



INTER IIT CHAMPIONS2014



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REPORT ON THE TITLE DEFENCE



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With the pressure of having to defend the newly attained title of last year, the task was like an uphill slope. But, with determination and an undying will to succeed we set out on our journey. After 6 days of grueling competition and nail-biting encounters, we emerged as the General Champions in Boys at a total of 69 points with a narrow margin of 0.5 points ahead of Roorkee in the second position.

The results in the girls' events were a mixed bag. But, we managed to finish in Overall Second position behind hosts Bombay, which was a better performance than last year where we had finished Overall Third.

The Year 2014:

The win was headlined by the overall championship in Athletics (Boys and Girls); Gold medals in Tennis, Badminton and Water Polo in Boys Category; Badminton in women's category; Silver medal in Weightlifting; and Bronze medals in Swimming (men) and Volleyball (women).

The Athletics team continued their tremendously consistent streak clinching Gold in both Boys and Girls; Devi Mutyala emerged as the 'Best Athlete(Female)'. The team had also won the overall championship the previous year in the Boys Category and Girls Category.

Tennis boys secured the Gold medal for the first time ever and bettered their previous year's Bronze medal performance.

The Badminton Boys, who had won Silver last year, won the Gold medal this year.

The Badminton Girls showcased their hard work on court converting it into a Gold Medal this year, bettering their Quarter Final exit from last year.

The Weightlifting Team brought home a silver medal, improving upon their previous year's performance hugely.

The Volleyball Girls team clinched a Bronze Medal this year. They were the defending champions from last year.



Swimming Boys won the **Bronze medal** at the Inter IIT Aquatics meet held in October 2013, maintaining the previous year's performance. They outdid their previous year's performance in **Water Polo** clinching the **Gold Medal**.

Overview of Performance:

The performance at Inter IIT this year may be termed as a mixed-bag inspite of the fact that we were able to ably defend our crown in the Boy's category and better our performance in the Girl's category.

In the Boy's category, the positive results are concentrated to only a few teams. The team events have failed to contribute points towards the GC inspite of us having excellent teams in the same. Teams have lost out on very narrow margins which is a matter of concern for us.

In the Girl's category, we had the potential of clinching the GC, owing to some new talents that appeared. But, we were not successful in converting the talent into performance and lagged behind hosts Bombay in the race.

Team-wise performance:

Aquatics Boys:

The team contributed 14 (10 Water Polo + 4 Swimming) points in the tally and overwhelmingly surprised everyone. They finished Overall first tied at 14 points with IIT Madras. Almost all the key players of the team including Parth Tripathi, Mohit Goenka, Mayur Mehta, Manish Mehta, Pranjal Gupta are passing out this year, and thus, the task is uphill for building a strong team next year. But, with this spirit of victory, I think the team will manage to pull it off!

Aquatics Girls:

Aquatics Girls could not contribute any points this year finishing Overall 6th in the tally, with a lone Bronze medal from Harshita Varshney. We had expected the team to finish at least Overall 4th in the tally giving 2 points. Manvi Gupta is passing out this year and the challenge for next year is even the more daunting.



Athletics Boys:

The team continued their convincing form this year, narrowly overtaking Bombay to retain their Championship in a photo-finish. However to sustain this the team has find a substitute for Rai Singh (present Captain), who is passing out this year. The team has to practise harder to fill-in the void. But, with new talents such as Akshat Varma and Deepak Jorwal, things do look on the positive side for next year.

Athletics Girls:

They had a clean sweep this year as expected. No player is passing out. The presence of Devi Mutyala and Jessica Judith Nunes is a very promising sign for next year, although they would both be in their final years. The team also has a very big talent pool with it.

Badminton Boys:

No player is passing out. Thus, we can expect a similar performance next year. This is one team that is looking particularly strong for next year.

Badminton Girls:

Jaya Gupta is passing out. The immediate task at hand is to increase their bench strength. The experience of other players will come in handy for next year. But, the arrival of Priya Kushram, a promising new talent is reassuring for a similar performance next year.

Basketball Boys:

The team did not perform up to the mark. They lost out in their close quarterfinal against Kharagur, indicating that the team seriously needs to work on their Pressure Dynamics and temperament. They must put in a disciplined effort this year, a medal is long due on from them!

Basketball Girls:

Veenu Chowdhary(present Captain), Anjali Vishwakarma and Radhika Ravi are passing out, leaving the team with a big void. The team needs to be more regular for practice. They must up the ante now and prove their mettle, which is possible with the presence of talents like Sonal Yadav and Jaimita Bansal.

Cricket:

Kushagra Singh(present Captain), Devanshu Arya, Mohit Kanwat, Nitin Kumar - 4 key players are passing out his year. Their performance this year was rather disappointing as they got knocked out in the quarters, when we were expecting them to get at least a Silver. The team needs to work hard to regain their confidence!



Football:

This sport was also a major disappointment this year, similar to cricket. The team had tremendous potential but failed to fire at the crucial moment. Darshil Dharod and Viren Sood will be passing out this year, but with enough bench strength, we can expect something better from the team next year.

Hockey:

Dinesh Meena, Ankur Singh, Jitendra Dhakar and Yogeshwar Pal - 4 integral players of the team will be passing out. The team got knocked out in the league itself, when they were expected to at least play the semifinals. The team needs to increase their bench strength by have a larger pool to choose from. Thus they need to perform talent search events.

Lawn Tennis Boys:

Aaditya Ranade, the most important player of the team is passing out. They have a hard task at hand to recover his absence, but they do have a flourishing pool to chose from. They lived up to the expectations this year giving the Gold Medal, for the first time ever!

Lawn Tennis Girls:

The next year's team is going to be a completely new one, yet again, with only 1 player continuing. Need to work very hard on motivating new players to come to the courts. Things do not look too positive.

Squash:

Vaibhav Gupta will be passing out this year. The team has an enormous task at hand. They had a tough task this year too and finished 4th, much as expected, but, even their 2 crucial points were vital to retain the GC.

Table Tennis Boys:

They need to practise harder and capitalize on the experience that they have gained. Also, they need to be more regular on the court. They lost out in the League itself which was not at all expected. Himanshu Pandey will be passing out which is a major blow for the team.

Table Tennis Girls:

Here too the team will be the same. They should manage a medal at least. The team needs more match practice with different opponents/players. They underperformed this year, probably due to lack of experience.



Volleyball Boys:

Varun Barala and Rakesh Naik will be passing out. The team has enormous potential. Needs to click together as a unit, mould players for important positions right from the start and stay calm in high-pressure matches. They choked in the quarter finals yet again. But, they indeed have the potential to break this jinx next year.

Volleyball Girls:

No Players are passing out. Need to maintain the consistency that they have achieved over the past years. New players need to take up the mantle. They had a strong team and managed a Bronze, but, they could have easily played the finals.

Weightlifting:

Probably the Biggest Highlight of this year. A radical change in the performance finishing Overall Second owing to Ritesh Giri, Robinson Guria and Arjun Ram. No one is passing out and future certainly looks bright.

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