

What's On



Photos from the event

Families mark the day with fun, frolic and flair

IIT-IIM Alumni Association Kuwait celebrates annual picnic

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 27: IIT-IIM Alumni Association, Kuwait, celebrated their annual picnic in a grand whizzo style on a fabulous Friday of 9th Feb, 2018 at AirTec Desert Camp in Wafra, attended by a large gathering of enthusiastic members and their families along with their invited guests. Mother Nature, as always been the case with the picnic events of the Association over past four years, was absolutely hotsy-totsy.

The alumni of IIT-IIM and their loved ones basked in a daylong apricity, absorbing an entire annual dose of free vitamin D. It was a perfect blend of equilibrium between the chilly Northern Kisses and brightly warm Eye of Heaven, fully ratifying the decision of the Core Team in picking this flawless fantastic Friday for the event. The picnickers took off to Wafra desert camp, defenestrating their holiday morning dysania and for once, choosing to throw their addiction of digital social media to mongrels, transforming themselves into real ravishing fluttering social butterflies dressed in an array of rainbow colors.

The members of IIT-IIM Alumni Association, Kuwait, an association of the elite educational institutes of world repute, coming from all generations, young and old, men and women along with their progeny of young girls and boys joined the great day to grant themselves a perfect holiday in the open. They drenched themselves in the glorious sunshine while seamlessly blending to socialize and having fun and indulging in a right blend of mental, physical games and sporting activities.

The picnic began with all the members registering themselves and greeting others along with their schatzi.

Breakfast was arranged at the venue enabling families to come early and maximize their presence at the event. After attaining the needed quorum, the Annual General Body meeting began with IIT-IIM Alumni Association President, Peeyush Jain welcoming all those present at the venue and giving an insight of the Association. The Treasurer, Suresh Choksi provided the Statements of Accounts, which was duly approved amid thunderous applause.

The General Secretary, Bhushan Joshi, presented an elaborate account of all the exciting events and programs conducted by the Association in the past one year. He thanked all the hardworking core committee members and promised that with the active support of the members we can scale up the level and quality while increasing the number of exciting events. He introduced the new Core Committee member, Vipul to the members, who thanked the Core Committee and members for giving him an opportunity to serve the Alumni in this new responsible position.

M/s AirTec not only offered their venue but also provided unstinted full logistic and utilities support for the event. The President, Peeyush Jain, once again, appealed to the younger members to join the Core Committee and support the activities of the Association by volunteering.

The old and young members displayed their yesteryears vintage skills of modern day kite flying. It was refreshing to see the Girls of Houses of all ages too took up kite flying with avid new found enthusiasm living up to the current social trend we are into everything. Children enjoyed the sport-

ing facilities available at the camp in their own carefree mood, away from parents. Professional event manager Ms. Rachana managed the entire show with professional perfection and interesting games involving everyone present.

Socialized

Recondite clue based quiz with good sprinkling of technical questions, anthakshari, impromptu dancing, women and men games, couple games, and some other innovative games for kids, women and men were arranged to keep the enthusiasm soaring high throughout the picnic session. The Core Committee organized the Games as per the well-planned schedule with excitingly large number of prizes open for participants. In between the games, there was ample time to all the members to meet and greet, mingle socially with each other and make great new friends. Several new members and guests also socialized with great interest to acquaint themselves and to be a part of this friendly elite get-together. Tree swingers for a change resorted to net swinging thoroughly enjoying and gambling on it while reprovist their unwavering faith in Darwinist instincts.

Games like Ring Me Out, a Musical Hula Hoop for Kids - a different version of musical chair for kids, where the kids were supposed to pass the hula hoop through their body and then to the next kid in the circle. There were surprise elements like - the person on either side of kid holding the hula hoop when the music stopped, were out. Each outgoing kid was treated with delicious chocolates. It was followed by Men's game - Burst Me - an inter-

esting game where each adult male was given a balloon and a toothpick, the last 3 men standing with their balloons intact were the winners of the game - Bal Mukund, Manish and Vasudev Kataria. Another exclusive Ladies Game, Chudiyar Khankegi, was another fun filled game, wherein they had to form a team of 2. The team which put maximum number of bangles into the dandia stick was the winner.

