-UNIDO for participating in a workshop in Turkey.

**V Kesari (2012)** won the Young Scientist Award from the Indian Science Congress Association for her doctoral work on *Pongamia*.

**Tushar (2011-2012)** was selected for the prestigious Fulbright Nehru Doctoral and Professional Research Fellowship.

**S Ghosh (2010)** earned the Second Best Poster Award at the Biodiversity and Climate Change Workshop at IIT Kharagpur.

**S Ramachandran (2010)** was honored with the Best Poster Award at the Indian Youth Sciences Congress, SRM Chennai.

**V Kesari (2008)** received the DST Overseas Travel Award for presenting her paper at TWAS Malaysia, and in 2009, she was awarded the CSIR SRF Fellowship. In 2008, she also won the TWAS Best Paper Award for her research on "Food, Feed and Biofuels—Plants for the Future" at the TWAS Regional South East Conference for Young Scientists, Malaysia.

## 7. VIRASAT

SPICMACAY's flagship event, Virasat 2024, held from 12th to 15th January, brought the magic of India's rich heritage to life with breathtaking performances by some of the nation's most celebrated artists. Highlights included the soul-stirring vocals of Sikkil Gurucharan Ji (Carnatic Music), the mesmerizing santoor of Abhay Rustom Sopori Ji, the grace of Kuchipudi by Sreelakshmy Govardhanan Ji, and the vibrant Rajasthani folk music by Kutla Khan and Group. Audiences were also captivated by the dynamic martial artistry of Thang Ta, performed by Dr. Sinam Basu, Konjengbam Monika, and their group.



Additionally, a two-day Bharatanatyam workshop led by the esteemed Shivanranjani Harish Ji gave participants hands-on exposure to this exquisite art form. The opening day's performance by Shivanranjani Harish Ji was a perfect prelude to the celebration, setting the stage for an unforgettable event. Virasat 2024 left the campus community spellbound, celebrating the essence of Indian culture with remarkable artistry and passion.



## 8. UDGAM

Udgam, the flagship event of the Entrepreneurial Development Cell, once again showcased its importance as the largest entrepreneurship summit in North-East India. This year's edition was a remarkable success, kicking off with an inspiring inauguration followed by a lively Comedy Night featuring Azeem Bannatwala. The event spanned two action-packed days, featuring a diverse range of activities aimed at fostering innovation.

The lecture series brought together a stellar lineup of speakers, including Ashneer Grover (Founder, BharatPe), N. R. Narayan Murthy (Founder, Infosys), Bipin Shah (Investor & Partner, Titan Capital), Rahul Narvekar (Founder & CEO, India Network), Sandeep Jain (Founder & CEO, GeeksforGeeks), Jeff Maggioncalda (CEO, Coursera), etc. Complementing these sessions were signature events like Grids & Gap, a design panel, Chai pe Charcha, our flagship alumni panel and technical challenges such as Hackathons, PMx, Encode and Sparkle, which encouraged creativity and problem-solving.

The combined impact of the Startup Expo, featuring 40+ startups, and Disrupt, a startup boot camp, was particularly notable. Two standout startups from Disrupt secured offers worth ₹75L+, underscoring the quality of entrepreneurial talent nurtured at the summit. The Intern Fair, attracting over 60 companies, was another key highlight. It offered a wealth of internship opportunities to freshmen and sophomores, helping them gain hands-on experience and industry exposure early in their careers.

With its diverse lineup of events, inspirational talks, and emphasis on practical learning, Udgam continues to be a hub for aspiring entrepreneurs, providing them with the tools and connections to turn their innovative ideas into reality.



## 9. TEDxIITGUWAHATI

TEDxIITGuwahati is a community and a series of events at IIT Guwahati that aims to share ideas and encourage creativity with the mission of "discover and spread ideas that spark conversation, deepen understanding, and drive meaningful change."



