# NIIT UNIVERSITY

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**Dear Readers,**

Greetings for Vijay Dashmi!

As the festive season rolls in, I do hope this year is happy and delightful for all of you. It is a pleasure to share the September Issue of NU NL with you.

The semester is in full swing and the campus is seeing a lot of activity. A report on Resonance 2017 is attached. NIIT University played host to and witnessed Mr. Arun Maira's book launch. Mr. Vishal Dhawan addressed the students of NIIT University for an interesting session on Entrepreneurship. An IoT and Arduino workshop was also conducted at NIIT University.

NU celebrated the Independence Day and Teachers' Day with vigour. These celebrations, and student activities keep this place alive. So much happens here that it always keeps one on one's toes and never lets one have a dull moment. But yes, this choice must be made by one first.

I do hope you all like this edition of NU NL. On behalf of the team Newsletter I wish you all Happy Reading!

**Warm regards,**

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# Special Event

## Resonance 2017

The fresher batch of B. Tech 2017-21 came to this campus with their minds boggled up with various questions for which they had no answers. This was not only a new environment they were all put in, but also a beginning of self-discovery, becoming self-reliant and independent and of course becoming capable to face this world on their own. Resonance 2017 helped them a lot in getting acquainted with the unfamiliar surroundings and giving them a much-needed boost and confidence to venture out themselves. "It was an exhilarating experience, starting from working in teams, competing amongst others and simultaneously bonding the notions of friendship amongst all. Resonance created a deep impression as well as taught to be seamless in every facet of life.", said Neeharika Gupta from B. Tech 2017-21.

After arrival on campus i.e. on 15th July 2017 everyone was teamed up into 12 clusters so that they could get acquainted with the other freshers and develop a bond of friendship. Each cluster comprised of a Sher/Sherni (the leaders), Clock (the timekeeper), Green (the eco-friendly member) and the Reporter. This induction program included adventurous mornings, extra-curricular activities and generally the day concluded with the cluster's everyday report and presentation. There were five activities lined up for them, this included visit to the Suryodaya Sthal, Valley Crossing, trekking to Scar, tree Plantation, visit to the Sewage Treatment Plant and finally the Campus Tour. Apart from the morning activity, they also had Inter-Cluster Sports competitions which were not only enthralling but gave them an enriching experience.

# CAMPUS NEWS



## Inter Cluster Matches

Inter-cluster matches of B. Tech batch 2017-21 were organized during the induction program of the college-Resonance from 22nd July 2017. Students reinvigorated their sportsman spirit by participating in various activities like badminton, basketball, gym, etc. and competing against other clusters. These matches ended with a Cross Country Marathon, on 3rd August 2017.

## TEDx Event Launch

The launch of NIIT University's first TEDx event took place on 22nd August 2017. It is an international organization which has been a factor of motivation for many and is associated with many famous personalities like Stephen Hawking, Bill Gates, Shashi Tharoor and many more.

## Table Tennis Inter-Batch Tournament

From 28th August 2017, an Inter-Batch Table Tennis tournament was organized at NU with thirteen teams competing against each other. The event was also instrumental for the AOC – Health and Sports evaluation of students. Keeping this in mind, many participants played with piquancy and their efforts were also quite visible.

## Interaction - AIESEC in NU

The AIESEC interns in NU had an interaction session on 30th August 2017, where they shared their views on self-motivation, German politics and marketing. They also talked about their perception about India and their experience at NU.

## Invited Talk on Entrepreneurship

**Mr. Vishal Dhawan**, a seasoned entrepreneur based in the United States of America visited the University on 31st August 2017. He has created many successful projects from scratch and holds 9 patents under his name. He currently serves as the Chief Technical Officer(CTO) for Verifone, USA. He also runs Curb Taxi in the US and has recently launched a product called '*Plug Chat'* in the international market.

Busting the bubble of decorated life of entrepreneurs, Mr. Dhawan began with deglamorizing entrepreneurship. He mentioned that though start-ups are no doubt hard, the journey of starting up is amazing and thrilling in itself. He described how, initially, one is tasked to create something for someone (probably an investor) who is going to pay you on an ongoing value creation of that something. He imparted a few lessons he learnt from his failures to the budding entrepreneurs such as understanding the purpose and answering the 'Why' behind starting up, so that whatever money is put into the start-up, it yields into a desirable and viable product. The start-up in itself needs to be the voice of the potential users. He laid a strong emphasis on the importance of being crystal clear about the problem that one is trying to address with a viable solution. In times of setbacks, one needs

to have a strong belief on the reason for starting up. "The path to building a business and shaping an organization is never a straight line" added Mr. Dhawan. The major key requisite of starting up is greater tenacity and optimism in difficult times. This makes an entrepreneur a good leader.

