

## **Xamboree : 27 - 29 September 2019**

The annual flagship event of **Xavier University, Bhubaneswar, XAMBOREE**, which is **the biggest annual Cultural – Management fest of Eastern India** celebrated its second edition from **27th-29th September 2019**. It aims for a blend of individuals and groups from diverse backgrounds coming together for music, art, theatre, literature, and business events and to put to test their intellectual, oratory, artistic, creative skills, and business inclination.

### **DAY 1**

#### **ZUMBA**

**Zumba**, organized by **HIGH on ZUMBA** in association with **SportsCom XUB** saw participants actively engage with amazing energy making everyone dance to the beats. Sahir, one of the participant quoted that, **“It was a great session which made me dance after a while and I’m surely going to try this more as it makes me feel happy and fit as well.”**

#### **MODEL UNITED NATIONS**

**XUB Model United Nations’19**, a simulation of proceedings of the United Nations, organized by **SpeakUp XUB** from 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September 2019, saw several delegates representing various countries on the theme “Effects of Climate Change” for the first council. The delegates went ahead to draft resolutions by discussing the loopholes in the existing frameworks and associating the 17 Sustainable Developing Goals to the agenda, **“Mitigating the Effects of Climate Change”**. **Mr. Sriyansh Mohanty**, International Press Chief commented, **“It was a good experience at XUB MUN 2019. I believe in the specialization of articles and stress highly on the quality of the articles. The organizing committee was helpful and the hospitality provided was splendid”**. **Mr. Sriyansh Mohanty**, Chief of International Press, stated, **“Climate change is real. Let’s not fake ourselves.”**

#### **CASE-IN-POINT**

**XIMAHR – The HR Association of XAHR**, organized **Case-in-Point**, a national-level HR Case Study Challenge which aims to provide a problem-solving simulation for budding HR professionals to test their analytical skills. Team Humane\_kgprians (Ms. Rajarshi Tribedi, and Mr. Kaustav Sengupta) emerged as the winners.

#### **BUSINESS BUZZ**

**ConXerv - Committee for Sustainability** organized **Business Buzz**, an event where participants presented their business plans aiming towards an economical and sustainable future. It consisted of 2 rounds, post which Mr. Yash Chowdhury and Mr. Mohit Agarwal (Team Knights) emerged as winners and Mr. Suryanshu Panda and Ms. Akansha Panda (Team XUB) were the runners up.

## IDEATHON

**Ideathon**, organized by **XCubate**, is a B-plan competition where the participants submitted their B-plan before the fest, and the selected participants were further asked to present their idea that would be innovative, and economically viable. Team Ignite emerged as the winner.

## X-BOX CRICKET

Keeping the fitness bug alive, **SportsCom XUB** organized **X-Box Cricket** from **27th-29th September 2019** with about 25 teams pitting against each other in a knockout tournament. Mr. Bharat Mathur, a participant stated how the crowd was *“crazy excited”* about the matches. Boozy Boys (XUB) emerged as the winners and Titans (TCS) were the runners up

## ORIGAMI

**LitSoc – The Literary Society of XUB** organized **Origami**, where participants took part in a treasure hunt, post which, they were asked to enact a scenario with characters from different fandoms. Aishwarya Mishra and Sahil Sharma (MBA HRM, 1<sup>st</sup> Year) emerged as the winners.

## URBRAINIAN

**Urbrainian**, organized by **HabituX – The Student Association of XAHS**, which was a brainstorming event to seek sustainable solutions for the harsh reality that resides in the cities. Mr. Mitra Sathpathy, the co-ordinator of **HabituX** stated, *“The most difficult part was to match up to the hype that Xamboree had created in the previous year”*. Team Cosmos won, while Team Titans was the runner up.

## X-SAFAR

**International Relations Committee XUB** launched **X-Safar**, an event to make you go around the world! It consisted of 3 rounds, which culminated with the participants solving a murder mystery. The winners were Mr. Aayush Jha, Mr. Siddhart Nath, Mr. Aditya Kumar, and Mr. Ravi Ranjan, from the undergraduate program.

## YOGA SUTRA

**Spicmacay XUB** organized a one-of-a-kind event, **Yoga Sutra** that blends yoga and dance. The judge for the event was **Ms. Rupal Shah**, (Life Skills Trainer and Corporate Yoga Trainer, **Sri Sri School of Yoga, The Art of Living Foundation**). Ms. Mouparna Ghosal, who was the winner for the event stated, *“Asanas are a source of energy. Whatever tasks you wish to do, they give you motivation and the right mindset”*.

