

How MIT Celebrates

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The few things you are bound to miss when you bid adieu to your school and head over to college are the Annual Days and inter-school competitions. These little competitions and fests helped add a lot of colour to your academic life while at school and MIT promises to do the same with its cultural and technical fests. Here's a look at how MIT lets loose and celebrates during the time of its fests and what these fests embody.

As a student preparing tirelessly for engineering entrance exams, an exciting college life is something that is eagerly awaited. As June approaches, the fantastic world of the college student—as constructed by movies, TV shows, teachers, parents, and extended family—feels like it's within an arm's reach.

Nothing really prepares you for the torrent of new experiences that the first semester itself has in store for you, though. Descriptions of college life—and fests especially—rarely manage to do adequate justice to the real deal. The electrifying atmosphere that lasts for the entire duration of a college fest and the liveliness of the campus at that time is something that has to be experienced to be appreciated. Fests are the time MIT is at its prettiest and loudest, with murals painted onto campus walls and roads, and meticulously created, larger-than-life works of craft adorning every nook of the campus.

TechTatva

TechTatva is a fresher's first glimpse of a college celebration. The annual technical fest of the college takes place in October and is something that leaves spectators

in awe. The numerous registration counters at the Food Court, the huge banners, the music, the workshops, the food counters, and the charged atmosphere give it a very celebratory feel. A hardcore technical fest, TechTatva is a brilliant platform for a student to hone their technical skills. There are abundant opportunities to learn and create. As is often the case, students are enthralled by the prospect of building robots and cars from scratch—things that remain, for the most part, theoretical in school education.



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A week before Tech Tatva commences, daily workshops are organised. From helping one learn the Arduino board to building new programming skills, these help in setting the right mood for the tech fest. Unique competitions are held every year, and much to the joy of the students, there is prize money to be won. Apart from this, the food stalls lined up near the Innovation Centre and games organised by the Informals category create the perfect festive atmosphere. So,

even if one isn't interested in the technical events, there's always the option of getting your photos clicked, tucking into a juicy roll, or even playing an exciting game of In-Your-Face.



Students playing a game of In-Your-Face during TechTatva'19. (Image Credits: PAV)

Although TechTatva couldn't be experienced in its full glory in 2020, as our lives have been brought to a standstill due to the pandemic, the enthusiasm remains unabated. TechTatva 2020 with the theme of "Transforming Paradigms", was held online from the 5th to the 8th of November with the same amount of vigour as the previous years. Although the lack of festive ambience was apparent, the organisers had to dish out as much creativity as possible to compensate for the online mode of conduction. This time the events were made available chargeless to all the students of MIT, allowing them to try their hand at any event that aligned with their interests. Events in the Gaming category were open to students from other

universities too, enabling inter-college competition. The Manipal Conclave held during the TechTatva was also free of cost and brought speakers from a myriad of professional realms ranging from Mr Banmali Agrawala, President at Tata Sons, to the starlet Ahsaas Channa, to reveal their engrossing stories to the masses.

Although nothing could beat the likes of the late-night perms and free food coupons, this four-day fest was made successful by the students' unwavering drive towards their technical aspirations.

Revels

One of the most awaited events of the even semester is the annual cultural fest, Revels. From events catering to the field of arts and music to fashion shows and poetry competitions, these four days are undoubtedly the best time to be at MIT. No one is a mere observer here, with something to cater to everybody's taste. The campus during Revels is a sight to behold, with everyone even remotely related to the college out on the streets, soaking in the hubbub of the fest. Cultural and sports events are organised meticulously and feature skilful performances, with heavy participation from outstation teams. The cultural competitions, not restricted to dancing and singing, ensure that there's a niche for all talent. Debates, poetry competitions, street plays, and a variety of other artistic media are offered a platform here.



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The sports events begin from as early as seven in the morning and go on till late into the evening. The distinction between day and night fades as Revels turns the college into a bustling scene of activity and action for 96 hours at a stretch. The food stalls, a staple of the fests at MIT, reappear near the Innovation Centre, drawing large crowds to pizza, ice cream, and more, in a scene reminiscent of a carnival.