Looking forward, TEDxIITGuwahati strives to evolve each year, refining its events, exploring new themes, and offering a platform for voices that spark change. The team remains committed to creating unforgettable experiences that bring people together, inspire reflection, and ignite the campus with "Ideas worth spreading."

TEDxIITGuwahati is an annual event that brings the TED spirit of curiosity, wonder, and knowledge to the IIT Guwahati campus. Launched in 2016 and organized by a dedicated team of students, the event showcases diverse, impactful talks from speakers in various fields. The 6th edition, held on 11th February with the theme "**Echoes of Stillness**," highlighted the importance of taking time to rest, reflect, and grow. It featured eight thought-provoking speakers, including **Kargil war veteran Captain Satendra Sangwan** and **Aleena Rais**, an educator who has inspired millions through her YouTube channel. The event also included a unique platform called "Unrestricted," which invited IIT Guwahati students to submit and present original talks that aligned with the theme. This opportunity provided students with a prestigious platform to voice their ideas and connect with the audience. One of the standout moments was the closing performance by **Rajat Rathor**, a police officer who captivated everyone with his blend of melody and duty, leaving the audience inspired and deeply moved.

Beyond the annual event, TEDxIITGuwahati maintains an active presence throughout the year, sharing powerful ideas through blogs, editorials, and social media. TEDxIITGuwahati also hosts various events, each adding a unique flavour to campus life. One such event was the Friendship Fiesta, held on 4th August, which celebrated the joy of friendship and the connections that enrich our lives. The event was filled with activities like friendship band-making, photo booths for capturing memories, and fun temporary tattoos, creating an atmosphere of celebration and camaraderie among the students.



## 10. ALCHERINGA

### Alcheringa: Asia's Cultural Extravaganza

Alcheringa, the annual cultural festival of IIT Guwahati, stands as one of Asia's largest college-level cultural events. Since its inception in 1996, it has grown into a vibrant celebration of art, culture, and talent, attracting participants and audiences from across the globe.

Spanning three days and four nights, the latest edition of Alcheringa delivered an unforgettable experience with over 100 events, including 45+ competitions, thrilling performances, and diverse activities.

The festival's iconic Pronites and Proshows were a massive draw, featuring renowned artists and bands that left audiences spellbound with their electrifying performances. Competitions across music, dance, drama, literature, and fine arts brought together the best talents, inspiring creativity and excellence. Signature events like Critical Damage, a high-energy dance battle, and Creators Camp, a hub for budding artists and innovators, added unique dimensions to the festival.

Alcheringa also excelled in offering immersive and engaging experiences through its culture, which provided light-hearted entertainment and opportunities for fun and camaraderie. The festival's cultural showcases and World Carnival celebrated diversity, with international performances adding a global flavor to the festivities.

Workshops on music, dance, photography, and film-making were a highlight, offering participants hands-on learning experiences with industry experts. These sessions enriched the festival by fostering skill development and encouraging participants to explore new creative avenues.



Alcheringa's impact extended beyond competitions and entertainment, creating a space for cross-cultural exchange and artistic exploration. With its unparalleled lineup of events, enriching workshops, and captivating performances, it has become a hub for celebrating creativity and connecting with diverse cultures.

As one of Asia's premier cultural festivals, Alcheringa continues to inspire and empower young artists, providing a platform for talent and ideas to flourish. Its blend of star-studded nights, engaging activities, and unifying cultural experiences leaves an indelible mark on everyone who participates, making it a cherished tradition and a highlight of the year at IIT Guwahati.



# 11. INTER IIT



## INTER IIT CULTURAL MEET

The Inter-IIT Cultural Meet is the annual cultural competition among all IITs, showcasing the artistic and creative prowess of students from across India. Held over several days, typically in January, the event brings together various contingents to compete in categories such as dance, music, drama, fine arts, literary arts, and more, making it one of the most anticipated events in the IIT calendar.