## DHWANI

**Dhwani**, the musical extravaganza organized by **X-Stage XUB** had its preliminary round, which saw participants singing their hearts out. The judge for the event was Ms. Sonam Dash, winner of the Royal Stag “Make it Large” contest.

## **HANDICRAFTS STALL**

Our heritage and ideals, our code and standards - the things we live by and teach our children - are preserved or diminished by how freely we exchange ideas and feelings. With the intention to preserve and promote them a handicrafts stall was set up by **Social Responsibility Cell of XUB**, in association with Anwasha NGO. The profits from the sale will be sent to the NGO for charitable purposes.

## **INAUGURAL CEREMONY**

The inaugural ceremony of **Xamboree** began in the presence of **Shri Tusharkanti Behera** (Hon'ble Minister of State Electronics and Telecommunications, **Sports and Youth Services**), **Dr. Fr. Antony R. Uvari, S.J.** (Vice-Chancellor, **XUB**), **Fr. Antony Raj, S.J.** (Deputy Registrar, **XUB**), **Prof. Snigdha Pattnaik** (Professor, **XAHR**), and other dignitaries with a tribute to those unsung heroes who contributed in rebuilding Odisha after Fani with their seamless efforts and dedication. **Shri Tusharkanti Behera** talked about social inclusion, cognitive dissonance, and disruptions. He also praised the initiative to felicitate the unsung heroes. A touching video, made by the students, showed the efforts of 30 NGOs working together to revive Odisha. The dignitaries also symbolically unveiled the Student Wellness Centre.

## **BATTLE IT OUT**

**Battle It Out**, a classic dance face-off between participants on the streets of XUB was organized by **X-Stage XUB**. The event witnessed a huge turnout and prominent among the crowd was 12-year old Mohit Kumar Panigrahi, who prefers to be addressed by his stage name – Emkay. He was quoted as saying, *“The event is full of hype. It feels good to meet so many dancers and learn from them.”* The participants were adjudged by one of the highest title holders in India, representing India internationally. Mr. Ritwij Hota, a 13 year old apprentice of Android Crew emerged as the winner after a lot of battles.

## **SONIX**

**XStage XUB** also organized **Sonix**, a battle of bands, where teams participate in the form of bands and perform their best piece on stage. The judges for Sonix were the very revered, Dhwani – The Band, who recorded the first ever Hindi Rock Album in Odisha, called “Hum Kahaan”. The winner was **Cross Affinity**, who had a tough competition from Reciprocal.

## **RITURAJ MOHANTY**

**Rituraj Mohanty**, an Indian singer and winner of India's Raw Star mesmerized the students by his musical notes and rendered many melodious tunes, including the one that thrust him into limelight - Rangabati. His performance was a tribute to the unsung heroes of Fani.

## **DAY 2**

### **SHRISHTI**

**X-Lens, The Photography Committee of XUB** organized **Shrishti** and **Expressions**, wherein the participants were given an opportunity to showcase their creativity, filming, and editing skills, and photography skills respectively. "Nazdikiya" by Birdline Pictures and "On the Fringe" by Nikita Bailarsingh emerged as the winners of Shrishti and Ayushi Sarangi and Chandan Chowdhary from XUB got the first prize for Expressions.

### **ANUKRITI**

**Spicmacay XUB Chapter** organized an interesting event, **Anukriti**, a face painting competition that saw participants at their creative best. The judge for the event was **Mr. Sudhanshu Deo**, (Director/Principal, **JBC Animation Academy**). Mr. Jatee Prakash Das, the co-ordinator of Spicmacay exclaimed, *"We are happy to see so many participants showcasing their creativity and enthusiasm!"* Diasha Munian from Xavier School of Economics and Ayushi Dwivedi from Xavier School of Sustainability were declared as the winners of the event.

### **QUREKA**

**Qureka**, the general quiz organized by **XQuizzite XUB**, consisted of 6 rounds wherein participants were asked tricky questions to test their general awareness. The Quizmaster for the day was **Mr. Simanta Mohanty** (Assistant Professor, **School of Government & Public Affairs**). One of the organizers from Team XQuizzite, Mr. Sudhanshu Sekhar Baral said, *"It was overwhelming to see 43 teams from diverse fields participating in the event"*. Ritwik Tripathy, Toyada Pattanaik and Ranjan Anil Kumar from Silicon Institute of Technology and AIIMS, BBSR, emerged as the winners for the competition.

