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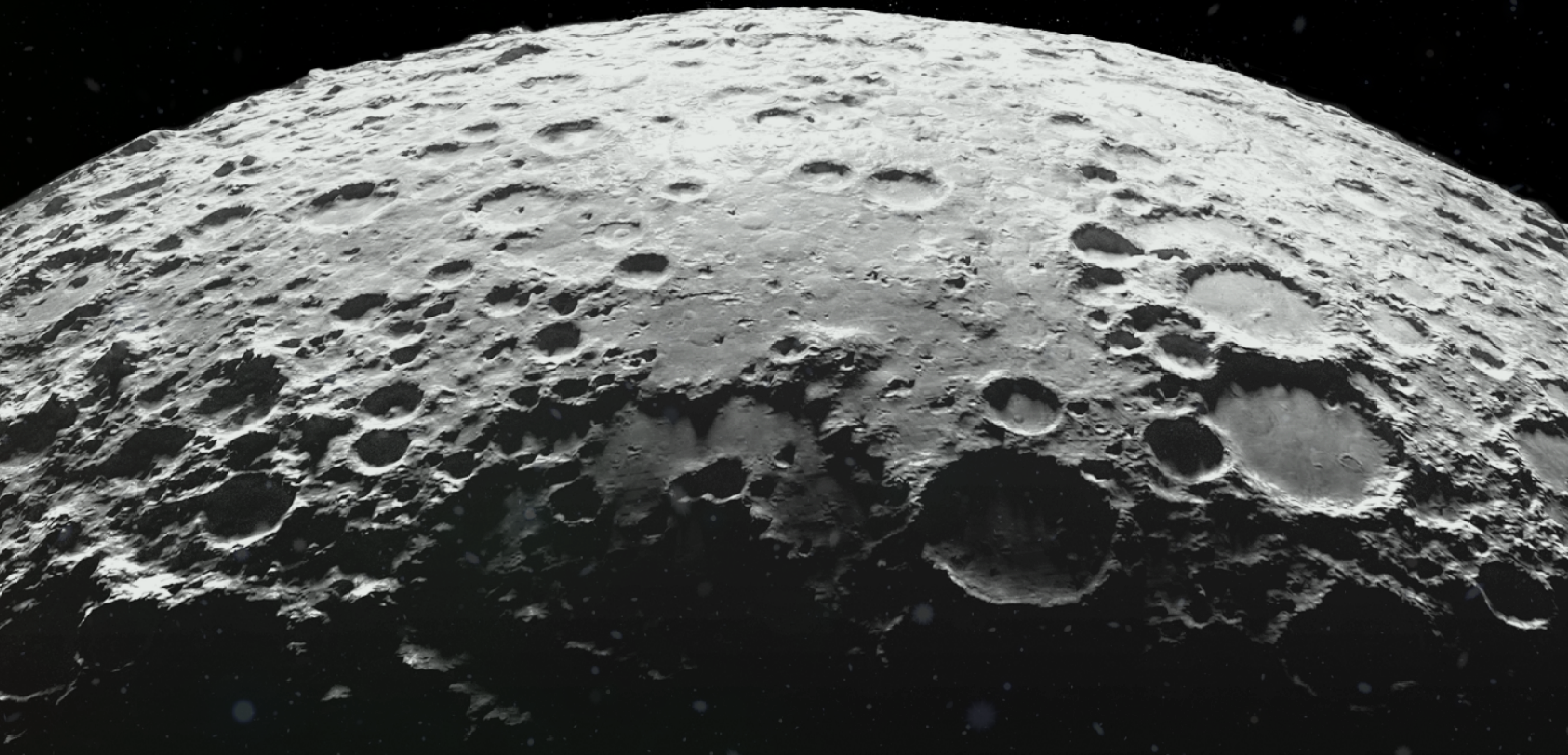


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PREFACE

ABOUT THIS EDITION

With great pleasure, we present to you the latest edition of Halcyon, our quarterly newsletter. This edition is a tribute to the remarkable achievements and unwavering dedication of our scientists and engineers who brought Chandrayaan 3 to fruition. IIM Amritsar extends our heartfelt congratulations to them and celebrates their commitment to pushing the boundaries of knowledge and exploration. This quarter commenced with the induction of the MBA09 batch, Nyxen, the largest in IIM Amritsar's history. Our clubs, committees, and cells welcomed new additions, infusing fresh energy into our college community. Nyxen quickly integrated into our college culture, with events like Aagaz and Milaap fostering friendships through dance, singing, games, and tournaments and events like YUKTI, our annual HR conclave, explored the impact of AI in HR and promoted mentally healthy workplaces. As you explore this magazine, we aim to bridge the gap between alumni and the institute by sharing all the exciting events and activities conducted by the college. We invite you to relive your college memories, stay updated on current developments, and continue being a part of the IIM Amritsar family. Thank you for your constant support, and enjoy this edition of Halcyon.

Welcome NYXEN

Batch of 25'



The brand new batch of MBA-09, MBA-BA03, MBA-HR03 of IIM Amritsar was warmly received in the inauguration ceremony on July 10, 2023. The inception of the event was done by Director Dr. Nagarajan Ramamoorthy in the presence of the esteemed Chief Guest Shri K.S. Shetty, Director - Human Resources, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited.

Director Dr. Ramamoorthy spoke about the forthcoming responsibilities and changes in the 2 years of MBA at IIM Amritsar along with the tremendous roller-coaster journey of growth and development which will give us an access to various learning and help us excel in wide range of roles and beyond.

The guest of honour Mr. K.S. Shetty charged up the audience with his mesmerising life experiences and enlightened them beyond their corporate life, encompassing various life lessons and wished them the best for the journey ahead.

MBA Experience

From the day I entered the gates of this institute till today, there hasn't been a single day when things haven't been happening enough for me. At every other moment, there was an activity lined up, be it the induction week filled with continuous tasks or be it the selection process of committees or clubs. At every moment, I realised how it feels when you have to be productive, active and simultaneously, enjoy this moment. I got opportunities to present my talents on the stage at multiple occasions like the Foundation Day Celebration of IIM Amritsar, Independence day performance at institute and also a dance performance on the Attari Border and also dealing with the exams in the middle of these. All these experiences have shaped my personality in a far more positive way that I could have ever imagine. Now I look forward to the crazy journey ahead in this Holy IIM, IIM Amritsar .