With everything from enthralling dance performances and soulful musical renditions to gripping theatre acts and thought-provoking debates, the Inter-IIT Cultural Meet serves as a platform for students to demonstrate their talents, collaborate with peers, and foster connections with students from other IITs. Events like "Battle of Bands," "Street Play," "Photography Exhibition," and "Creative Writing" add vibrancy to the atmosphere, turning the host IIT into a hub of energy, talent, and camaraderie.

Beyond competition, the event emphasizes unity, self-expression, and cultural exchange, providing a break from academics and a celebration of creativity. Each year, the host IIT ensures a unique experience, making every Inter-IIT Cultural Meet a memorable and enriching gathering for all involved.



## INTER IIT SPORT MEET

The Inter IIT Sports Meet is much more than just a competition; it's a celebration of sportsmanship, and the spirit of IITs across the nation. Students train rigorously year-round to represent their institutes, and the event is a chance for them to showcase their skills, build friendships, and strengthen the bonds between different IITs.

The event is organized in two main parts:

- 1. Inter IIT Aquatics Meet:** Usually held in October or early November, this meet is dedicated exclusively to aquatic events like swimming and water polo.
- 2. Main Inter IIT Sports Meet:** This is the broader event involving all other sports and is held at one of the IIT campuses, with the host IIT rotating each year.

The Inter-IIT Sports Meet, known as "Inter-IIT," is an annual, seven-day sports event held every December, showcasing nearly all sports except aquatics, which is celebrated separately in October. Last year's 56th edition at IIT Bombay was the largest yet, with 23 IITs competing in 15 sports. It's a thrilling display of athletic talent, team spirit, and dedication, as athletes bring pride to their institutes and fans cheer them on, highlighting that IIT life is about much more than just academics.



The Inter-IIT Meets started in 1961, with the hope of strengthening the bonds between the fellow national institutes. The Inter-IIT Sports Meet is the oldest of them all. With 56 Sports Meets having taken place till now, the General Championship trophy is a rich piece of heritage, passed on from generation to generation of students. It has seen countless sportspeople give their blood, sweat and tears for it.



## INTER IIT TECH MEET

The Inter-IIT Tech Meet is the annual technical competition among all IITs, designed to challenge and showcase the innovation, technical skills, and problem-solving abilities of students. Held over several days, typically in December-January, the Tech Meet brings together participants from every IIT to compete in diverse technical categories like robotics, coding, engineering design, AI/ML, and hardware prototyping, creating a dynamic environment of collaboration and competition.

The meet features competitions such as hackathons, Case Study, algorithm challenges, product design contests, and robotics events, pushing participants to innovate and address real-world problems. Events like "Drone Racing," "Data Science Challenges," "Autonomous Vehicle Design," and "Circuit Design" allow students to apply theory to practical challenges, often generating breakthrough ideas and technologies.

Besides competition, the Inter-IIT Tech Meet fosters collaboration and knowledge exchange, helping students enhance their technical skills and gain exposure to cutting-edge technologies. Each host IIT offers a unique experience, making the event both a showcase of talent and a valuable networking opportunity, and reinforcing the spirit of technology-driven problem solving that defines the IIT community.



## 12. GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual inter-hostel competitions—Kriti, Manthan, and Spardha—are much more than just a battle for points in the General Championship. These events represent the pride and spirit of each hostel. They offer students a unique opportunity to not only showcase their skills and talents but also to strengthen bonds with their fellow hostlers and forge lasting friendships with their peers.

In the inter-hostel technical competition, Kriti, Lohit Hostel emerged as the winner, while Barak and Kameng Hostels secured second and third positions, respectively. In the inter-hostel sports competition, Spardha, among the boys' hostels, Lohit Hostel secured the top spot, followed by Brahmaputra Hostel in second and Kameng Hostel in third. On the girls' side, Subansiri Hostel topped the rankings, with Disang Girls Hostel coming in second. Finally, in the cultural competition Manthan, Umiam Hostel clinched the title, with Manas Hostel finishing second and Lohit Hostel finishing in third spot. The overall General Championship was claimed by Lohit Hostel for the year 2023-2024.



