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Describe the Institutional efforts/initiatives in providing an inclusive environment i.e., tolerance and harmony towards cultural, regional, linguistic, communal socioeconomic and other diversities (within 500 words).

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PIET has a rich cultural mix of local students from Haryana and NCR with the students from other countries such as Nepal, Bhutan, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Bangladesh. Drawn from various places and countries, students have found PIET a home away from home. The institute, through its various initiatives and efforts tries to create an inclusive environment. Some of the institutional efforts are classified and described below:



Diaspora of foreign students in PIET



A group of students from Nepal with Vice-Chairman PIET

Cultural diversity:

end *Maestros* during odd and even semesters respectively. Carbuncle is the platform for exhibiting the latent talent of new aspirants with the purpose to make every new student feel connected as an integral part of PIET family and be ready to take on the challenges of the years ahead. PIET also organizes Maestros an inter-institute technical and cultural fest to provide a unique and conceptual learning opportunity to the students. It also aims at showcasing various scientific research and cultural activities, in other words, the fest is an incorporation of creativities, talents and innovations. The last day's performance, known as star night, is usually allocated for a popular and invited celebrity. Such cultural programs provide students an effective mechanism to mix with each other and create a harmonious environment. Nepali actress Keki Adhikari was invited for interaction with the students and cultural performance in PIET on 26th March, 2019.



Glimpse of institute cultural function



Nepal Actress Keki Adhikari in PIET for a cultural Program



Rishabh Jha, student from Nepal receiving Youth Parliament award



Saurabh Aggarwal, Student from Nepal, receiving Best Photography Award

Regional and communal, linguistic diversity

• Celebration of festivals: The students at PIET celebrate not only the popular local festivals such as *Holi*, *Deepawali*, but also festivals like *Good Friday*, *Baisakhi*, *etc*. which indicates their respect for regional and cultural harmony. Celebration of the 'Day of Social Justice' by PIET students also spreads the social integration and respect for the belief of *equality of human beings*. Celebration of the *Hindi Divas* in PIET is reflective of its linguistic harmony promotion in the campus. Students participate in Hindi poem recitation and essay writing competitions on *Hindi Divas*.

World Day of Social Justice (20 Feb 2016)

- 19th Feb was another remarkable day in Panipat Institute of Engineering and Technology when the students celebrated 'The Social Justice Day' as mark of respect to all and a message of equality of human beings irrespective of their social status.
- This day is celebrated on the spirit of the United Nations Organisation, which is a way to bring about harmonious atmosphere in the work places particularly. Such celebrations fill the workmen with a new energy as they feel belonging to the organisation.
- On this day the statue of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, which was recently installed in the college premises by the state minister Anil Vij and the grandson son of the martyr, was garlanded by one of the security guards and a college attendant in the presence of the college management.



Snapshot from BBA newsletter available in the institute web through the URL: https://www.piet.co.in/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/BBA-E-news-letter-feb.ppsx



Holi Celebration at PIET



GOOD FRIDAY celebration at PIET: Snapshot from MBA newsletter

Source: https://www.piet.co.in/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/The-MBA-Reporter-2nd-issue.ppsx



Inauguration of the Hindi Divas program

Source: https://www.piet.co.in/gallery/#

Report available in URL: https://www.piet.co.in/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/The-MBA-Reporter-5th.ppsx

• Student Exchange program with CIT Chennai: The student exchange program with CIT is taking place from the year 2018 and so far two such programs have been organised. During 2018 a group of fifteen students from B. Tech. mechanical engineering visited CIT Chennai from 5th to 15th March 2018. In 2019 sixteen students of B. Tech. mechanical engineering, information

technology, electronics and communication engineering departments visited CIT Chennai from 17^{th} to 26^{th} June 2019. In turn the students from CIT also visited PIET and stayed in the campus during 2018 and 2019.



PIET students at CIT Chennai under student exchange



CIT Chennai students at PIET under student exchangeduring 2018



Above: Students from CIT Chennai at PIET, 2019

(Source http://www.citchennai.edu.in/latest-news/student-exchange-program-for-citians/)

• **Programs on Empathy**: PIET students sharing empathy with the Nepali students at PIET organised a candle march for the loss of lives due to earthquake on 25 April 2015 and contributed INR 61000 for relief fund of Nepal.





PIET students paid tribute to martyred army men killed in Pulwama attack

• **Programs on Harmony:** Programs organised on art of living, ethics, and spirituality are great institutional measures to create communal harmony in the PIET fraternity.



Seminar on "Transition from Competition to Cooperation" by Brother E. V. Gireesh, Sister Shreya

Source: https://www.piet.co.in/gallery/#bwg20/882 **Report available in** https://www.piet.co.in/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/The-MBA-Reporter-5th.ppsx



Seminar on Soul-Consciousness is the way to liberated life by Brother Yogesh, Istanbul, Turkey

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• NSS and Students' Rotract Club at PIET: NSS volunteers of the institute are instrumental in creating sensitisation about community services. There is also a student Rotaract club at PIET to provide an opportunity for personal development and to address the physical and social needs of communities, to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service.



• Student International Trainings: Some of the past students who have undergone trainings abroad are Akash Gupta, Mayank Aggarwal B. Tech. Mechanical from Ural Fedral University,

Russia; Aviraj Rohilla, Nitin Sharma, B. Tech. Mechanical from Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, Ukraine; Arnav Mahajan, B. Tech. Mechanical from Stevens Institute of Technology, USA.





Socioeconomic and other diversities

• **Institutional scholarship schemes**: The institute also takes account of socioeconomic diversities among the students and offers scholarships to fatherless children and students with weak financial backgrounds.