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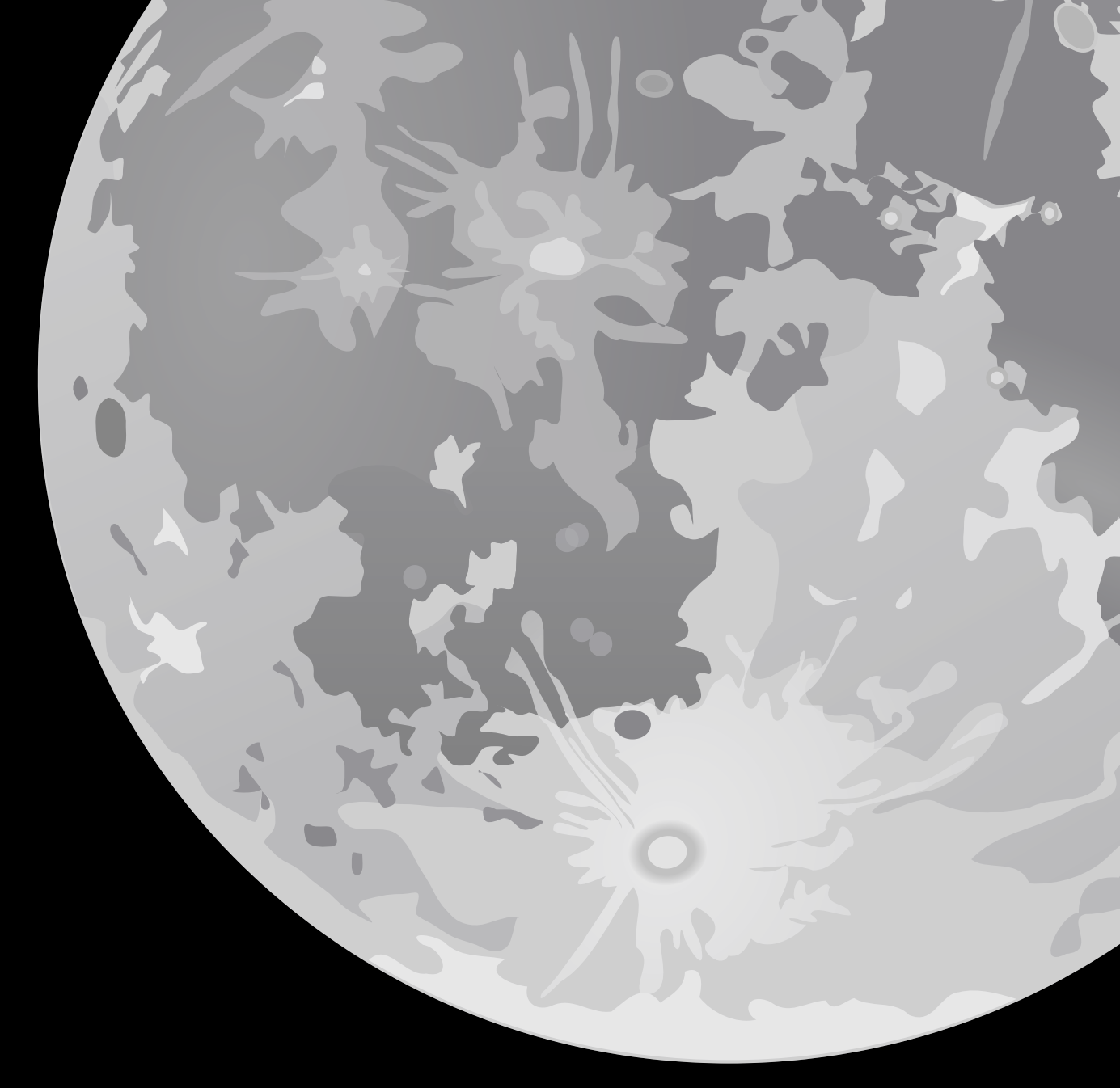
My experience at IIM Amritsar was nothing short of transformative. From the moment I stepped into the campus, I was enveloped in a dynamic and intellectually stimulating environment. The rigorous academic curriculum challenged me to think critically and pushed me to excel in ways I never thought possible. The faculty members were not just educators but mentors who guided me through complex concepts and real-world applications. Beyond academics, the campus life was vibrant and diverse, with numerous clubs and activities catering to a wide range of interests. These extracurricular opportunities allowed me to develop leadership skills, network with fellow students, and make good friends.

We all tend to create a less nuanced perception of the unknowns and a set of to-do lists to guard ourselves throughout our journey. I created even stricter targets to achieve during my tenure at IIM Amritsar. Eventually, life began to dawn on me. The perception I had couldn't withstand the reality I was witnessing. It all began with the curiosity to know the real humans of IIM Amritsar, and I was bestowed with the real-life stories of warriors – stories that questioned, 'Saket, do you still think you have a lot of experience?' The reality crawled and shouted: the hindsight bias will only take you so far. With a brave heart, I accepted that I don't know the world well enough. I realized an MBA chapter has more to do with just an MBA. We learn and unlearn from our peers' experiences, learning to thrive, and our peers become our inspiration.



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77th Independence Day



The 77th Independence Day at the transit campus of IIM Amritsar was a jubilant and patriotic affair. The day commenced with the esteemed Director sir hoisting the national flag, infusing the atmosphere with a sense of pride and freedom. The heart of the celebration was the cultural performances that followed, organised by the Cultural Committee. The college campus became alive with vibrant dances, soulful singing, and mesmerizing displays of patriotism.



A tradition carried on from previous years was the performance at the Attari - Wagah border. The students of IIM Amritsar delivered an electrifying fusion dance performance, forming a human pyramid while proudly holding the Tricolor.

