



Mudra - The Cultural Club of S.P.I.T.

Mudra is an amalgamation of Music, Drama, Dance and Fine Arts, all brought together under one banner to make the governing process of all the four entities easy.

Objective

- To enhance the scope of cultural activities, motivate students to display their talents through various platforms and allow all artists to work together in unison.
- Provide opportunities to all the students and help them represent S.P.I.T. at numerous intercollegiate events.

Faculty Head

Kaisar Katchi, Assistant Professor.

Team Structure

Three separate heads for all the domains functioning together:

- Head of Music - Vedant Mathur (Third Year, Information Technology)
- Head of Dance - Siddesh Sonawane (Cultural Secretary, Student Council)
- Head of Drama - Unnati Dogra (Cultural Secretary, Student Council)

Audition Process:

Thespians Drama Club

The screening process of the actors began with the participants telling the panelists about their prior experience and their skills relating to the art. Over 25 students showcased their talent in the first round. The students performed the monologues they had prepared. The second round was a voice modulation round with students being given a particular sentence which was to be spoken on various voice levels ranging from a whisper to an explosive shout. In the final round, each student was assigned a character which they had to bring to life spontaneously in an improv group performance. Students who fared well were chosen as the lead actors and the rest of the interested students were incorporated in various other capacities.

Music

Since the college band was well-established, there were existing singers and musicians who continued their allegiance with the music team. Auditions for first year students were organised where singers, guitarists, flutists and many more artists performed their pieces.

Dance

Dance auditions consisted of two rounds. For the first round the contestants were choreographed and asked to perform together in groups. They were judged based on their performance and ability to stand out. In the second round, participants were asked to send their solo dance videos. The best amongst the lot were chosen to be a part of the official dance team of S.P.I.T., H.O.D. (High On Dance).



Selection Process for Heads:

Since this is the establishment year for the club, the initiators, i.e., the Cultural Secretaries of the college's Student Council, took over the responsibilities of the Heads of Dance and Drama. They have a proven record of numerous dance and drama achievements both on and off campus. Similarly, the Head of Music has a proven record for performing and organizing practice sessions with the college band since his first year in the college, and performing at various venues and a strong musical background.

For the next year, the heads must display similar proficiency in their domains, along with a demonstrated history of leadership positions for mobilising teams into producing high quality performances, and be fairly well established in the college's cultural scene.

Events and Activities

Mudra has collaborated with the Student Council for various events ranging from Teacher's day to Freshers party.

Below is the list of Mudra's activities:

- 15th August: A Music and Dance video surfaced on social media to announce Mudra to the student body; featuring original choreography.
- Teacher's Day Celebration: Decor, Music and Dance performances, featuring myriad medleys and musical games.
- Freshers Party: Drama, Dance and Music performances, giving the first year students their first platform in S.P.I.T. to showcase their talents.
- A short comic film made by the Thespians Drama Club from their Freshers performance was uploaded on all social media platforms.
- Drama and Dance clubs had their practice sessions throughout the month of December.
- Oculus 2020 saw the trailer launch of Thespians Drama Club's Web Series, "Pravaah," a phenomena that was never seen or heard of before in S.P.I.T.. The Flashmob by H.O.D. was a highlight of the opening ceremony.
- Continual works on the Web series which will comprise of 4 to 5 episodes.

Thespians club diligently practised throughout their winter holidays to represent S.P.I.T. at IIT-Bombay's Mood Indigo 2019, under the sheer guidance of Prof. Kaisar Katchi.



Highlights:



Band performance at the Freshers' Party.



A flash mob performance by the H.O.D. team at the Freshers' Party.



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The Drama Club after their IIT-Bombay's Mood Indigo performance

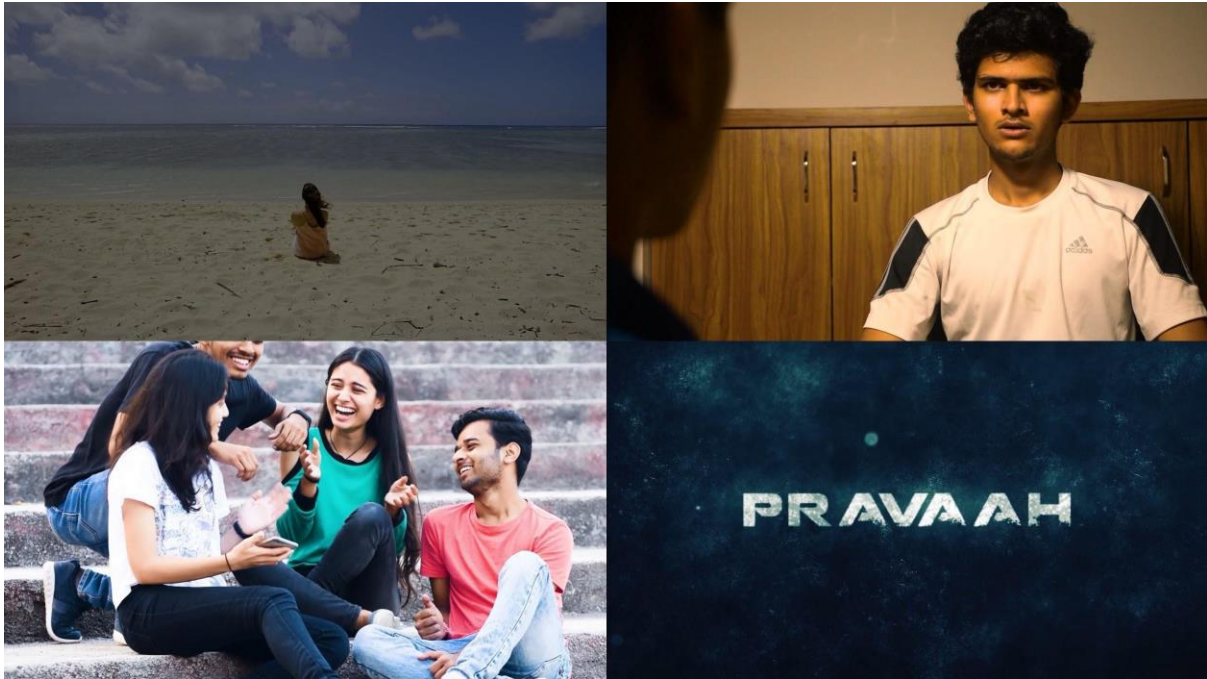


This Is My Show - Mudra's first production(short film).



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Pravaah - S.P.I.T.'s first web series, under production.

Links

Social Media: @mudra_spit

The Freshers' Play:

<https://youtu.be/oDmrf0bz2lc>

Pravaah Trailer:

<https://youtu.be/drMgy5QIMVU>