### **XPRESS ON AIR**

**IlluminatiX – Media & PR Cell, XUB** organized **Xpress On Air**- an RJ Talent Hunt in association with **RED FM 93.5**, which gave an opportunity to participants from around the city, to be the voice that drives the reigns of change and be the sound that represents their own university. The participants were judged by **RJ Harshit** from **RED FM 93.5**. Ankriti Pal from RD Women's University won the first prize for the event. RJ Harshit expressed his joy stating, *"I've spent a splendid Saturday afternoon in XUB, which made me witness loads of talented people. I thank the IlluminatiX team for their hospitality"*.

### **FOOTLOOSE**

**Footloose**, the dance competition organized by **X-Stage XUB** and judged by **Fullstop Crew**, saw various groups perform to different beats. The winner of the competition was Team SRDA

from the College of Engineering and Technology, Bhubaneswar. **Fullstop crew** shared their experience by saying, *“The talent which we witnessed was great and unique, we are overwhelmed by the hospitality and the kind of experience we got from this event”*.

## **SAMRIDDHI**

The **Social Responsibility Cell of XUB** organized a CSR Action Plan Competition, **Samriddhi**, which provided a platform for the participants to plan executable solutions to overcome the issues of contemporary society. Team Reject 2.0 from St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata was the winner of the competition. Participant Gaurav Das quoted, *“It was a thought-provoking competition that enabled us to look at socio-economic problems that usually get ignored in the normal course of life”*.

## **GAMING COMMITTEES**

The gaming committees of XUB, **Gladiator**, **Chakravyuh**, and **Skill City** organized various business simulation events which tested the participants’ decision-making skills, business knowledge, and general awareness. Team Hornets were the winners of the event **Chakravyuh** and Team Soch emerged as the winners for **Skill City**. Team Shadows (Vaibhav Khandelwal and Vignes Sharma) of **MDI, Murshidabad** came out as the winners for **Gladiator**. Mr. Nitish Kumar, one of the organizers of **Chakravyuh** quoted, *“The competition was designed to test the skills of the participants in a situation-based business environment and we are happy with the enthusiasm shown by the participants.”*

## **RUNWAY ROLL**

**X-Stage XUB** organized **Runway Roll**, one of the most glamorous events of **Xamboree** which brought all the fashion enthusiasts together. There were some unique performances that stood out and among them Team Kzarshin from KIIT University bagged the first position.

## **RAHUL SUBRAMANIAN AND CHAIR JOKERS**

The much awaited event **Comedy Night with Rahul Subramanian** started with an opening act by **Chain Jokers**. Rahul, the stand-up comedian from Mumbai who is an Engineer and MBA graduate started the show with his meticulously crafted act related to B-school life by recalling his MBA life, made the audience roar with laughter and shake their heads in amazement.

## DAY 3

### DHAROHAR

**SPIC MACAY XUB Chapter** flagship event, **Dharohar** which was a classical competition of singing, dancing, and instrumental arts. The first judge for this event was the popular **Odissi Soloist, Rahul Acharya**, widely known as **The Divine Dancer**, and the second judge was the award-winning singer, **Nazia Alam**, who also has been a finalist of **Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Show (Zee TV)**. The event witnessed participants from different institutions of the country. In the dancing category, **Hare Krushna Dhall** from **Nrutya Naivedya**, **Smarnika Hota** from **Mother Public School**, and **Dipti Ranjan Baral** from **Utkal Sangeet Mahavidyalaya** emerged as first, second, and third winners respectively. In singing, **Ankur Biplav** from **XCOMP, XUB**, and **Suman Sunayna** from **D.M. School** secured first and second positions, respectively. In the category of instrument playing, **Pintu Mallick** and **Dipti Ranjan Bahar** (Duet) of **Utkal Sangeet Mahavidyalaya** emerged as the winners. Coordinator of Spicmacay, Mr. Jatee Prakash Das quoted, *“We were delighted to have so many participants from all over Odisha. It was a musical extravaganza of classical and folk art forms. Needless to say, it turned out to be one of the best competitions of Xamboree 2019.”*

