



## FLIGHTS

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### IME Party

The custom is old, the process already prevalent. Yet the IME Party celebration for 2008 marked the advent of cultural excellence amalgamated with impeccable management of events, thus establishing new heights to this traditional practice. Entirely organized by us, the first year students of the IME Department, the party glittered the evening of September 19, 2008.

We planned the initial setup at the lush green sprawls of the Community Centre, Type 2, but incessant rains from the morning compelled the organizers to shift the venue to Lecture Hall Complex at the last moment. Nevertheless, the organizing committee showed spectacular management skills to implement the backup plans and took their best efforts not to compromise on the eminence of the party. And the end, the result was "All's well that ends well".

The evening started with the talented pair of Anamika Tiwari and Siddharth Chawla who hosted the show. The symphonic strings of Abhinaya Agarwal's guitar met the rhythmic notes of Reetam Biswas' synthesizer for the opening event. Giggles of laughter followed with Ramnik Garg's mimicry of his batch mates. Shree Vidhya tuned up with Reetam next, thereby blending the western touch in the party. The musical train whistled along as Reetam and Abhinaya were joined by Anamika for the next song. Then was time for some disco on the floor, with Kiran Kumar, followed by Siddhartha Nigam's melodious song with Reetam's background score.

The next two group events saw the management students of IITK become professional dancers and actors. The dance program was performed by Aditi Makol, Siddhartha Gupta, Manoj Yadav, Jyoti Bala, Prachi Sharma and Siddharth Sharma.

After a huge round of cheer to the dance group, it was time for Deepak Chaudhry's drama troop to enjoy the centre stage. While I, Shailika Parmer, Deepak, Arun Kumar, Zubin George ruled the stage with full of fun-filled activities, the supporting characters were excellently enacted by future managers like Deepika Thukral, Vikash Priyadarshi, Ramnik, Ashutosh Dwivedi and Sandeep Ahuja. Special characters Ravi Siddharth, Reetam and Aditi had their share of attraction too. Pavan Kumar

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remained the backstage hero of the play with the control of lights. Overall, it signified that the IITK managers can be the best in professionalism, be whatever field they are put into. A lively game show for the seniors was conducted by Pankaj Agarwal next.

The dinner was set up with separate family tables for the faculty. Reetam's solo music hummed in the air as the professors with their family had an interactive dinner and photo session with the students. The event thus signified a blend of different cultures, and the faculty and students as a unity. The enthusiasm of the students continued till late in the night, when the dance floor was open for all to "ROCK ON".

The success story of the IME Party 2008 lies not just with the performers, but to the organizers who had a live experience of event management. We started the preparations just four to five days in advance but managed to boast of such a thumping success at the end. Being in the organizing team was an experience of a lifetime for me, and a bow of gratitude to commitments of Chandan Sharma, Vikash, Sumit Singh, Pankaj and Zubin for giving me unlimited support and encouragement to steer the event to its destined accomplishment. All the invitations done, thanks to writing skills of Rajeev Kasat, the stage set to get ready, the final test of management came to us from the torrential rainfall since morning. Thanks to the apt actions taken by Tarun Bajaj and Sumit, we could finally arrange the party.

Finally, the greatest victory for us was the audience response. We saw families of our beloved professors attending, and all the seniors getting party to the festive mood of the evening. Aditi, Jyoti and Deepika's handcraft attiring the background; it was an excitement to watch the stupendous audience facing the stage. Parties are truly the cherries in the ice-creams; the ice-creams may melt, but the cherry remains. We surely will boast of this party as our talent personified, and the memories of the events and fun are definite to lighten up the mellow colors of the rising sun in all of our hearts.