# 13. GYMKHANA ELECTIONS

IITG Student Gymkhana Elections 2024

The Student Gymkhana Council (SGC) elections for the academic year 2024-2025 were held on May 22, 2024, with a historic voter turnout of 53%, marking the highest participation rate in the history of the elections. A total of 4,502 students participated, reflecting the growing engagement and significance of student governance at IIT Guwahati.

The elections were conducted by an independent Election Commission, ensuring a fair and transparent process. Students elected the Vice President, Secretaries for various boards, and Senators. This remarkable turnout highlights the active role that students continue to play in shaping the college community.

Elected Representatives for 2024-2025:

**Vice President**, Student Gymkhana Council: **Anirudh Gupta**

**General Secretaries:**

- HAB (Hostel Affairs Board): **Vivek Dond**
- Welfare Board: **Ujjawal Chhajer**
- Technical Board: **P Aashrith Ram**
- Sports Board: **Shreyas Pimpalkar**
- SWC (Students' Web Committee): **Geetanjay Manik**
- SAIL (Student Alumni Interaction Linkage): **Urmi Gopalakrishna**
- Cultural Board: **Akhilesh Gupta**



**UG Senators:** Gadde Sri Ram Rishandra, Malla Jaswanth, Himanshu Raj, Varun Singh Rathore, Ponakala Hanuma Sai Krishna, Mangal Singh Rathore, Ayush Awasthi

**PG Senators:** Amlan Jyoti Gogoi, Ms Priyanka Tripathi, Abhijeet, Om Hande, Saurabh Pantawane, Prayag Raj Bhuyan, Rashmi Gahlot

**Girl Senators:** Bachina Komali, Veeranki Devi Sai Sri, Chanchal

# 14. BOARDS

## Cultural Board

The Cultural Board of IIT Guwahati brings students together through an array of creative clubs, each dedicated to a unique art form.

**Cadence**, the Choreography Club energizes campus life with dynamic dance performances, flash mobs, and workshops, while **Xpressions**, the Dramatics Society taps into students' dramatic talents with impactful street plays, mimes, and comedic acts that often tackle social issues. For those inclined toward the visual arts, **Finesse**, the Fine Arts Club provides a space to explore painting, sketching, and other creative expressions. The **Publications Sub-Committee (PSC)** manages the campus's printed and digital publications, including the popular *Fresher's Guide*, to keep students informed and connected. Literary-minded students find their place in **Lit-Soc** and **Deb-Soc**, which organizes debates, poetry recitals, and discussions, offering a platform for intellectual and creative expression. Music lovers come together in

**Octaves**, the Music Society, celebrating various genres with performances and music production workshops. Meanwhile, **Montage**, the Photography Club captures the essence of campus life, preserving memorable moments through photography. Film enthusiasts gather in **Lumière**, the Movie Club, enjoying movie screenings, filmmaking workshops, and discussions on cinema. Finally, **Anchorenza and RadioG** bring a lively voice to campus events, hosting open mics, podcasts, and radio shows that entertain and engage the student community. Through these clubs, the Cultural Board fosters a vibrant, supportive environment for students to explore their artistic talents, connect with like-minded peers, and enrich campus life.



## HAB

Hostel Affairs Board (HAB) at IIT Guwahati is the governing body responsible for managing all hostel-related matters. It oversees hostel facilities, services, and addresses the needs of the students. HAB ensures smooth functioning of the hostels by coordinating between all hostels and implementing policies that enhance the living conditions of students. It handles issues related to mess facilities, maintenance, and general welfare, ensuring that students have a comfortable and safe environment.

## SAB

The Student Academic Board (SAB) serves as a link between students and academic administration, addressing students' academic concerns by directing them to the appropriate administrative authorities. The SAB aims to inform the student community about academic protocols and procedures effectively. Additionally, the SAB organizes various departmental and interdepartmental activities throughout the semester to foster a spirit of academic excellence and innovation.

