

## Students of 6 Government Schools Found a Fun-way to Excel in Academics at Summer Camp'18 by IIIT-D

Ideally, we should keep on passing the good we get to others for we barely realize who might need it more. This is exactly what Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi (IIIT-D) is striving towards with its progressive approaches. One such approach is Summer Camp 2018 that IIIT-D has organized from 14th May to 15th June this year.

Having started this initiative from the year 2016, the institute hosts specialized training camp every year to the students of VIII & IX grade in government schools located near its campus. Reportedly, 180 students from six government schools are attending the Summer Camp'18. These include Govt Boys Senior Secondary School in Harkesh Nagar, Govt Boys Senior Secondary School in Kalkaji, RPVV in Lajpat Nagar, Govt Boys Senior Secondary School, Govt Girls Senior Secondary School No. 3 and School of Excellence in Kalkaji.

Due to limited resources and infrastructure, the government schools often miss providing their students the opportunities for overall personality development. Therefore, the curriculum of IIIT-D Summer Camp is designed in a way that caters the requirements for a healthy physical and intellectual growth of students.

On the success of the camp, **Prof. Pankaj Jalote, Director, IIIT-Delhi,** encouraged the students to leverage the benefits of the summer camp at its best. He said, "The students will gain valuable learning experience by the end of this camp. Summer season is actually the time of the year when kids' learning capabilities are enlivened and they are more receptive toward things. In schools, students are not that much focused on learning academic lessons. But when the same education is combined with fun and freedom, none can beat them in quick-learning skills."

"At IIIT-D, we create such a productive environment through academic learning sessions and extra-curricular activities, where we can boost their creativity level and upgrade their cognitive skills which will help them in future. The faculty and staff of IIIT-D would guide the volunteers throughout and allow them to adopt the fun, unique and useful pedagogy for teaching the students at summer camp." he added.

The camp involves the classes of Mathematics, Science, General Knowledge, Communication and Personality Development. Every week, students are exclusively trained in Fine Arts, Theatre, Dance, Music, Art & Craft etc. The IIIT-D Summer Camp team comprises six coordinators and thirty volunteers from B.Tech batch who are responsible for smooth regulation of the camp. As it has been a week now since the camp had started, the cheerful volunteers, as well as keen students, call the time being spent at Summer Camp a great experience.