## Independence Day

On 15th August 2017, NIIT University Celebrated Independence Day with zeal and spirit befitting the occasion. The Indian tricolor was unfurled by **Professor VS Rao**, President, NIIT University. The NU Music Society set the pitch for the program followed by some solo vocal performances and speech by the students, which received the much-deserved applause from the audience. After the performance, prize distribution ceremony was held for the dedicated employees and workers of NU.

# Teacher's Day Celebration

There is a saying '*Great Teachers Aspire*' and true to these words, on 5th September 2017, NU celebrated Teacher's day commemorating the efforts made by the unsung heroes of the University who dedicated their working lives to imparting knowledge and skills. Students showed their respect and affection for the teachers in form of speech, skit, dance and other performances.



# siNUsoid - Women Technology Day

On 5th September 2017 , team siNUsoid organized one of the most unique event at NIIT University which has been in talks at worldwide women oriented communities like **Women Who Code** and **Women Techmakers**. The three encouraging speakers **Deeksha Deo**, Founder & CEO at Incubsence and co-founder at CKHO, **Saurabh AV**, co-founder at Neo Software Labs, CVNova and **Neha Sharma**, Technology Evangelist and Tech speaker at <JS lovers> emphasized upon '*Women in Technology*', shared some useful information about Version Control Systems and React JS with the students .They had an interactive session with the students talking about the contributions made by women in technology.

# Green House Day

Green house day was celebrated at NU on 28th August 2017. The members of greenhouse organized the event with several performances including dance, vocals, rap etc. this filled the atmosphere with positive vibes and energy.

# NU Pool League

The Fifth Edition of NU Pool League was recently organized in NIIT University. The League witnessed a small but enthusiastic participation from Students as well as the Faculty where the league franchisees played their best and '*The Ball Busters'* emerged victorious.

# NU Robotics Club Launched

Students at NIIT University launched the Robotics Club on 23rd August 2017. This club will conduct workshop on various domains of robotics for students in the campus and train them for competitions. **Dr. Navin Kapur**, Area Director, ECE, **Mr. Akhlesh Agarwal** and **Prof. U M Rao** were present at this event launch.

# IoT and Arduino Workshop in NU

An IoT and Arduino workshop was conducted by Team Ingenuity in partnership with TechieNest in the NU campus. The workshop gave hands on experience of various IoT technologies and a Toolkit to the participants.

# TALF

## First Book launch

The importance of good listening skills is felt by every individual on regular basis. Listening is what leads us in becoming empathetic. Listening is crucial for one to be able to understand different perspectives and be able to answer important concerns surrounding the society. Having these thoughts in mind, The Asian Lenses Forum (TALF) was proud to host the book launch by **Mr. Arun Maira**.
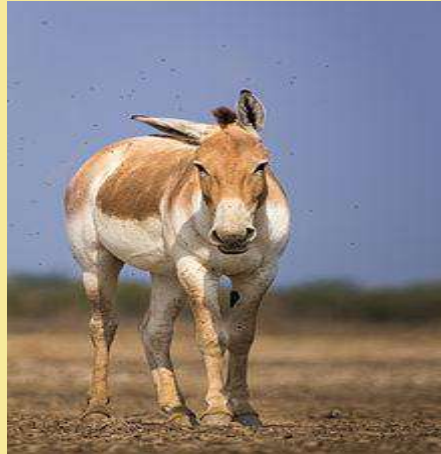
**Mr. Arun Maira** has had vast experience in the private as well as public sector. He has also served as a member of the planning commission till 2014. As he began to discuss his journey of writing the book '*Listening for Well-Being*' he expressed his thoughts on the lack of listening skills in the society though it is one of the most important elements to be able to implement policies which would benefit the nation. As he spoke further, he expressed the requirement of listening skills to become more human in our approach.

Following the Talk and launch by **Mr. Maira** and **Mr. R S Pawar**, panel discussion with **Mr. R.S. Pawar**, **Ms. Neha Tiwari**, **Ms. Janki Bareth** and **Karthik Ram** was conducted and moderated by Mr. Maira. The discussion and ideas provided on the stage where in line with understanding how listening skills could be transformative in building our understanding of humanity and various perspectives different than one's own thoughts.

Following the panel discussion, Question and Answer session was conducted where student and faculty members actively participated. To the best questions asked during the launch, the winners were given the Book *'Listening for Well-Being'* as a token of appreciation by Mr. Maira. Following the launch, a small gathering with Mr. Maira and Mr. Pawar was organized where students had an opportunity to have a detailed discussion on basis of the launch. One of the highlights was '*Listening in the Rain*' session conducted in the morning at the Listening Tree where 40 students and faculty participated and discussed the factors through which the audience was sensitised more towards the surroundings.