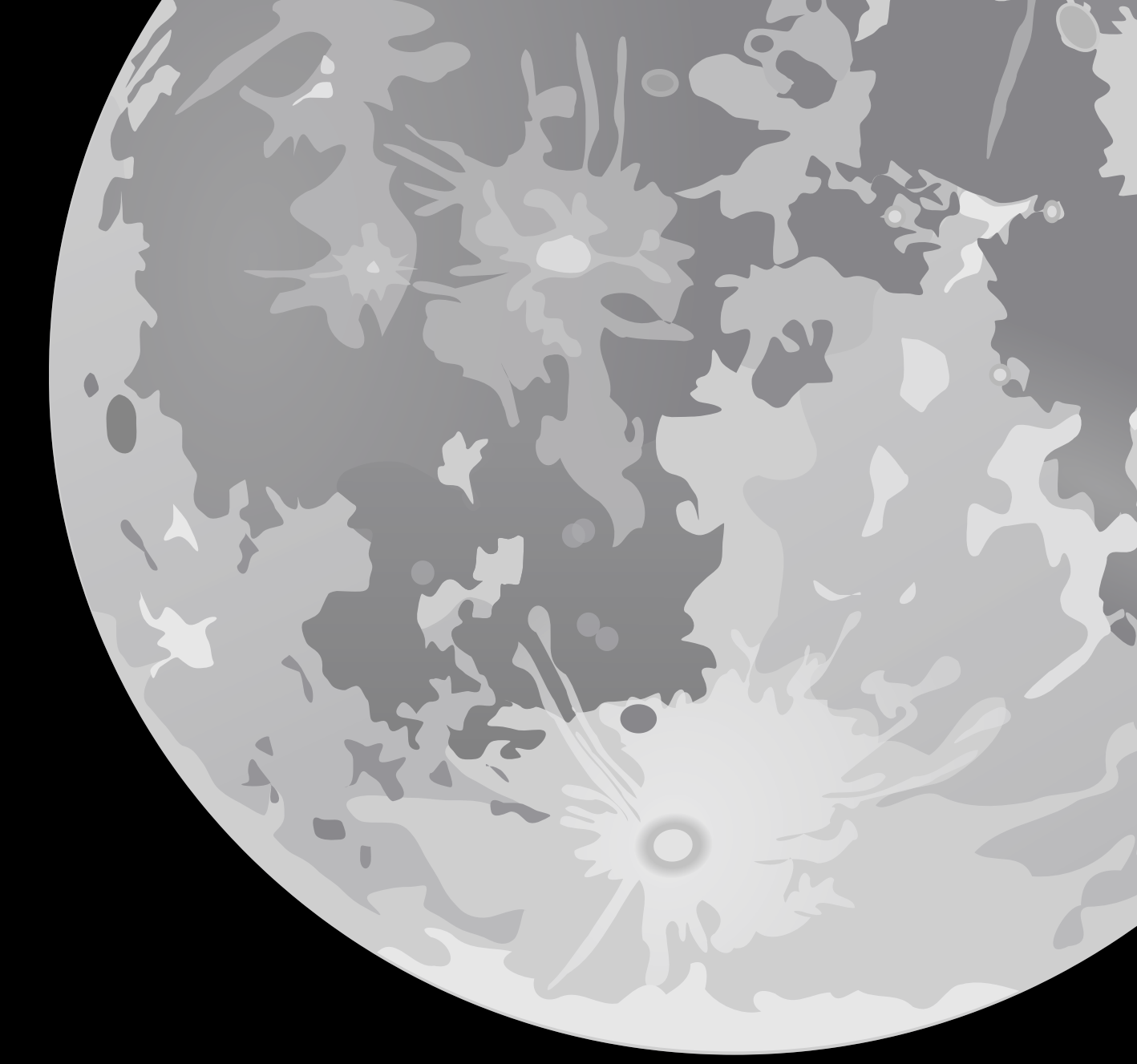


What made this year even more special was the media attention. National and regional news channels covered the performances, ensuring that the spirit of Independence Day at IIM Amritsar reached a broader audience.

As a bonus, the students had the privilege of witnessing the brief opening of the border gates. The atmosphere was charged with patriotism, and the echoes of "JAI HIND" and "VANDE MATARAM" filled the air. It was a proud moment when the BSF (Border Security Force) recognized the outstanding performances and felicitated the Cultural Committee for their enthusiastic contribution. This 77th Independence Day was not just a celebration but a reaffirmation of the love and pride that students of IIM Amritsar hold for their country. It was a day when the spirit of India shone brightly, both on and off the stage.



CONVERGENCE 2.0



Convergence is a one-of-a-kind event organized by Markophilic, distinguished by its unique role in the selection process for junior club coordinators and members.



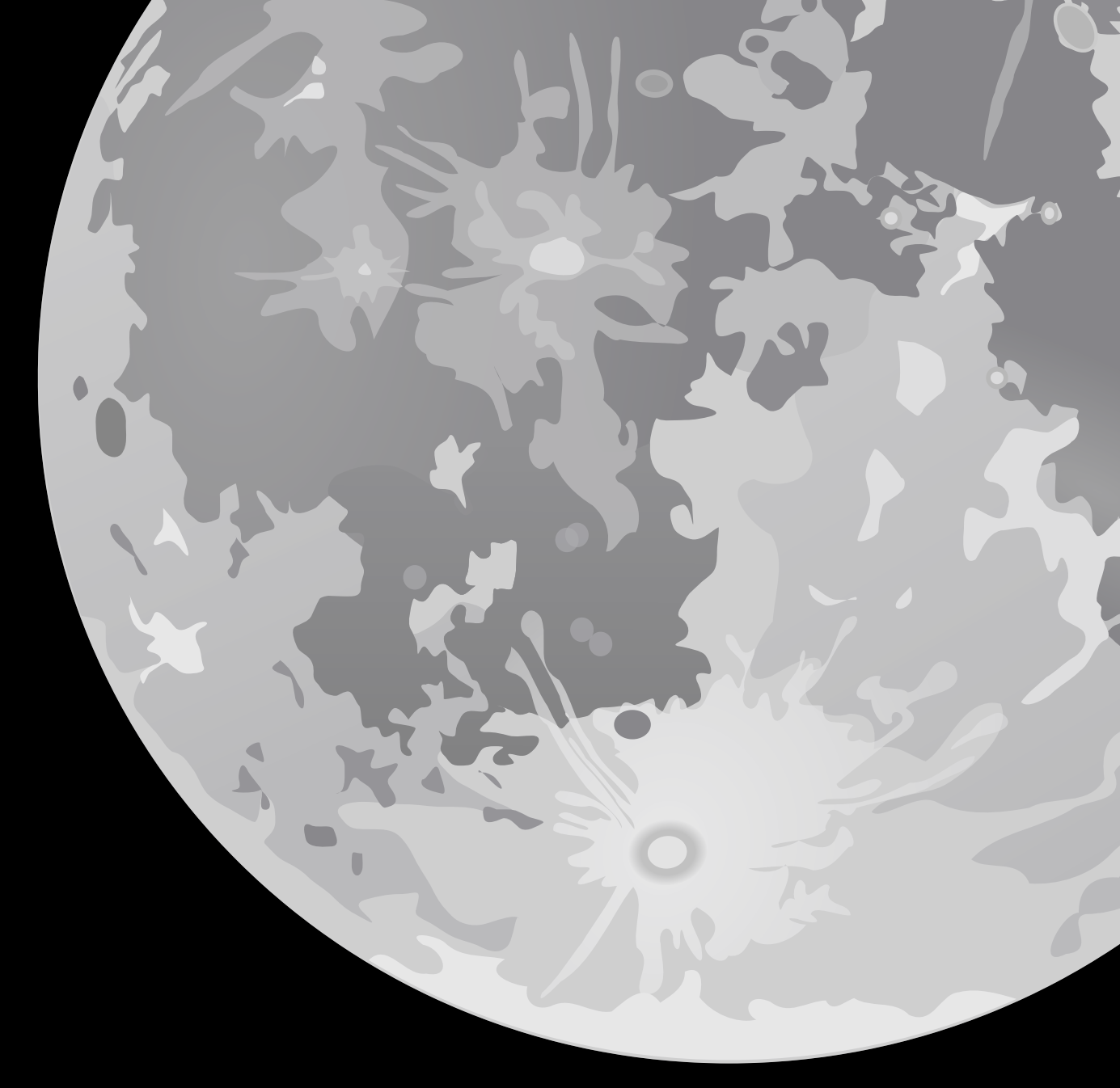
In this event, participants are organized into teams of seven, each tasked with orchestrating an event from scratch, all while adhering to a strict no-budget constraint. This unique challenge, known as Convergence, serves as a demanding test of the candidates' creative prowess, their skills in effective management, and their marketing acumen.

Participants must employ innovative problem-solving, resourcefulness, and teamwork to conceptualize, plan, and execute an event without the luxury of financial resources. Convergence not only evaluates their ability to think outside the box but also their capacity to deliver successful outcomes under challenging conditions, making it a valuable assessment of their professional aptitude and adaptability.



This extraordinary event attracts a substantial audience, with more than 250 attendees, making it a remarkable achievement in itself. Convergence not only challenges the participants to excel in resourcefulness but also provides a platform for showcasing their talents in event planning and execution.

Foundation Day



IIM Amritsar joyously commemorated its 9th Foundation Day on July 27, celebrating eight remarkable years of academic distinction. The day commenced with a meaningful tree planting initiative at the permanent campus, led by the institute's Director, reinforcing the commitment to sustainability. The Director's symbolic act underscored the shared vision for a greener and prosperous future.

