



Gandhinagar Institute of Technology

A Report on

“World Cancer Day Celebration”

4th February 2022

Introduction:

The Healthy Campus Committee (HCC) of Gandhinagar Institute of Technology regularly organizes activities pertaining to the Healthy Campus initiative. The initiative has identified seven key areas: Healthy Living, Social Consciousness, Stress Management, Building Self Esteem, Developing Critical Thinking, Developing Soft Skills and leading a Drug Free Life. Keeping up with the tradition, a "World Cancer Day Celebration" event was organized on 4th February 2022, in collaboration with "Narcotics Control Bureau, Ahmedabad (MHA, GoI)". Director sir, Dr H N Shah was instrumental in planning and execution of the event. HCC committee acknowledges the support of all Trustees and the Management in providing the necessary infrastructure and resources for conducting the event successfully. The event was coordinated by Prof. Jatin Chakravarti (HCC Coordinator, EC) under the guidance of Director Sir and Shri Shailendra Kumar Mishra (Zonal Director, Narcotics Control Bureau, MHA, GoI).

Objective:

Cancer is a disease which occurs when changes in a group of normal cells within the body lead to uncontrolled, abnormal growth forming a lump called a tumour. If left untreated, tumours can grow and spread into the surrounding normal tissue, and can affect the digestive, nervous and circulatory systems. Cancers can be caused by a number of different factors and, as with many other illnesses, most cancers are the result of exposure to a number of different causal factors such as alcohol, being overweight or obese, bad diet and nutrition, no physical activity, tobacco, ionizing radiation, work place hazards and infection. In India, 1.1 million cases of cancer are reported every year. The need for early detection of this disease is crucial since a large number of cases are those in which it is detected when a patient is already at an advanced stage, thus reducing the chances of survival. The aim is to save millions of preventable deaths each year by raising awareness and education about the disease.

Program Overview:

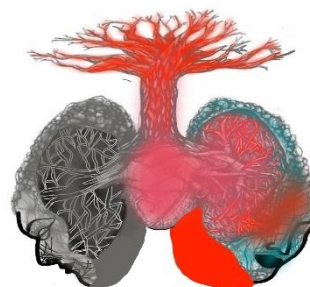
In the morning events like “Pixel Art”, “5Km Run for Cancer Awareness” and “Virtual Think Tank” were organized. “Pixel Art” event was coordinated by HCC faculty member Prof. Dhaval Panchal (ME). In this event the participants express the underlying social and political burning issues and a whole genre of artistic expression using sketches and paintings. Participants submitted digital paintings created using illustration software/apps like Adobe Photoshop, CorelDRAW, Adobe Illustrator, Microsoft Paint, Procreate and online graphic design editor like Canva. Participants were allowed to use Copyright Free Images that were downloaded from popular online sources such as Canva, Pexels, Unsplash and Pixabay. The digital art competition had a wide range of topics such as ‘Cancer Awareness’, ‘Drug Abuse’, ‘Narcotics’, ‘Fitness’, ‘Healthy Living’, ‘Global Pandemic’, ‘Yoga’, ‘Cultural Heritage’, ‘Climate Change’, ‘Right to Education’, ‘Regulation of Cryptocurrency’, ‘Natural Disasters’, etc. Winner and Runner-Up of “Pixel Art” event were Patel Romik Kiritbhai (210120116506, IT, Sem. 4) and Prajapati Nimesh Somrajbhai (180120107134, CE, Sem. 8), respectively. “5Km Run for Cancer Awareness” event

