Urja is one of the biggest sports fest of North India, hosted by Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology. Being one of the prestigious college of the region, TIET planned and successfully organized this year the 5th edition of inter college sports fest from 14-16 February 2020. This time the total participants were 550 +. Urja comprises of many pre-fest and online events that are followed by the three main fest days, which comprises of major sports competitions i.e. Basketball, Cricket, Football, Badminton, Chess, Volleyball, Table Tennis etc.

**Special Guests**

Mr. Baltej Singh, Mr. Manoj Tiwray, Mr. Krishan Alang., Mr. Harpreet Brar

**Online EVENTS**

This year Urja’20 planned to use online platform to publish the events in more effective way. So we conducted various online events i.e. Predict xi and Match Eve.
Predict XI, it’s for the first time this type of event is being conducted. More than 50 events registered and students compete amongst each other to be the best. The event is planned such that the participating team has to bid the scores and the team with max bid wins the event.

Match-Eve was organized for the cricket lovers of Thapar. A huge crowd gathered at Main Audi as it was Sunday to cheer the Captain Kohli’s Squad in a match against New Zealand. The event was a huge success. People participated by predicting scores and if correct the individual won.
CSR Events

AASHAYEIN was the first event with which URJA started its journey. On 9th Feb 2020 TEAM URJA gathered at the Sports Complex for a social cause, to do something for the unprivileged children to grant them their firstmost right.
Pre Fest EVENTS

URJA’20 started its journey on 16th January 2020 with a Kite flying competition- followed by Orientation of Urja in the COS complex that carried the motives to make the people aware about the extravaganza. Gully cricket, Thapar Fitness League, Kite flying, AASHAYEIN, PS4 Gaming were the major highlights from the pre events. We had a large no of participation in all of our pre-events associating students and faculty members.

Thapar Fitness League was one of its kind event which was held for the second time in TIET. It was a two day event with each day consisting of stages/hurdles that would test the participants physically. In this event over 110+ students participated to prove themselves strongest of them all.

Kite flying was organized to provide the students a fun experience wherein they were provided with all the accessories required to fly a kite. It went amazingly good and people joined us in great numbers. Furthermore, the festival of kites, BASANT PANCHMI was around the steps which added to the excitement.
Gully Cricket was another highlight in which old school cricket was revived. The team comprised of both boys and girls and the enthusiasm showed by the students was overwhelming. This was something that forced everyone to go back to their good old days and enjoy the innocent cricket we all played.

PS4 Gaming was another event organized for E-Sport division of the Gaming. You earn your trophies at practice; you just pick them up at COMPETITIONS. “Yaar bahar nhi jaana bahut thnd hai chal fifa khelte hainn”. With even greater participation, we saw our second event become a huge success amongst the pro gamers showing off their skills in the various PS4 games.

Zorbing was another successful event organized for the first time in college history. This was another event for the students to make them experience something new. It went amazingly good and people joined us in great numbers.
PUBLICITY

For the first time in Thapar Institute, Patiala a giant air balloon was placed at Cos Market, for the publicity of URJA 2020. Students were really exited and thrilled for the event. Our main purpose to attract freshers for more and more participation was successful.

THE FEST DAYS

After so many pre events and with everyone ready for the game to begin, there was no reason to stop!! We had 700+ participants from different colleges from all over north India including some prestigious colleges like IIT’s and NIT’s namely IIT Delhi, CHITKARA UNIVERSITY RAJPURA, PEC, UIET CHANDIGARH, G.L. BAJAJ, SLIET LONGOWAL, BANDA SINGH BAHADUR UNIVERSITY, RAYAT BHARA UNIVERSITY, RGUNL etc (TOTAL - 22). TIET’s team were victorious as they came out as the Overall Winners of the sports competition by the virtue of winning Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Table tennis and Chess tournaments.
URJA’20 was kick started with its opening ceremony which was held on 15th February. Dr. Maneek Kumar (Dean of Students Affairs, TIET) was invited as the Chief Guest for the same.

The evening started with the welcome of our chief guest, followed by the Torch Lighting and oath ceremony were the other events took place on opening ceremony.

All the sports events were conducted efficiently according to the fixtures. Moreover, each team had the top players on and it was great to witness great sportsmanship from the players and support from the non-participating students.

At any moment, no one can afford any problem with the health of any participant. The organizing team of URJA’20 took care of this very efficiently as they provided refreshments to each player and officials after every match and in every sport. The refreshments included Milk and protein bars. Proper medical facilities were also available in almost every field at the time of the game.
Furthermore, all the teams were taken care of in the best possible manner. From food to hospitality, everything planned effectively which resulted in a happy stay for the participants.

URJA’20 definitely would not have been possible without the guidance of the THAPAR authorities, and faculty advisors: Dr. Rajesh Pathak, Dr. Rajesh Khanna, Dr. J. S. Saini, Mr. Anil Arora and Lakhbir Singh who were always there to mentor and help the organizing team. Special mention for all the coaches and officials who were there to ensure the fair and proper conduction of their respective sport. We would also like to express our gratitude to Mr. Lakhbir Singh, Head of Sports department, TIET and his staff and groundsmen Raju Bhaiya & Santosh Kumar for technical support for ensuring that all the sports equipment were provided to the teams. They were the driving forces behind the smooth conduct of the extravaganza.

at the same time the sportsmanship shown by everybody was quite tremendous to watch. But one could easily feel the sense of competition that everyone had from the sledging we saw between the matches. Also there was proper coverage of the entire fest with photographers covering everything. This year we even launched our website www.urjatiet.com. Interviews of all the winners were taken and as the finals were nearing, the excitement was bound to grow considering the shot at being the Overall Champion. Everything has it’s end and URJA’20 too had an end but a memorable one. With everything going in full flow, everything was set to have a grand end with the closing ceremony. The chief guest for the opening ceremony was Dr. Mannek Kumar, DoSA, TIET, Mr. Baltej Singh, Mr. Manoj Tiwray, Mr. Krishan Alang., Mr. Harpreet Brar, cricketer who plays for Punjab in Indian domestic cricket and the head of Indian Oil who congratulated everyone with their kind words and appreciated the efforts of the players as well as the organizing team
No one needs to think twice in saying URJA’20 was a huge success. The hard-work and the kind of teamwork, the organizing team has shown is quite commendable. All thanks and congratulation to
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