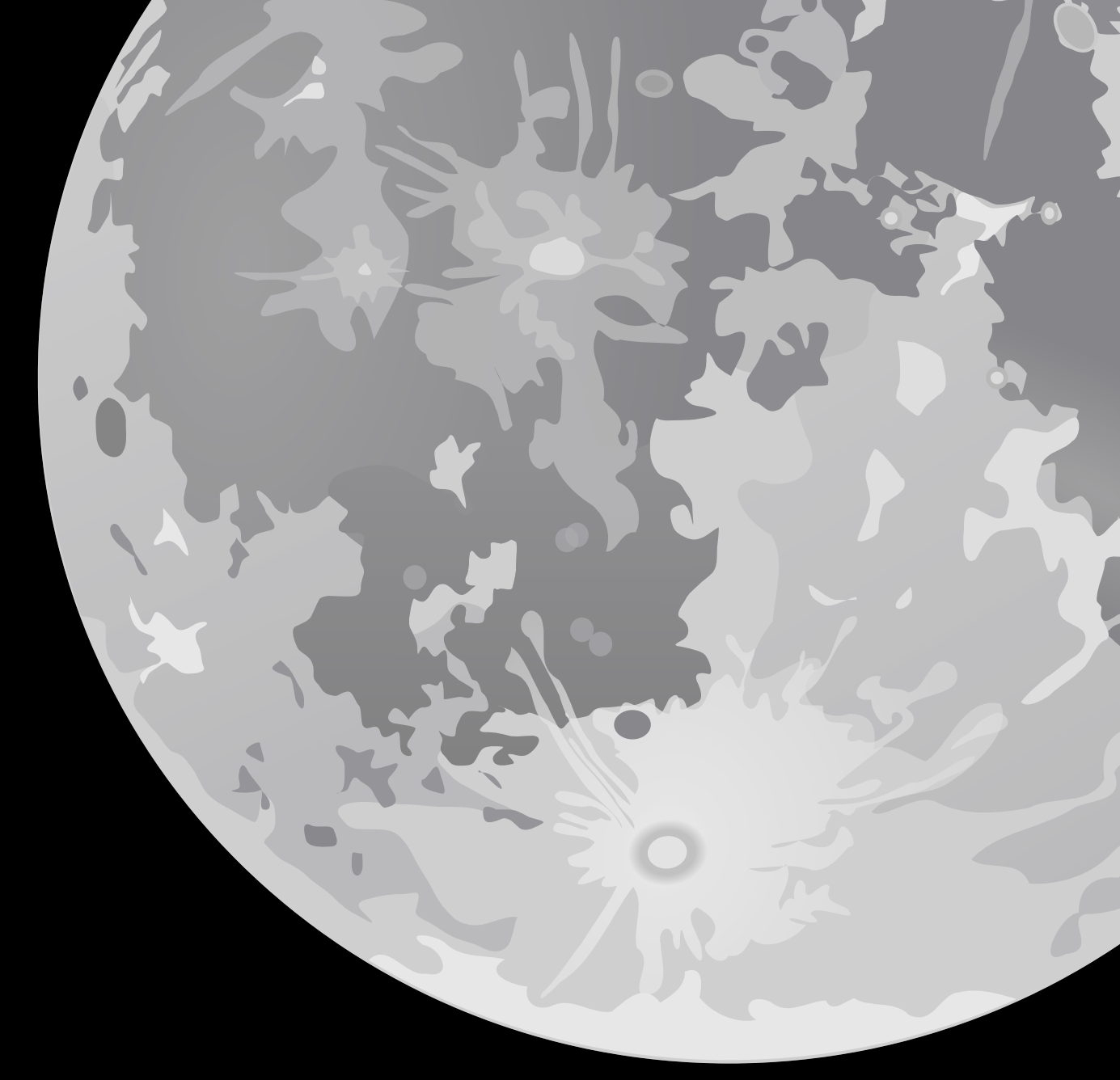


In the evening, the Cultural Committee orchestrated a vibrant ceremony, showcasing the exceptional talents of the institute's students. These performances, deeply rooted in Indian classical traditions, mesmerized the audience with their grace and depth. Beyond entertainment, this event served as an avenue for IIM Amritsar to express heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to its journey.



This Foundation Day encapsulated the essence of academic excellence, sustainability, and cultural enrichment. As the institution moves forward, it remains dedicated to its core values and the mission of nurturing responsible leaders who are not only academically adept but also environmentally conscious and culturally aware. With eight years of achievement behind it, IIM Amritsar looks forward to a future filled with even greater successes and positive impact.

AAGAAZ 7.0



AAGAAZ 7.0, an eagerly anticipated college event orchestrated by dedicated students under the watchful guidance of the Cultural Committee, ushered in a warm and spirited welcome for the incoming batches - MBA-09, BA-03, and HR-03. This highly anticipated gathering proved to be a resounding triumph, offering a vibrant platform for students to showcase their latent talents, fostering a sense of community and camaraderie among all.

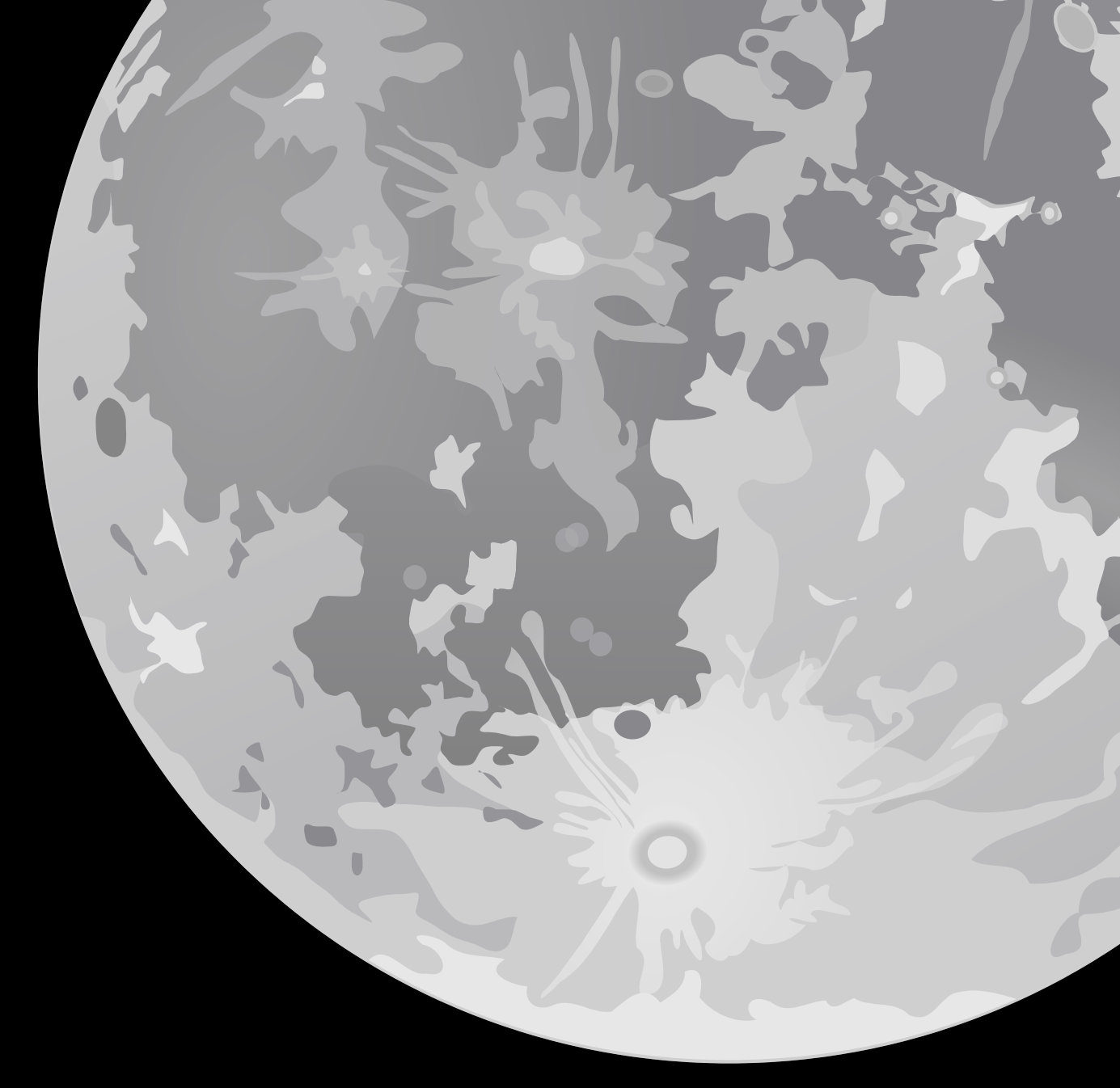
The atmosphere at AAGAAZ 7.0 was electric, infused with joy and an unmistakable sense of camaraderie as students passionately unveiled their diverse talents. From mesmerizing dance performances to soulful guitar melodies, the event was a revelation for many, shedding light on the hidden abilities of their peers. Taking place near F block, Blessings City, the venue itself was a testament to creative ingenuity, adorned