Rinki Verma and Meenal Kataria emerged winners in this event. A Mixed Game, Aloo aur Mirchi, was an interesting game where all the ladies were termed "mirchi" and all the male were termed "aloo" and they had to randomly form a group comprising of aloos and mirchis as announced by the referee. A Couple Game, Iski Topi Uske Sar, was a couple game which required couples to be alert and swift in their actions to ensure that their partner did not have the hat when the music stopped.

Later in the day, Peeyush Jain, welcomed the august presence of the esteemed guests like The First Secretary, Indian Embassy, Mr.K.K.Pahal, most ardent well-wisher of the IIT-IIM Alumni Association, Anant Kapadia, and few other distinguished special guests. The Indian Embassy representative, The First Secretary, Mr.K.K.Pahal, addressed the gathering and congratulated the organizers and the winners. He said that he thoroughly enjoys participating in this picnic along with his better half. He wished a grand success in all the future events.

The organizers of the event never let during the entire duration, never let the Ghrelin, the hunger hormone, level go up and the hypothalamus the

control center in the brain supervising the gut famish feedback loop was kept on idling mode with delicious breakfast, sumptuous lunch and high tea from M/s Winners Restaurant, Mahboula. All dishes appealed and captivated the taste buds of the everyone. The variety and range of the food satisfied all types of needs - Veg, Non-Veg and other special category.

The members settled for a grand finale of a game of Tambola or lotto with an interesting zany twist. The players had to choose their own numbers in their tambola sheet and had to perform different acts as and when their tambola grids were filled. Besides, there were a lot of spot prizes sponsored by AK Modern and the Association.

On the sidelines away from the hustle bustle of DJ and the sound system, the die-hard cricket enthusiasts played an Hongkong style six over seven-a-side match between IITians and IIMites, which the indomitable IITians won over their soft skilled jargon savvy management boys, aided by some lust hitting, hardcore spirited knocks of the lion hearted duo of the Madras-IIT, Ashish and Srinivas.

Awarded

The IIT Captain, Bal Mukund, was awarded the 2017 Cricket Cup as they had earlier too beaten the IIM Team at Salmiya making it 2-0 thus reversing the losing streak of IIT team in earlier two years. The record now stands evenly shared in the four years between the engineers and managers. The 2017 overall General Championship, GC, was of course, again won by the IIT Team, backed by the huge points gap

established during the picnic day. In addition to the above, there were other events like football, and kids enjoyed trampoline. All the winners were congratulated and the senior members present, distributed the prizes to them. All the members present went home tickling pink with at least one gift reserved for each family including the single members.

IIT-IIM Alumni Association, Kuwait is growing day by day with the full commitment and dedication of all the members and the Core Committee. This event was a great success as large numbers of members attended, displaying abundance of energy and enthusiasm. Finally, the event ended with a group photo session, captured by Pradeep Chaudhary, who was in the forefront in capturing all the beautiful moments of the event with total commitment.

Many smiling faces returning with several gifts from the venue reflected the happiness and satisfaction among the members thanks to the excellent work by Yogesh Rathod and Ashish Jain who took the responsibility of arranging gifts. Bal Mukund was instrumental in coordinating all the planning for games. Truly, it was a bonzer of an event, promptly acknowledged through the incessant WhatsApp congratulatory messages by the members.

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Georgia



5. Blue Ridge

A gateway to the Blue Ridge Mountains, Blue Ridge is home to beautiful lakes and spectacular mountains. Part of the Appalachians, the Blue Ridge range was aptly named for the bluish color that is most obvious when viewed from a distance. Great for hiking, relaxing or just enjoying the serenity, the mountains are a treat for anyone interested in a peaceful getaway.

6. Helen

Helen, a Bavarian Alps replica town in Appalachian Georgia, is home to an Oktoberfest for the ages, overflowing with two-liter beer glasses and Germany's famous bratwursts. To recover from the festivities, the savvy make their way to Cedar Creek Luxury Cabins on the edge of



the Chattahoochee National Forest.

7. Ellijay

Ellijay is a delightful place to be at different times of the year. Plan your trip for April and you can go on a picturesque apple blossom tour; in October, the annual apple festival takes place. Golf enthusiasts will find several golf courses within a few miles of Ellijay, the nearest of which is at the White Path Golf Club. If you want to experience the thrill of whitewater rafting, head for the Ocoee Whitewater Center, which is half an hour's drive from Ellijay. Even if you're not feeling active, you can sit and take in the wonderful scenery. For a change, you could go to a wine tasting or visit Ellijay's fascinating antique shops. If you really feel like a day in the city.

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