## Sports Board

IIT Guwahati provides a variety of sports clubs, welcoming athletes of all levels—from basketball and squash enthusiasts to table tennis champions and dedicated swimmers. With weightlifting well-established and skating facilities coming soon, students have ample opportunity to get involved. During their first semester, students choose an SA (sports activity), which influences their physical fitness journey and helps them connect with peers who share similar athletic interests.

This SA choice not only encourages students to stay active but also offers a chance to discover new sports, build teamwork skills, and cultivate a balanced lifestyle throughout their time at IIT Guwahati.

Key sports events organized by the Sports Board include Spirit, the Annual Sports Festival; Spardha, the Inter-Hostel Competition; and Cross Country Races on national holidays. Each hostel cultivates its own sports culture, adding to the growing intensity of Spardha's competition every year.



## SWC (Students' Web Committee)

The Students' Web Committee (SWC) is a student board managing the digital infrastructure of IIT Guwahati. It develops and maintains platforms, including portals for elections, placements, and student affairs, as well as apps that enrich campus life. Among them, SWC Journeys is a community-driven app where students bookmark and share learning experiences through interactive timelines, fostering collaborative knowledge-sharing. One Stop is a comprehensive app for all campus needs. College Cupid adds a social touch with a Valentine's Day dating app for IIT Guwahati students. Through these initiatives, SWC keeps innovating, making campus life smoother and more engaging.

## Technical Board

The Technical Board at IIT Guwahati is a platform for innovation, creativity, and hands-on learning, offering a range of clubs that foster growth and exploration. The Tech Board also plays a key role in coordinating major technical events throughout the year, such as the inter-IIT technical competitions and Techniche, the college's annual tech fest. Additionally, it organizes Techevince, the annual tech showcase where clubs present their projects, gain votes, win sponsors, and gain recognition.

The Tech Board supports and aids in organizing several other tech events across the college, ensuring IIT Guwahati remains at the forefront of technical excellence.

Here are the clubs under the Technical Board:

- Coding Club
- Equinox Club (Astronomy)
- Robotics Club
- Finance and Economics Club
- Consulting and Analytics Club
- Prakriti Club (Environment)
- IITG Racing (Automobiles)
- Electronics Club
- E-Cell (Entrepreneurship)
- Aeromodelling Club
- Acumen (Quiz Club)
- GDES (Game Development & Esports)
- 4i Lab (Innovation)
- IITG.ai (Artificial Intelligence)
- Whitespace (Design Club)

These clubs allow students to learn, innovate, and lead in diverse fields, shaping the future and making an impact.

## SWB (Students' Welfare Board)

The Student Welfare Board (SWB) at IIT Guwahati is dedicated to supporting student well-being through various initiatives and clubs. These include:

- Saathi (Mental Health)
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Red Ribbon (HIV/AIDS awareness)
- Academic Initiatives
- Social Service
- Youth Empowerment
- Substance Abuse Awareness

SWB also organizes events such as **Sahyog**, an inter-hostel welfare competition that addresses campus issues, and **Prayatna**, the annual socio-welfare fest. These initiatives aim to promote personal development, social responsibility, and the overall welfare of students on campus.

## 15. SAIL

### Smriti - Alumni Reunion

The first-ever reunion of IIT Guwahati's pioneering batch successfully took place! Organized by the Student Alumni Interaction Linkage (SAIL), Smriti 2024 brought together the memories and friendships of the Batch of 1999 as they revisited the spirit of IITG that shaped their journeys.

Held from August 2-4, 2024, at the beautiful IIT Guwahati campus, Smriti was more than just a gathering; it was a celebration of the bonds, achievements, and experiences that continued to unite this batch even after 25 years. A lineup of exciting events revived their unforgettable moments, from late-night study sessions and campus pranks to lifelong friendships and early-morning cricket games.