with imaginative decorations that added to the overall festive ambiance. AAGAAZ 7.0 not only celebrated individual talents but also fostered a deep sense of unity and appreciation among the student community, making it an unforgettable success

Amidst the festivities, attempts to create a flash mob added excitement. AAGAAZ 7.0 was particularly special as it marked the first collaborative event between NYXEN (Batch 2023-25) and OCTAVE (Batch 2022-24), fostering a sense of unity and friendship. This memorable event took place on July 31, 2023, bringing the student community closer together.

International Yoga Day



On the occasion of International Yoga Day, the Sports Committee of IIM Amritsar organized a remarkable Yoga session aimed at enhancing the fitness levels of its students and promoting a holistic, healthy lifestyle. In an era where fast-paced, sedentary lifestyles are increasingly prevalent, the significance of Yoga in fostering both physical and mental well-being has never been more relevant.

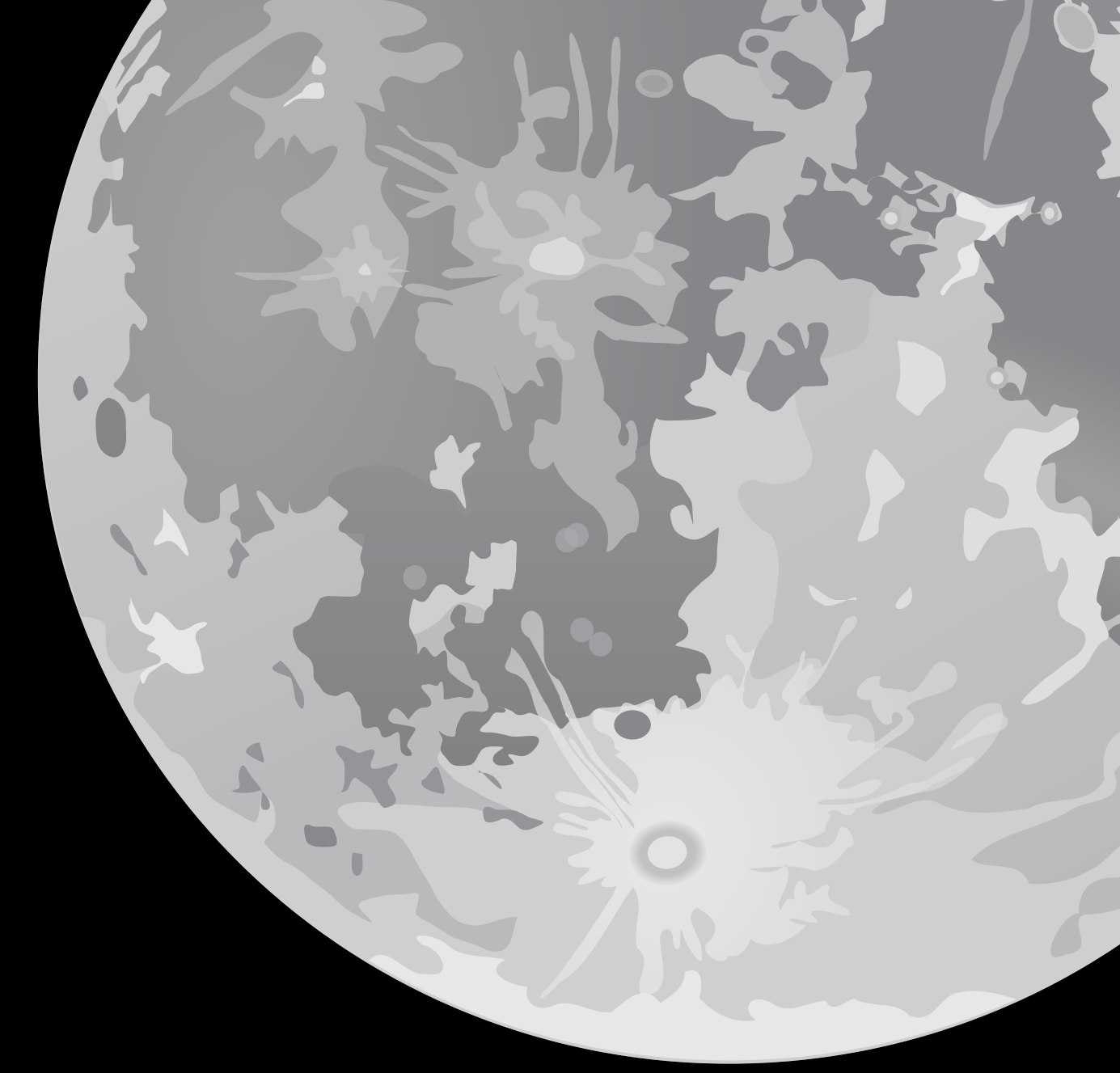
Yoga is renowned for its ability to provide psycho-social and mental care, making it an essential practice for modern society. The Yoga session orchestrated by the Sports Committee attracted an impressive participation of over 100 students, divided into two slots, who came together under one roof to embark on a journey of rejuvenation through a variety of yoga exercises. The session was conducted under the expert supervision of Ms. Kanika Tyagi, a dedicated yoga practitioner and a student of IIM Amritsar, who has honed her yoga skills since childhood.

To further amplify the message of this year's session, banners were thoughtfully designed by the committee, bearing slogans like 'One Yoga for One World' and 'Har Ghar Angan Yog.' These messages not only resonated with the participants but also underscored the universality and inclusivity of yoga.

In the end, the session achieved resounding success as students experienced firsthand the myriad benefits of yoga. They left inspired and motivated to incorporate this ancient practice into their daily lives, recognizing its potential to foster physical fitness, mental clarity, and a profound sense of well-being. International Yoga Day at IIM Amritsar served as a testament to the enduring relevance and transformative power of yoga in today's fast-paced world.



