

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

YALGAAR 2016

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After almost a month into their time at IIM A, the new entrants geared up for their first rivalry with the seniors. The ground was set, the equipment ready. Over a span of three days, Yalgaar, the annual fachcha-tuchcha sports competition, brought to the field till-now-busy-with-studies fachchas, pitting them against the best of tuchchas. (Who were, by no means working any less on the academic front than their successors. Yes, even we were surprised. Wasn't PGP 2 supposed to be chill?)

The war consisted of 16 battlegrounds, including games of snooker, shuttle relay, Iron Man and a short 2 km run. While virtuosos such as Akhilesh Bhat (PGP2) showcased their impressive skills and put up stellar performances as usual, the PGP1s matched them with equal enthusiasm. The likes of Sachin Ganesh and Sandeep HS awed the audience with their talent in football and basketball respectively, earning well-deserved praise and admiration from many.



As is historically the case, the tuchchas won by a handsome margin. But as Professor Saral Mukherjee says, "It doesn't matter if you win or you lose, what matters is which side you fought on." The fachchas performed well and walked away with victories in chess, basketball, cricket and carrom. They put up a brave fight almost everywhere – table tennis and volleyball were close calls.

The games not only helped build camaraderie among the first year players who were still getting to know each other, but also provided an opportunity for the two batches to mingle and engage with one another on a

competitive, yet fun platform. Not to forget, the events showcased a talent pool from which future team players were scouted, to be a part of the Institute squad for upcoming inter-institute competitions.

Football was accompanied by friendly sledging, athletics by loud cheering. Individual determination as well as team effort were visible in badminton, tennis and squash. While the fachchas started the event on a winning note, it was the tuchchas who walked away with the winning disc on the last day, after having played at LKP a crackling match of IIMA's hallmark game, Frisbee.