

# Pre conduction Report, Techkriti '14

## The Annual Technical and Entrepreneurial Festival of IIT Kanpur

Techkriti'14 will be organized from 6<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Techkriti.

### Initiatives:

Social Initiatives	New Events	Others
Uttarakhand Relief Collection Drive	Multi Rover	Mobile Website
Claus for a Cause	Richie Rich	Techkriti Android App
Raktarpan	Marketing Villa	
Urja:- Women Empowerment	IMP	
Blog for a Cause	Robo Pirates	
Pratibimb	Quest for the Rest	
	Messier Marathon	

**Uttarakhand Relief Camp:** This campaign was organized during August'13 to help the affected person in Uttarakhand. Techkriti collected more than 34 cartons weighing 464 kilograms.

**Raktarpan:** A nation-wide blood donation camp is being organized with Blood Connect and Raktarpan. The blood camp at IIT Kanpur was conducted on 25<sup>th</sup> January during which blood was collected from 189 students.

**Claus for a Cause:** The social initiatives Team of Techkriti went to an orphanage on 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2013. A campaign in which we will ask each inmate of an orphanage to 'Make A Wish' and would give our best to fulfil those wishes via donations from benevolent public. We believe the dreams and wishes are what drive a child to endeavour to aim high and bloom into a responsible and contributing citizen.

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**Urja:-Women Empowerment:** Techkriti is conducting a women empowerment campaign. A skill enhancement workshop, URJA was organized from 17<sup>th</sup> January-24<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 in which 50 women visited IITK Campus and were taught to make products from Bamboo. Also, we are celebrating 8<sup>th</sup> March as International Women's Day on a huge scale. Miss World 1998, Linor Abargil will be present in campus to screen her documentary "BRAVE MISS WORLD". A panel discussion is also being organized.

**Mobile Website:** Techkriti became the first ever student festival to launch its mobile website. ([m.techkriti.org](http://m.techkriti.org))

**Techkriti Android App:** Techkriti also launched an android app. This app will give updates regarding the venue and schedule of any specific event.

## Competitions

### Participation Statistics

No of Registrations	22633
No of Participants selected for finals (IITK)	1500

**No of Competitions: 54**

### Major Competitions:

- I. Robogames
- II. ECDC
- III. Software Corner
- IV. Take Off
- V. Soccon
- VI. Endeavour
- VII. Eureka
- VIII. Ideas
- IX. IORC
- X. 28 States
- XI. Battle Field
- XII. Marketing Villa
- XIII. Riche Rich
- XIV. Techkriti Grand Prix

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- XV. Concatenate
- XVI. Tremor
- XVII. IHPC
- XVIII. Crypto
- XIX. IOPC
- XX. Bridge Design

### Fun@ Techkriti:

- I. Archery
- II. Paintball
- III. Running Bungee
- IV. Sumo Wrestling
- V. Trampoline
- VI. Velcro Wall
- VII. Water Zorbing

### Major Highlights:

- 1) **Multi-Hover Event**- being conducted for the first time in India.
- 2) **FunT** is completely free for all the participants and IIT K students.  
Fun T included many new events this year, which have not been experienced by students of IITK in past such as Water Zorbing, Valcro Wall, Running Bungee
- 3) Expected **International teams** from Pakistan, Nepal, Sweden, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and UAE to participate in the GRC competition
- 4) **Innovation in Manufacturing Practices**, an event to solve the existing problems of Indian Industries is being organized in association with INAE (Indian National Academy of Engineering).

### Guests Lectures:

### Pre-Festival Talks

- 1) **Rakesh Sharma**: The first Indian to fly into space, he was a squadron leader with the Indian Air Force, when he flew into space in 1984 as part of a joint programme between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Soviet Interkosmos space program. He spent eight days in space on board the Salyut 7 space station.

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- 2) **Hans Rosling:** He is a Swedish medical doctor, academic, statistician and public speaker. He is Professor of International Health at Karolinska Institute and co-founder and chairman of the Gapminder Foundation which developed the Trendalyzer software system. In 2009 he was listed as one of 100 leading global thinkers by Foreign Policy Magazine and in 2011 as one of 100 most creative people in business by the Fast Company Magazine.

### During Festival Talks

1. Alvin E. Roth
2. Walter Lewin
3. P. Sainath
4. David J Griffiths
5. George Kourounis
6. Jordan Soles
7. Ajai Chowdhary

### **India Innovators:**

**Brij Kothari:** Dr. Brij Kothari (born June 9, 1964) is an Indian academic and a social entrepreneur. He invented Same Language Subtitling on TV for mass literacy in India.

**Siddhartha Jain:** With an enduring commitment to solving the global problem of energy poverty, which affects over 2 billion people worldwide, Nuru Energy has developed a one-of-a-kind robust and simple-to-use off-grid recharging platform, the Nuru POWERCycle™ pedal generator. The POWERCycle™ provides reliable clean, sustainable power anytime, anywhere and is hundreds of times more efficient than current solar-based solutions at a fraction of the cost. It is used to recharge both mobile phones as well as Nuru Energy's own portable modular LED lights, which can be recharged five at a time in 20 minutes, with each light providing up to 10 days of light to a rural household.

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**International Women's Day Panel Discussion:** The panel for the panel discussion consists of the following:

- 1) Pallavi Sharda (Actress)
- 2) Alka Lamba (Chairperson GO India)
- 3) Meenakshi Lekhi (Lawyer, Supreme Court)
- 4) Naomi Dutta (Journalist)
- 5) Prameela Vadreu (VP and Scientist, DRDL)
- 6) Subhashini Ali (President AIDWA)

### **Brave Miss World Documentary Screening:**

Linor Abargil, Miss World (1998) shall be present during Techkriti'14 on eve of International Women's Day.

Israeli beauty queen Linor Abargil was abducted and raped in Milan, Italy two months before being crowned Miss World in 1998. Ten years later, she took the courage to talk about it – and to encourage others to speak out. Now a globe-trotting victims' advocate, Linor encourages others to stand against sexual violence by putting an end to their silence.

During the session, get a chance to listen her talk about her life journey and the scenario world-wide followed by the screening of her Documentary - **Brave Miss World**; also featured at Stanford, UC Berkley and Miami Women's Int'l Film Festival.

### **Exhibition:**

- I. Robolobster, USA
- II. Robolamprey, USA
- III. Robobee, USA
- IV. E-Velolink, ETH Zurich, Switzerland
- V. The Decelerator Helmet, Germany
- VI. Mogeas, UK
- VII. Solowheel, USA
- VIII. Orbit Wheel, USA
- IX. Hovertrax, USA
- X. Nuru Energy, India
- XI. Mumbai Augmented Reality

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## Shows

- I. Parikrama
- II. Ray Zaltsman, Mentalist (Israel)
- III. Alex Dowis, Light Painter (Czech Republic)
- IV. Murray Molloy, Sword Sallower (Spain)
- V. Cultural Night
- VI. Andy Mckee, Finger Style Guitarist (USA)
- VII. Tracy Lee Stum, 3D Painter (USA)

## Megaworld:

- I. 24
- II. Barter
- III. Casino
- IV. Business Tambola
- V. I Need U
- VI. Informals
- VII. King of Chaos
- VIII. Puzzle Mania
- IX. Treasure Hunt

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