YUKTI 2023



IIM Amritsar conducted the seventh annual HR conclave – YUKTI on the 5th of August, 2023, The conclave kicked off with a keynote address from Mr. Raj Raghavan, Chief People and Culture Officer Corestack.io. He discussed the challenges brought about by the COVID era, the evolving role of HR due to AI, and the importance of human intervention in AI to address issues like bias. He highlighted AI's use cases in recruiting and career pathing, while acknowledging concerns about job redundancy. The address was followed by an enlightening discussion from a panel of experts on the topic "Impact of AI on HR: Opportunities and Challenges".



Mr. Paneesh Rao, the moderator, delved into AI's potential to replace the human factor in HR and its impact on empathy and inclusivity. Ms. Sunita Rebecca Cherian shared insights from Wipro, emphasizing technology's empowerment of employees and the need for human touch in recruitment. Mr. Rahul Bagale discussed AI's limitations and opportunities, stressing the importance of people in HR. Mr. Abhay Kapoor explored AI's role in talent acquisition during the pandemic, and Mr. Gaurav Ahluwalia highlighted AI's effectiveness in sourcing candidates. The panel's insights were extremely valuable in understanding the role, importance, opportunities, and threats that AI has in the HR field. The panelists also addressed the students' questions in a Q&A session afterward.



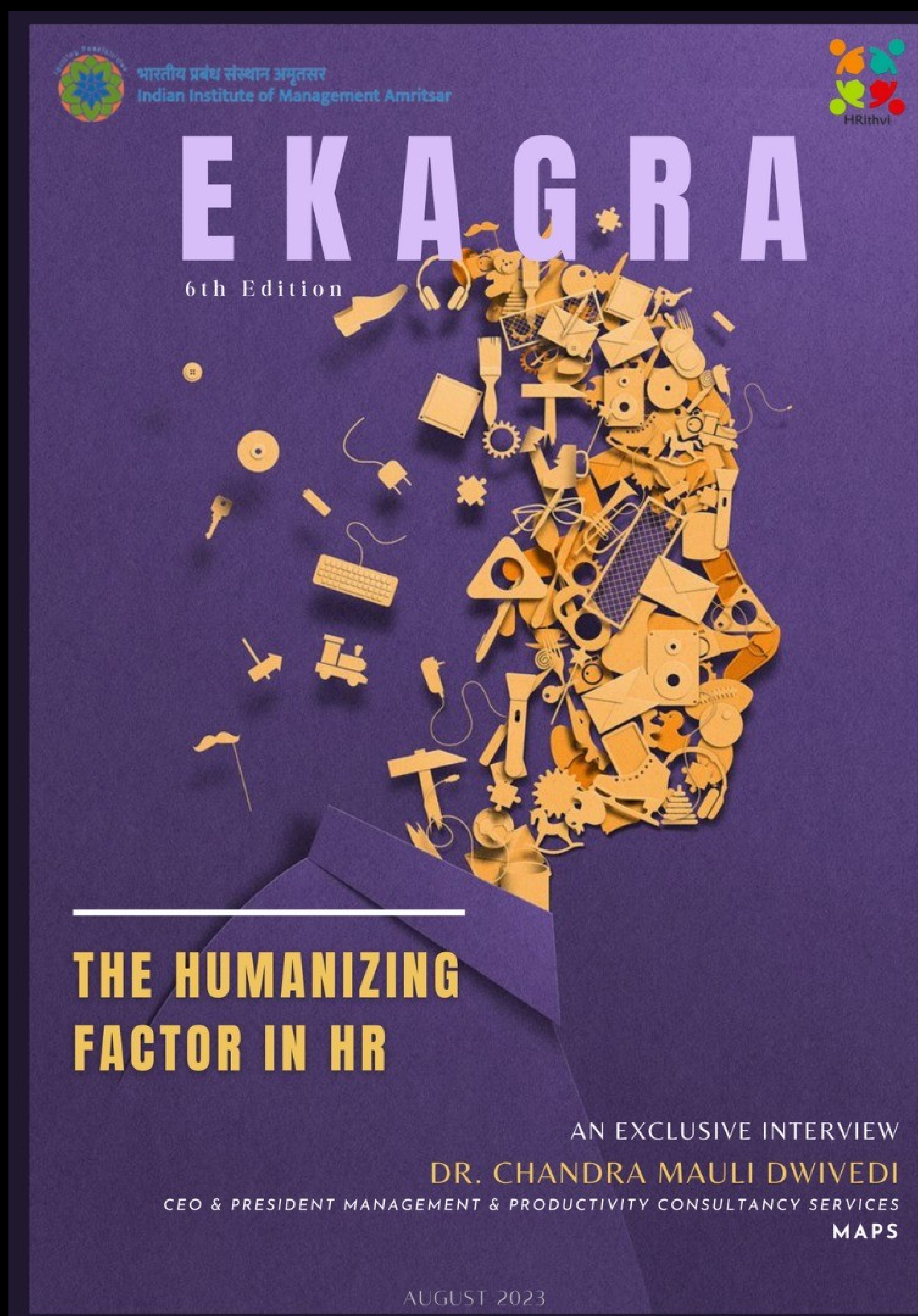
The second-panel discussion, titled "Cultivating a Mentally Healthy Workplace: Nurturing Employee Well-being and Promoting Mental Health," featured speakers including Mr. Dharm Rakshit, Mr. Pradeep Chavda, Mr. Mukul Mathur, Ms. Divya Sonali Minz, and Mr. Gaurish Wagh. Mr. Rakshit emphasized how COVID-19 transformed the importance of initiatives like insurance and well-being in organizations, highlighting the need to balance physical, financial, and social health. Mr. Mathur stressed the significance of mental well-being, urging HR professionals to create a comfortable environment for employees to discuss mental health. Mr. Chavda discussed the diverse challenges of mental health across different fields and his organization's initiatives, such as mental health resources and inclusivity programs. Ms. Minz shared insights from supply chain management, emphasizing cross-cultural communication and employee surveys. Mr. Wagh stressed the importance of leadership involvement in addressing organizational issues, particularly mental health, and commended IIM Amritsar students for organizing the event.



