

As a part of Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the Institute, Titans – 2023 was organized by A.V. Parekh Technical Institute, Rajkot on 18th May 2023 in order to felicitate the excellent performers in the Sports Week organized from 3rd April to 8th April 2023, which witnessed the participation of around 450 students among whom 3 students had participated in national level competitions. Along with the felicitation, the programme was also arranged to bid farewell to the final year students of the institute. Thus, twin aims of the programme were to celebrate the sporting skill, team-spirit, leadership skills and sportsman spirit demonstrated during the Sports Week as well as to farewell the students nurtured by the institute in different academic as well as curricular and extra-curricular activities so as to enable them to meet the needs of the world outside the four walls of the classroom.



The programme was honoured by the gracious presence of honourable Dr. Darshitaben Shah, M.L.A. of Rajkot West (front row, third from the left in the above photograph), Dr. K.G. Maradia sir, Principal, Government Engineering College, Rajkot (fourth from left), Shri D.B.Vagadia sir, Principal of AVPTI, Rajkot (fifth from left), Prof. K.B. Rathod, H.D.D., Electrical Engg. Department, G.E.C. Rajkot (first from right), Smt. Hemaliben Rupareliya, former H.O.D. of Computer Engg. Department of the institute (second from left), Shri R.J. Dhruv, H.O.D., I.C. Engg. Department of the institute, Shri D.M.Pujara, Secretary of Alumni Association, AVPTI, Rajkot (third from right), Thummar sir, former H.O.D. of Electrical Engg. Department of the institute and Kansagarabhai, former cashier of the institute (second from right), Students from different departments and all the staff members of the institute enthusiastically attended the programme and made it a huge success by their sheer hard work, dedication, and commitment. The venue of the programme, Aravindbhai Maniar Hall, Rajkot, managed by Rajkot Municipal Corporation, provided appropriate ambience in accordance with the theme of the programme.

The programme started with the prayer in the form of gracious dance performance by Mahek Desai and Dhruvi Sangani, students of Computer Engineering Department.



Prayer performance was followed by lighting of lamp by Dr. Maradia sir (as seen in the below photograph, on the left, by Vagadia sir (on the right) and present dignitaries.



Dr. Darshitaben Shah, MLA of Rajkot West and Chief Guest of the programme being felicitated by Shri D.B. Vagadia sir, Principal, AVPTI, Rajkot in the presence of dignitaries.



Felicitation of dignitaries and guests:

Photo-1 – Dr. K.G.Maradia felicitated by Shri D.B.Vagadia

Photo-2 – Prof. K.B. Rathod felicitated by Shri S.J.Patel

Photo-3 – Shri D.B.Vagadia felicitated by Shri H.B.Patel

Photo-4 – Shri R.J.Dhruv felicitated by Shri G.V.Parmar

Photo-5 – Smt. Hemaliben Rupareliya felicitated by Manishaben Gauswami

Photo-6 – Shri D.M.Pujara felicitated by Shri S.Z.Shyara

Photo-7 – Shri Kansagarabhai felicitated by Shri N.M.Mehta

Photo-8 – Shri Thummar sir felicitated by Dr. H.H.Bhatt



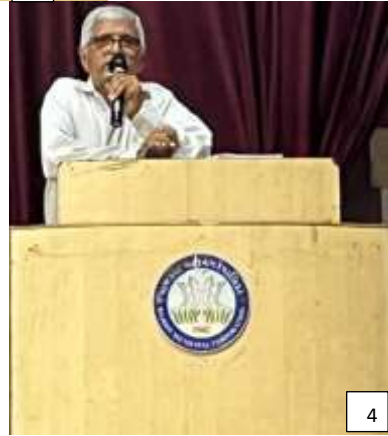
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The felicitation event was followed by motivating speeches by the dignitaries. In the first photograph, Dr. Darshitaben Shah, is seen, delivering speech to the audience. In the second photograph, Principal Shri D.B.Vagadia sir, in the third photograph Principal Dr. Maradiya sir and in the fourth photograph Shri D.M. Pujara sir is seen speaking on the occasion. The motivating words of speakers sparked enthusiasm and vigour among the audience and inspired the students to do their best for their self-development and progress of the society and the nation.