### SPARDHA

**RMAX - Rural Managers' Association of XSRM, XUB** organized **Spardha**, a National Level Inter-college Social Business Plan Competition, wherein the participants got an opportunity to showcase their entrepreneurship and decision-making skills, along with a test of their social quotient. In the event, teams were sent to different villages for observing and interacting with the local people to figure out an existing challenge and come up with a feasible b-plan for a solution. The teams for the final round were selected via a quiz on the thereof rural development. **Sugandha Kumari** and **Siddharth Achary** of **Xavier School of Rural Management, Bhubaneswar** emerged as the winners of the event. One of the participants, Mr. Shrey Kumar quoted, *“It was an out of the box competition which gave a lot of insights to the participants into the happenings of the rural sector like entrepreneurship, development, government schemes, etc.”*

### HABITUX

**HabituX - The XAHS Association** and **Ximahr - The HR Association of XAHR** hosted their flagship event, **ProAct**, the Ultimate Strategy Competition at Xamboree. **ProAct** provided an amazing opportunity to the participating teams to bring their strategic skills to the canvas. During the event, each team reeled off its decision-making ability and added up some fun, humor, communication, and spontaneity flavor to the tasks. The judges for the event were **Prof. Tanmoy Das (XAHR)**, and **Prof. Prashant Prasad (XAHS)**. One of the organizers of the event, Ms. Aakansha Sinha quoted, *“Proact is one of a kind of business management event which judged the creativity, strategic thinking and how innovative the participants were. Everyone out there including the judges had a whale of a time. Also, we as organizers had a great time designing and organizing the entire event.”* The winning team was, **Doc\_Preneurs**

(Chandan Chowdhury and Alka Srivastava) and the first runners up were, team **Mangalgotri** (Piyush Aggarwal and Amit Mohanty).

## **TAMASHA**

**X-Stage, XUB** in association with **Xamboree** organized its flagship event, **TAMASHA**. It is the Nukkad Natak Competition of the fest. Teams from various colleges had registered and sent in the synopsis and a short clip of their street play. Then, the selected teams were invited to perform at **XUB**. They had the liberty to choose their topics which were restricted to social issues and causes. They were judged based on the clarity and presentation of the social issue, the route to solve it, originality of the street play, and the use of props and music. The judges for the event were **Prof. Vikrant Vijay Patil (XSoS)**, and **Mr. Jeetendranath Mohapatra**, a notable personality of the Odia film industry. **Team Toneelstuk** from the **Institute of Technical Education and Research (ITER)** emerged as the winner of the event. **Sae Zoting**, team member- X-Stage quoted, *“It was really fascinating to watch young minds come up with innovative ideas and the way they have portrayed every detail through drama!”*

## **DHWANI**

**X-Stage: The Cultural Committee of XUB** organized and hosted **DHWANI 2019**. Dhvani is a solo singing competition organized in two rounds on the 1st and 2nd day of the Management-cultural fest of XUB, Xamboree. It provides a platform to the talented youth of colleges across India to showcase their vocals in either classical or western music. The participants were allowed to participate in any one or both the categories with filtration through the elimination round on the first day of XAMBOREE'19. The finale witnessed a cut-throat musical war between the contestants which put the very talented judges of the event, **Mr. Randip Palit** and **Ms. Rojalin Sahu** in a dilemma, as to whom to crown as the winner. **Mr. Ashutosh Behera** from **SOA University** and **Mr. Karthikeya** from **KIIT University** won in the Classical/Bollywood and Western categories respectively. As quoted by one of the participants, **Suryanshu Panda**, an undergraduate student of XUB, *“The event was really excellent. The singers selected were really talented. Even the judges were great!”*

## **BOMBAY BASSMENT and NUCLEYA**

**Bombay Bassment**, a Mumbai based band whose music is a blend of Hip-Hop, Rap, Reggae, Funk, Drum, and Bass, performed live and captivated the audience with their high energy and hip-shaking performances. **In association with Red Bull Music, NUCLEYA**, the country's most popular **EDM sensation and influential independent artist**, performed live at the celeb night of Xamboree, which created buzz and excitement all over the city. He rendered magic with his scintillating performance and made the crowd groove to his hits like Laung Gawacha, Bass Rani, etc. One of the spectators exclaimed, *“This was the moment I was looking forward to the most and clearly, NUCLEYA exceeded the expectations, raising the bar of Xamboree to a next level!”*