was coordinated by HCC faculty members Prof. Juhil Kapatel (CL) and Prof. Rahish Silavat (EE). Running is one of the few exercises that can be done anywhere and doesn't require an expensive gym membership. One doesn't have to be a seasoned athlete to participate. In these pandemic times, a running event can act as an immune-boosting, self-quarantining, social distancing, sanity-saving pandemic routine. Participants can run, jog, or walk anytime and anywhere with proper social distancing guidelines. For tracking their distance and time, participants installed the "Nike Run Club" app on their Android/iOS phones and submitted their running details to the coordinators through Google Form. Dr H N Shah (Director, GIT) also ran 5Km to spread awareness regarding Cancer. "Virtual Think Tank" event was coordinated by HCC faculty members Dr. Nehal Shah (MBA) and Dr. Maitri Patel (CE). It was designed with an objective to empower students to represent their ideas. It enabled students to analyze problems that we face in our society and day-to-day life at the same time improve their elocution skills. Topic for Round 1 were related to Social and General Awareness, Healthy Living, Cancer Awareness & other contemporary issues like 'Drug Abuse', 'Narcotics', 'Fitness', 'Healthy Living', 'Global Pandemic', 'Yoga', 'Climate Change', 'Right to Education', 'Regulation of Cryptocurrency', 'Natural Disasters', etc. In Round-2 the participants were shown cartoons/illustrations of famous cartoonists and they had to judge the theme of the cartoon and find its relevancy with recent times. The event was judged by Dr. Nirupama Patel (MH). Winner and Runner-Up of the "Virtual Think Tank" event were Chauhan Chirag Vijaybhai (217150592028, MBA, Sem. 1) and Singh Sanjana Jitendra (180120111008, EC, Sem. 8), respectively. Dr H N Shah (Director, GIT), attended the event and boosted the confidence of the participants. The active participation of faculty members, staff and student participants contributed to the magnificent success of the programme.

Photo Gallery:



Event Poster



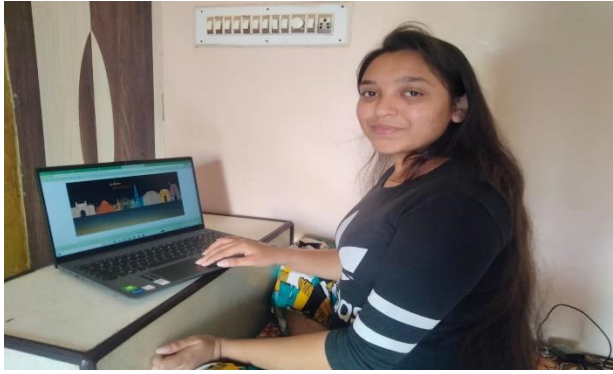
Digital Art on "Lung Cancer" theme by Singh Sanjana Jitendra (EC) in "Pixel Art" event



Winning entry of "Pixel Art" by Patel Romik Kiritbhai (IT) on Drug Abuse theme



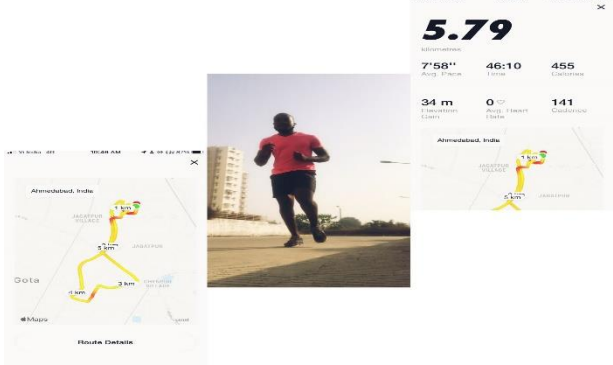
Runner-Up entry of "Pixel Art" by Prajapati Nimesh Somrajbhai (CE) on Right to Education theme



Digital Art on “Cultural Heritage” theme by Patel Amisha Chiragbhai (IT) in “Pixel Art” event



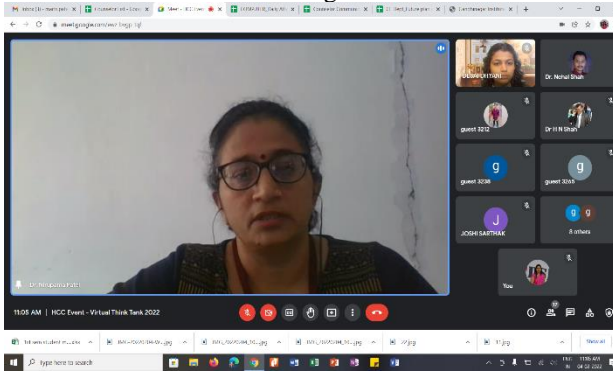
Thakor Gurubhai Ganshibhai (CE) spreading Cancer Awareness during “5Km Run for Cancer Awareness”



Frence Freed Gonde (International Student, CE) with his running stats



Faculty participants during the “5Km Run for Cancer Awareness”



Judge, Dr. Nirupama Patel (MH) during the “Virtual Think Tank” event



Cartoons/Illustrations for “Virtual Think Tank” Round-2



Participants, judges and event coordinators during the “Virtual Think Tank” event.



Media Coverage in “City Bhaskar” and “Gujarat Samachar Plus” newspaper