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Revels 2020 was exhilarating, to say the least, as an array of professional artistes left Manipal astounded at the highlight of Revels—Proshow. Held in March just before the pandemic gained steam in India, it was an unforgettable experience. *Qainaat—A World Apart* was the theme of the fest. On the first day, popular comedic duo [Rahul Dua and Nishant Suri's](#) act left the audience in splits. The Yellow Diary, a rock band, amazed everyone with their soul-stirring performance while the singer Zaeden ensured that the atmosphere was upbeat and lively. On the final day, Prateek Kuhad serenaded the audience with his soulful songs while DJ Teri Miko ensured that our body was pumping with adrenaline as the closing act. With this, the students bid adieu to Revels 2020, and a week later to Manipal, with a heavy heart but with the memories of a lifetime.

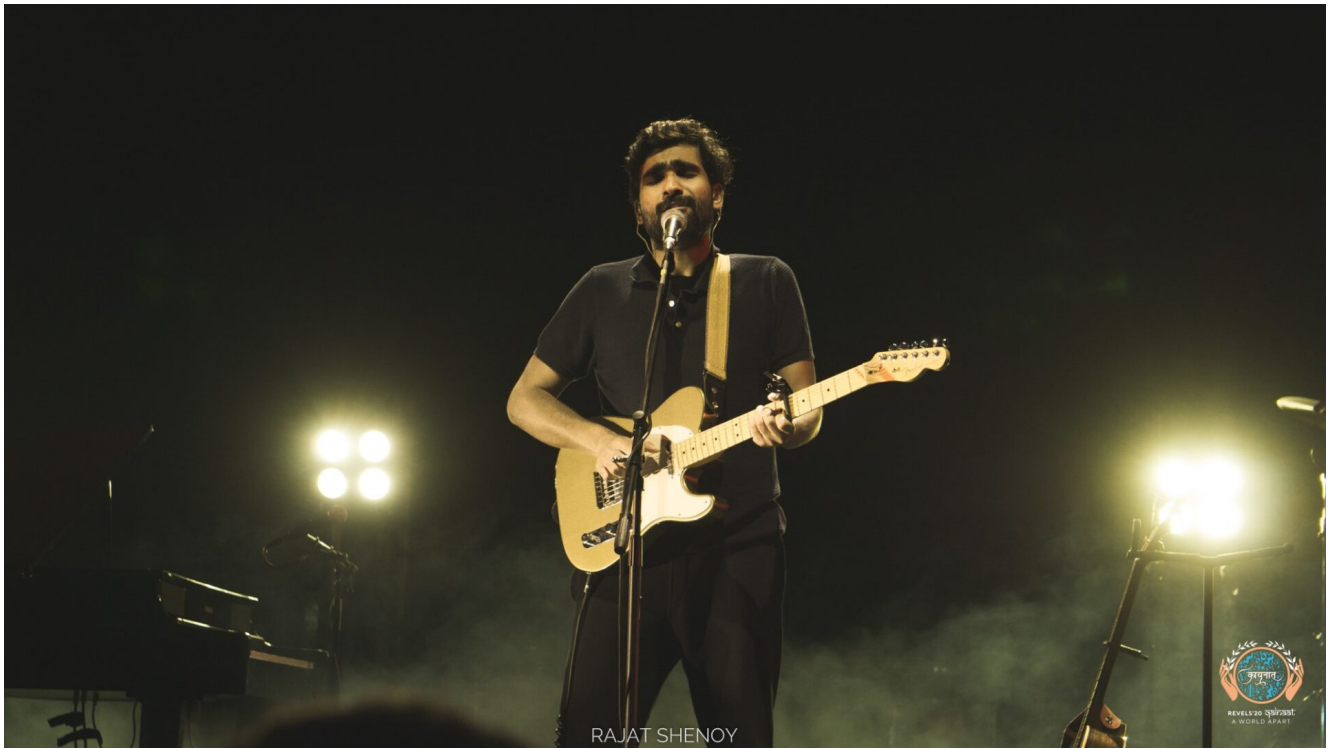


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Fests are a huge part of college life—and while academics, social life, and the ever-present underlying feeling of homesickness can be tough to handle—the fests come with a promise of relief from the monotony of daily life, exchanging it for the most exhilarating events one would witness in their four-year stay at MIT.