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Report on:- AAKASH-GANGA 2024

23rd August 2023 marks a day filled with pride and accomplishments for our countrymen. It marks the landing of Chandrayan 3 on the moon surface making India the 4th country to land on the surface and first country to land on the south pole of the moon. To commemorate this event, the government of India has declared 23rd August as National Space Day. Contributing to this achievement, the Electronics and Telecommunication department of Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) College of Engineering had organized an event “Moon Quest” last year. Carrying forward the legacy, the College organized “AAKASH- GANGA” this year on 23rd August at 10:30am. The event was as mesmerizing as its name. Housing **Poster making competition and Quiz**, the association found its way to make a place for space in our hearts.

Founder Chancellor - Hon'ble Dr. Patangrao Kadam
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AAKASH-GANGA :
UNVELING THE MYSTRIES OF SPACE
ON THE OCCASION OF
NATIONAL SPACE DAY - 2024
CHIEF GUEST
BRIG (RTD) R. M. KHAIRE
Former HOD - E&TC, BVUCOE
Dr. Vidula Sohoni
Principal
Dr. Sachin Chavan
Vice-Principal
Dr. Sunita Jadhav
Vice-Principal

THE INAUGURATION:-

The event started at 10:30am, which was beautifully hosted by Akash and Samiksha. They captured the audiences' heart and attention through their captivative hosting and terming ISRO as the Impossible Space Research Organization. Moving forward, the dignitaries on the dice- The principal, vice principal sir, vice principal ma'am, and Brig (retd) R. M. Khaire paid tribute to our founder respected Dr. Patang Rao Kadam. Applauding the chief guest, we had his felicitation coming up next. Mr. Khaire - an electrical engineer, a post graduate in telecommunication from IIT Madras, a brigadier who served the nation for 32 years and 10 months, Director of telecommunication at PMO and he then enlightened students. It truly was very fortunate to have such an esteemed guest with us. As a token of respect and appreciation for the presence of the chief guest, sir Khaire was felicitated by Dr. Sohoni ma'am.



An institution can only excel under an able visionary which for us is our Sohni Ma'am. Addressing the students, ma'am shared an incident where she mistook the name of the host as akash and ganga. This brought out pearls of laughter in the room. Applauding the name of the event and the nation's achievement, she mentions the launch and safe landing of the Vikram rover on the moon's surface. Encouraging students to join and move forward in the field of space research she adds on the reference of movie "Brahmastra" clearly depicting how she walks hand in hand with today's generation. Concluding her speech she shared the upgrades with Khaire sir that had taken place in the college from 2015. It included NAAC and NBA accreditation, NIRF and IIC ranking, new branches, number of research papers and patents and increased intake of the college. She appreciated the participants who were walking on the path of development.



Up next we had Ramakant Motiram Khaire sir's address. It was a detailed address which consisted of mention of Mr. Bhalerao who now is the founder of a firm which gives communication services between the space crafts and earth. Encouraging students on being an employer rather than being an employee, he opened the vast world of opportunity sharing the procedure to join ISRO. Sir mentions the Indian scriptures which are the oldest proof of astronomy and astrophysics to ever exist. As much as he appreciates the knowledge of sages back then, he almost despised the ignorance of these scriptures. As it is said, you become what you read; he encouraged us to read the scriptures. He narrated the history and overtime development of ISRO. From asking for help from other countries to making space stations of our own, we have indeed come a long way. Clarifying on how one should stay back in one's country and not run to foreign land he states" **Don't ask what the country has done for you, ask what you have done for the country". He urges students to explore the space research domain to expand the need for space research.**



Next, we had Pallavi Ma'am who gave the vote of thanks and officially declared the inauguration complete. Everyone then headed to the venue of Poster Making. The Ribbon was cut at 11:50 a.m. marking the start of extravagances of beauty.



POSTER MAKING:-

The Poster spanned from the initial development of space research to women empowerment. Name an aspect and the student had all of that in the poster. Sir Khaire had a look at all the posters marking the start of the event. The judges for the events were Dr. .A. A. Shinde (HoD Electronics and Communication department) and Dr. K.B. Sutar (HoD Mechanical Department).The judgment was thorough keeping in mind the design and explanation of the poster. The first prize was bagged by Saumya suman and Smeeta More, followed by Om Kiran Vadabe and Ayush Bongade the third place was taken by Anushka shivhare and Siddhi chaudhary.



QUIZ:-

Next we had a space based quiz which was to be solved by 3 members on a team starting at 1:35 p.m. This event was judged by Dr. Prakash Chavan (HoD Chemical Department) and Dr. Shruti Oza (HoD E&TC Department).The first round was pen paper based and had 15 questions. Maximum score led to the qualification for the second round. Each question was for one mark each. A total of 7 teams qualified for the second round. The second round consisted of naming the pictures displayed. This intensified the difficulty of the event. However the participants enthusiastically answered and 5 teams made it to the last. A tie breaker was held for 2 teams filtering the teams to 4 for the final round. The final round asked for wit with aptness. Being a rapid fire round, it tested one's knowledge and presence of mind. Adding more fun, there was a bonus round which awarded 3 points to each team. And this round was

conducted by our judges. The points were calculated and the moment had come to declare the winners of both the competitions.

Dr. Vidula Sohni ma'am was present to handover the prizes to the most worthy teams. Soon the winners were announced amidst the enthusiastic crowd which cheered the victorious. The first prize was bagged by Ishita Bhatt and Khushi Kumari, second prize by Aashi lad, Yashwi and Anjali and the third prize was bagged by Tejas, Bhavya and Neha. This moment not only marked the victory of the winners but the victory of ETSA, victory of the college, victory of this country.



The event concluded with watching the live program telecasted by the government of India. AAKASH- GANGA:- an event which evoked the space enthusiast, an event which brought out patriotism, an event to improve oneself, an event to see who you truly are, an event worth remembering, an event which encourages us to sail our interest boats in the Aakash Ganga!