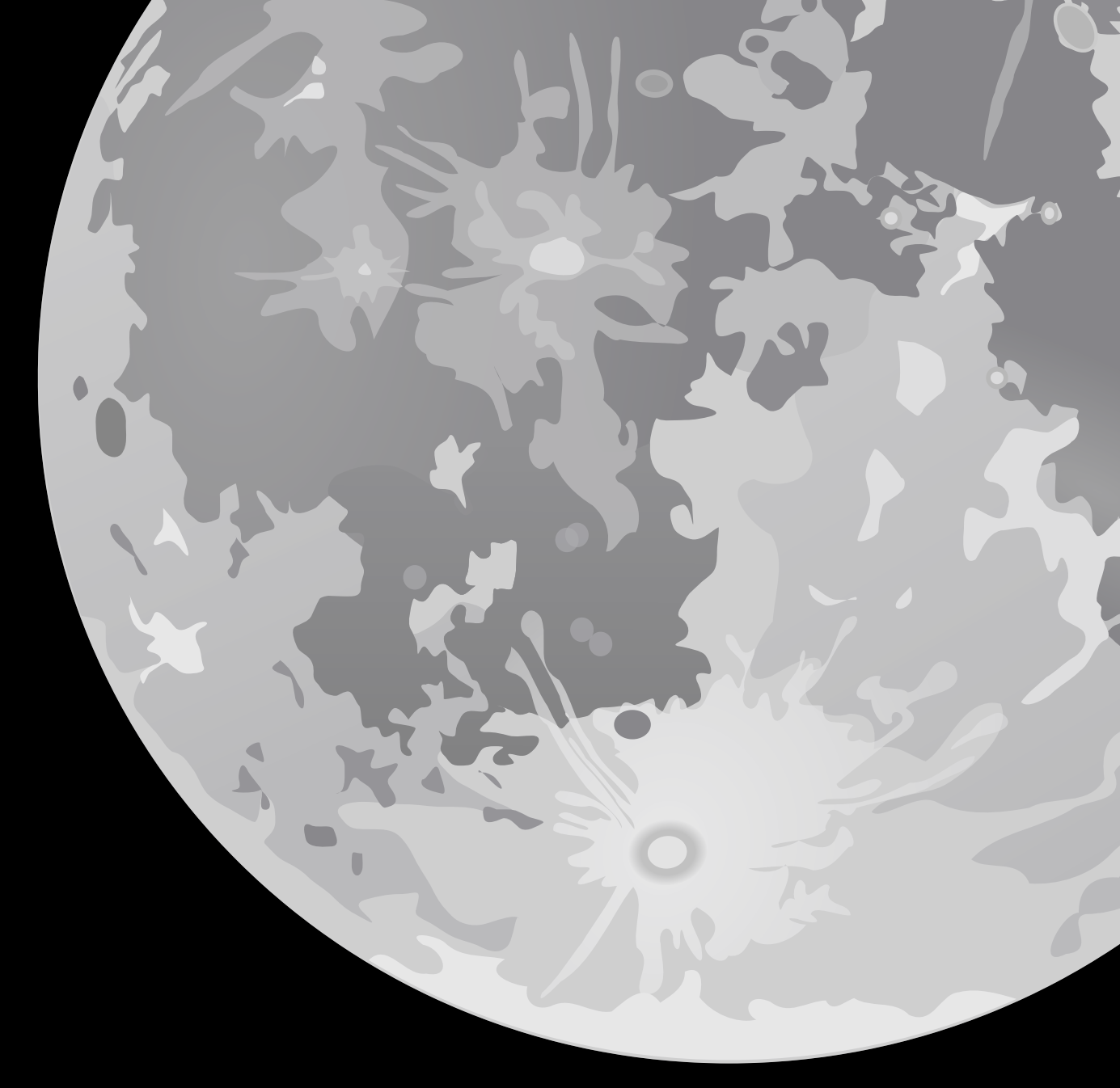
EKAGRA 6.0

The Sixth edition of the Bi-Annual HR Magazine - EKAGRA titled "The Humanizing Factor in HR", was launched during Yukti 2023 by Dr. Vartika Dutta and IIM Amritsar's HR club, 'HRithvi.' . This edition aims to shine a spotlight on the quintessential human element within the realm of Human Resources.

Ekagra 6.0 is a dialogue about creating workplaces that are more empathetic, more supportive, and more human.



Milaap



MILAAP, orchestrated by the Sports Committee of IIM Amritsar, emerged as an exhilarating and unforgettable event that seamlessly bridged the gap between the junior and senior batches. This captivating gathering featured a trio of thrilling games: box cricket, football, and volleyball, each offering its unique blend of excitement and challenges.

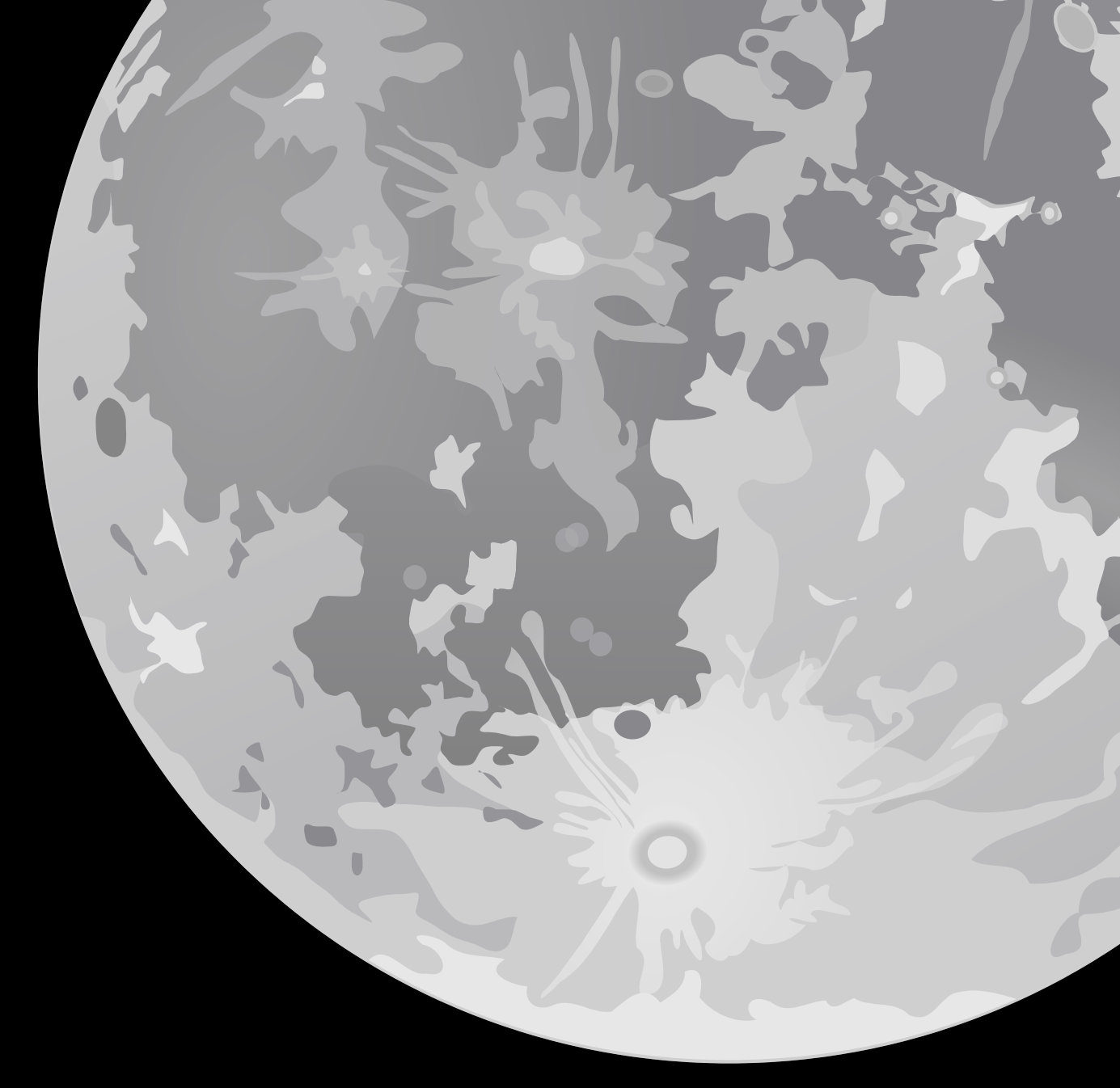
Box cricket, a fast-paced indoor variant of the traditional cricket game, demanded quick thinking and precise shots, pushing participants to strategize and execute with finesse. Football, the world's most beloved sport, emphasized teamwork, agility, and endurance, fostering a sense of unity among players. Volleyball, a high-energy team sport, required communication and coordination, reinforcing the importance of collaboration.