The program included a nostalgic campus walk, reconnecting alumni with familiar sights and cherished memories. The Open House Session featured alumni sharing their journeys, personal stories, and reflections on the impact of IITG, offering a unique window into life after graduation.

In the evening, the Cultural Board Showcase highlighted performances and art, celebrating the vibrant spirit of IITG's creative community. Attendees also enjoyed a mono act performance, "What's in the Name?", in collaboration with Xpressions, IITG, and SAIL.

The event culminated with the Technical Board Showcase, where alumni witnessed groundbreaking projects and innovations from IITG's Technical Board. Smriti 2024 was a time to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the journey that began 25 years ago, bringing together the spirit and memories of IIT Guwahati's formative years.

## Graduation Tea Party

The Graduation Tea Party, held on April 21, 2024, was a special event honoring the graduating class with meaningful speeches, symbolic gestures, and commemorative activities. The ceremony commenced with an opening address by Prof. Sumana Dutta, Dean of Alumni and External Relations, followed by an inspiring speech from Prof. K.V. Krishna, Dean of Academic Affairs. Prof. Perumal Alagarsamy, Dean of Students' Affairs, then shared his encouraging words with the students. In a memorable gesture, ties symbolizing unity and achievement were distributed to each graduating student, adding a personal touch to the celebrations. The ceremony continued the auditorium, where Director Prof. Devendra Jalihal delivered a clear and engaging speech, and Anirudh Gupta, Vice President of the Students' Gymkhana Council, shared a brief yet impactful address. Another highlight was the launch of the Class Song of 2024 by the Student Alumni Interaction Linkage (SAIL) team. The event concluded with a photo session organized by SAIL and the Students' Gymkhana Council, allowing students to capture memories from this meaningful day.

## Finalis Resonare

On April 23, 2024, the SAIL team hosted Finalis Resonare, a heartfelt farewell celebration for the graduating class. This informal gathering was the last chance for the 2024 graduates to come together before stepping into their future roles. Set in the auditorium, Finalis Resonare offered an evening of awards, vibrant performances, and reflections. Students displayed their talents in various acts, from stand-up comedy and singing to group dances, drama, and a captivating magic show. Winners were chosen by their peers, with polls conducted exclusively among the final year students. The auditorium, adorned in nostalgic decor, enhanced the atmosphere, invoking treasured memories.

Adding to the evening's charm were performances by groups of lobby mates, hostel mates, and department mates, bringing warmth and elegance to the event. Stories of shared experiences, playful pranks, and meaningful moments filled the air, creating a lively, fun-filled night that perfectly bid farewell to the batch of 2024.



## Ball Dance Party

The Graduation Ball Party, held on April 17, 2024, was a beautiful and elegant celebration honoring the graduating class as they marked the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. This memorable evening was filled with a sense of pride, nostalgia, and excitement, bringing together students, faculty, and friends to celebrate achievements and lifelong connections. Held in a venue adorned to reflect the grandeur of the occasion, the event began with a welcoming address, setting the tone for an unforgettable night. The graduates arrived dressed in stylish attire, adding to the evening's sophistication and charm. As the night unfolded, guests enjoyed a series of highlights, from speeches by faculty members to a series of awards recognizing unique contributions and accomplishments.

One of the evening's most anticipated moments was the dance floor opening, inviting graduates to celebrate with friends and make lasting memories. With laughter, shared stories, and dancing, the night perfectly captured the spirit of camaraderie and joy. The Graduation Ball Party was a fitting send-off for the Class of 2024, leaving them with memories to cherish and a reminder of the friendships and achievements that have defined their journey.



## New website

The Student Alumni Interaction Linkage (SAIL) website serves as the digital bridge connecting IIT Guwahati's students and alumni, fostering a vibrant network that supports mentorship, career guidance, and ongoing engagement. This platform is designed to be a one-stop resource for alumni looking to stay connected with their alma mater, current students seeking career insights, and the broader IITG community.

Check out the new website : <https://www.iitg.ac.in/sail>

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