# NATURE TALK

## INDIAN WILD ASS



The Indian wild ass (Equus hemionus khur) also called the khur, is a subspecies of the Onager native to Southern Asia. The coat is usually sandy, but varies from reddish grey, fawn, to pale chestnut. The animal possesses an erect, dark mane which runs from the back of the head and along the neck. The mane is then followed by a dark brown stripe running along the back, to the root of the tail.

Today, its last refuge lies in the Indian Wild Ass Sanctuary, Little Rann of Kutch and its surrounding areas of the Great Rann of Kutch in the Gujarat province of India. The animal, however, is also seen in the districts of Surendranagar, Banaskantha,Mehsana, and other Kutch districts. Saline deserts (rann), arid grasslands and shrublands are its preferred environments.

Wild asses graze between dawn and dusk. The animal feeds on grass, leaves and fruits of plant, crop, Prosopis pods, and saline vegetation. It is one of the fastest of Indian animals, with speeds clocked at about 70 – 80 km per hour and can easily outrun a jeep.

First census of the wild ass was done in 1940, when there were an estimated 3,500 wild asses. But, by the year 1960, this figure fell to just 362, it was then classified as a highly endangered species. In 1998, the wild ass population was estimated at 2,940, by the year 2004 it has increased to an estimated 3,863. A recent census conducted by forest department in 2009 has revealed that the population of wild ass in the state was now estimated to about 4,038, an increase of 4.53% as compared to 2004.
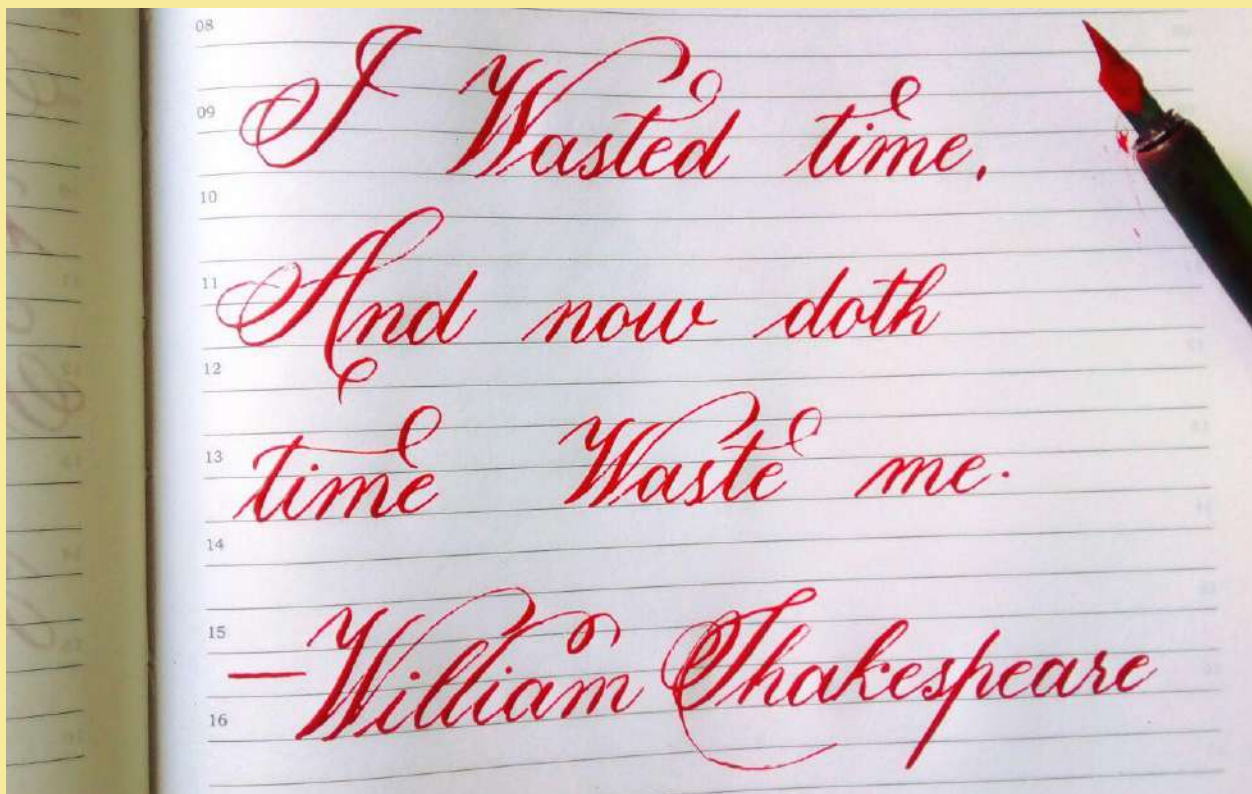
**Status in the Wild:** Endangered                    **Source:** wikipedia.org

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**B. Tech (2013-2017)**

# Expressions

**Picture Quote**

> I Wasted time,
> And now doth
> time Waste me.
> — William Shakespeare

**Abbas Kazimi**
**B.Tech (2015-17)**

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