Runners-up of Cricket – 2nd Sem. Students of



Winners of Cricket – 4th Sem. Students of EE



Runners-up of Kabaddi – 6th Sem. CE



Winners of Kabaddi – 4th Sem. CE students



Runners-up Tug of War – 6th Sem. EE



Winners of Tug of War – 4th Sem. EE



Runners-up of Volleyball – 6th Sem. CE



Winners of Volleyball – Students of EE

Along with the prizes given to students, teams of four branches of the institute – Computer (photograph 1 below), Biomedical (photograph 2), Electrical (photograph 3) and C.A.C.D. & D.M. (photograph 4) – were honoured with a certificate of appreciation at the hands of Dr. Darshitaben Shah, Principal Mardia sir and Principal Vagadia sir.



The felicitation of winners and teams of different departments was followed by Garba performance by the students of Information and Communication Technology department, led by Priyanshi Chekhaliya (as seen in the photo on the left) and presentation of Chhand from Lok Sahitya by Korina Kunal from Electrical Department.



Fusion dance performance by Mihir Upadhyay and group of students from ICT department (as seen in the photo on the left) and a beautiful song sung of Tank Piya with the accompaniment of guitar played by Mamtara Jay added a touch of modernity to the programme in contrast with the traditional performance in the previous photographs.



In the above photograph on the extreme left Thavani Drashti from CACDDM department is seen graciously performing a fusion dance. The photograph in the middle shows girls from Computer department performing a fantabulous fusion dance led by Rajvi Makhecha and the photograph on the right grabs the fabulous fusion dance performance by Jadav Shivani from Biomedical department. Fusion dances by different students are representative of the multi-faceted campus life which rather than limiting to purely academic activities lays emphasis on the all-round development of the personality of the students. True to Swami Vivekananda's dictum, education at AVPTI attempts to bring out the best in every student and gives them befitting platform to blossom it.

In between the prize giving ceremony and dance performances, final year students delivered speech to express their memories of college period. The speech given by different students was filled with their academic and practical enrichment, their innocent pleasures, the joy of completing an important phase of their journey, and their feelings of sorrow to leave the amicable environment of the institute. Nisarg Dave from I.C. department, Aditya Jani from Computer department, Daxini Krishna from CACDDM department, Kajal Vainsh from Biomedical department, Vishal Rajyaguru from Electrical department and Parmar Mayank from E.C. department shared their valuable memories of their college days memories.

The entire event was guided under the visionary leadership of D.B.Vagadia sir, Principal, A.V.P.T.I., Rajkot and P.N.Joshi sir, member of institute Gymkhana committee. The sequence of events of the entire programme was very thoughtfully arranged by them to keep alive the interest of the audience till the concluding event; prize distribution events were merged with solo and group dance performance of boys and girls students of the institute. Different committee members worked really hard to make the entire event highly successful – discipline committee spared no stones unturned to ensure that the grandeur of the event remains intact; programme anchors remained constantly active to keep live the touch with the audience in a large hall housing 600 + students, faculties and invited guests; stage committee members literally stood on their toes so that the flow of the event continues without any hitch and of course, the students positively motivated and boosted the spirit of the performers and achievers with their constant cheers and expressions of joy.

In the concluding part of the programme, Shri P.N. Joshi sir, coordinator of the event, gave a vote of thanks; he wholeheartedly appreciated the hard work and dedication of all staff of the institute who tirelessly worked during the entire Sports Week event as well as during the felicitation programme. Cheers of joy and shouting continued from the students of playing a lead role in the organization of such a wonderful and memorable event. In the below photograph on the left Shri Joshi sir is seen emotionally conveying his heartfelt thanks to the audience.



The entire programme was very efficiently anchored by Miss Darshita Pathak (in the middle) & Miss Poonam Soneji (on the right).



On the whole, the programme was highly successful. It was characterized by youthfulness, vivacity, colours, fun and frolic, music and swag and cheers and claps. It was a colourful celebration of achievement, growth, confidence, and demonstration of students' talent nurtured on the loving turf of their mother institute by their dedicated teachers and caring administrators. Total 80 trophies and 168 certificates were given to students to recognize their performance in different sports competitions. Distributing prizes to the loved ones brought tears of joy to the eyes of the many and watching the students performing confidently on the stage and speaking without any stage fear in front of their mentors filled their being with the feelings of pride and fulfilment.

The programme was concluded with a culminating event of playing garba, in which not only the students but the faculties also joined with great energy and enthusiasm.



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