

## **IIIT-Delhi's Students Organised Summer Camp for the Government school kids in College Campus**

**New Delhi, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017:** B. Tech students of Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIIT-Delhi) started the session of annual summer camp during the summer break for students of government schools to enhance their interpersonal and soft skills at IIIT-Delhi campus. School students of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> standard from nearby schools of IIIT-Delhi's campus, namely Harkesh Nagar, LajpatNagar, Kalkaji, Govindpuri and other localities were invited to attend the workshop. Undergraduates went to various nearby schools and motivated the young students to participate in the summer school at IIIT-Delhi. 120 students from 5 schools took part in summer school program this year, namely; Govt. Boys' Senior Secondary School, Harkesh Nagar; Govt. Girls' Senior Secondary School, Harkesh Nagar; Govt. Boys' Senior Secondary School, Kalkaji; RPVV, Lajpat Nagar; Veer Savarkar Sarvodya Kanya Vidyalaya, No. 1, Kalkaji.

On the final day of the five weeks long Camp, an interactive session led by **Delhi Education Minister, Mr. Manish Sisodia** was held, in which students expressed their experiences and learning during the summer school. **Prof. Pankaj Jalote, Director, IIIT-Delhi** also showed gratitude at the event.

The day ended with prizes and certificate distribution, fantastic skits and an incredible show by all the students. Art and science exhibition was also organized by the students today where they displayed excellent artwork done by them. The students also presented working science models based on the concepts they learned in 5-week summer camp.

According to Mr. Manish Sisodia, *"This was a humble initiative by our B. Tech students, who have chosen to spend their summer holidays in a better way to promote and help students from government schools through imparting necessary knowledge and skills. This experience will always motivate the school kids, and they will always remember this experience."*

Prof. Pankaj Jalote also added that *“The confidence our volunteers have developed in these students is unbelievable. The motive of this program was not the regular bookish study but to go beyond books and I can see that the kids enjoyed and learned a lot from this program.”*

There was a team of 30 student volunteers and 5 Coordinators in this camp; all are pursuing B. Tech from IIIT-Delhi, the course content and material was also created by the volunteers only. School kids, especially from 8th and 9th standards were taught on various skills like computer, GK, Problem-Solving skills, Mathematics, Science, Personality Development and Communication in the summer school. The kids were also provided with snacks and health drinks in the lunch time besides helping them teaching to pursue their hobbies such as dancing, theater, sports, singing, craft, etc.

***About IIIT Delhi:***

*Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi (aka. IIIT-Delhi or IIIT-D) was created as a State University by an act of Delhi Government (The IIIT Delhi Act, 2007) empowering it to do research and development and grant degrees. IIIT-Delhi was officially established on 10th June 2008 as per this notification in the Delhi Gazette. First class (for BTech(CSE) students) was held on 8th September 2008.*

*In a relatively short time, it has earned a good reputation in India and abroad for being a center of quality education and research in IT. 2012 turned out to be a more remarkable year because, during the summer of this year, the institute started functioning from its permanent campus in Okhla. Smt. Sheila Dikshit, Chief Minister of Delhi, inaugurated the campus in October 2012.*