Beyond the sheer thrill of competition, MILAAP illuminated the profound life lessons that sports instill. It taught the value of teamwork, discipline, and perseverance, promoting physical fitness and mental acuity. In today's fast-paced world, taking a pause to engage in sports becomes a powerful stress-reliever and a medium for forging lasting bonds.

MILAAP wasn't just about games; it was about building connections and fostering camaraderie. It served as a vivid reminder of the pivotal role sports play in our lives, uniting people for a day of laughter, healthy competition, and shared experiences. This event underscored how sports can serve as a unifying force, transcending boundaries and bringing individuals together in the spirit of fun and togetherness.

National Sports Day



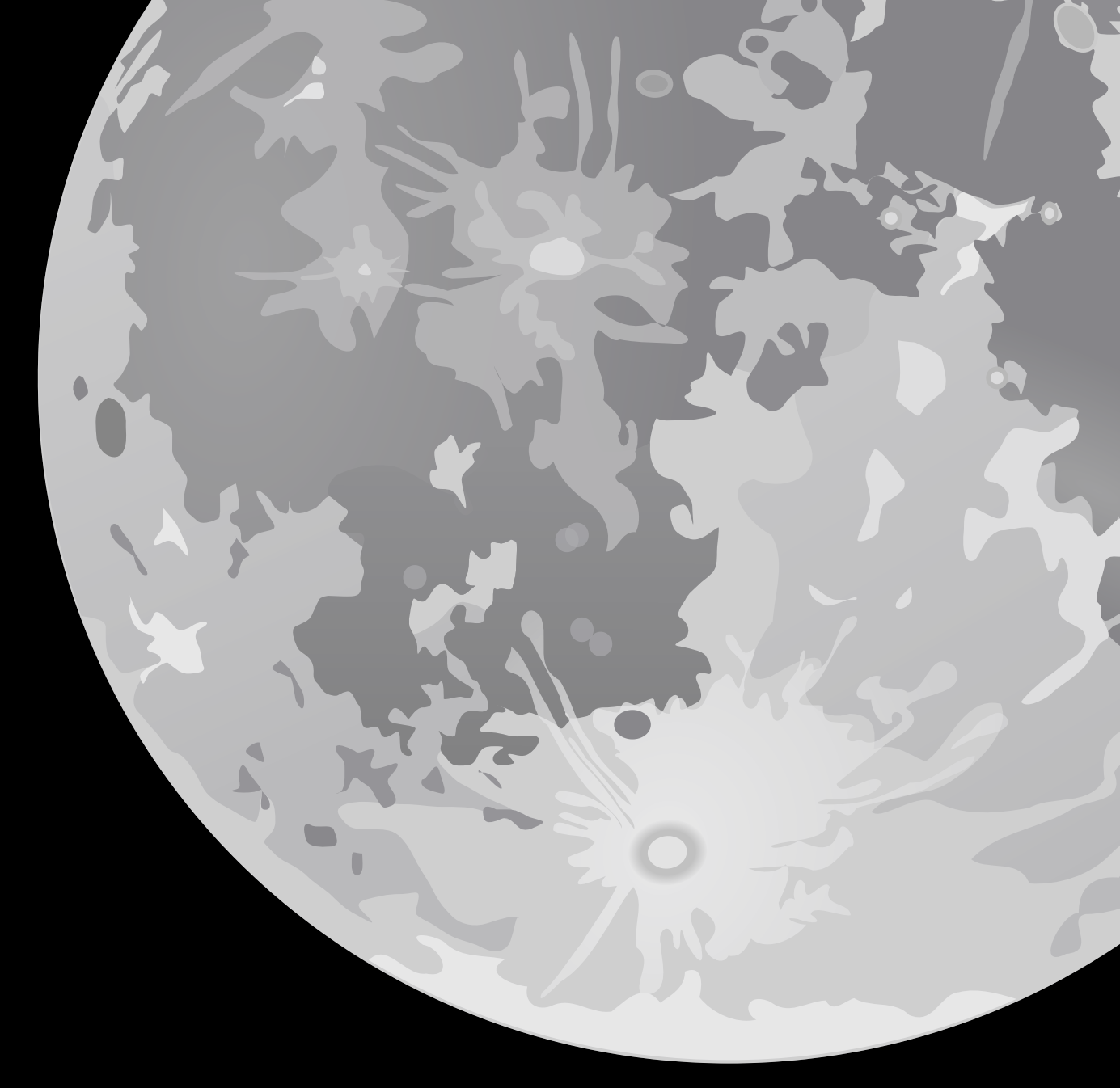
IIM Amritsar's Sports Committee recently organized a vibrant National Sports Day event. The day buzzed with excitement as students gathered to participate in two thrilling games: tug of war and the fitness challenge. Tug of war, a team-based contest, promotes teamwork, strategy, and physical strength. Participants pull with all their might, trying to move the opposing team over a designated line, fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie. The fitness challenge included push-ups, crunches, and planks, emphasizing the importance of physical fitness. These exercises enhance one's overall health, strengthening muscle,



Improving endurance, and increasing flexibility. National Sports Day reminds us of the significance of sports and physical activities in our lives. Games like tug of war and fitness challenges not only provide enjoyment but also teach essential life skills, such as teamwork, discipline, and the value of a healthy lifestyle. This event at IIM Amritsar served as a reminder that sports contribute to holistic personal development.



जन्माष्टमी



The air was charged with a palpable sense of spirituality on the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami. The venue was adorned with lively decorations, setting the perfect stage for the awaited festivities. Devotees gathered to offer their prayers in front of the resplendent portrait of Lord Krishna, their hearts filled with reverence and devotion.



The competition was time-bound, and the coveted first prize went to the team that exhibited the utmost agility and teamwork, accomplishing the feat in record time. To everyone's delight, a surprise entry from the seniors' team added an extra layer of excitement and camaraderie to the event.

As the sun began to set, the atmosphere reverberated with music, and the air was filled with vibrant hues as attendees joyously played with colours, dancing to their favourite tunes. Laughter and merriment echoed around, creating a jubilant ambiance.

Teachers' Day and Thiruvonam

The celebration organized by CulCom for Teachers' Day and Onam was truly unforgettable. The venue was adorned with a festive atmosphere, paying homage to both occasions. The highlight was undoubtedly the stunning Pookalam, created by dedicated students just hours before the event. After the warm welcome by the junior members of the Cultural Committee, one of our esteemed professors graced us with a heartfelt performance, setting the tone for the evening. The showstopper was the collective performance by the Malayali group, skillfully portraying the rich cultural tapestry of Kerala. Their infectious energy was palpable, leaving the audience thoroughly captivated.



A touching moment ensued as professors gathered around the Pookalam for a ceremonial lighting. The serene ambiance provided a perfect backdrop for capturing cherished memories in photographs. As a token of appreciation, each professor received a small bamboo plant, symbolizing growth, and prosperity. Following a delightful distribution of snack boxes, the professors bid their farewells. However, the celebration continued, culminating in spirited dance performances by our batch. The event concluded on a high note, leaving behind a treasure trove of memories and a reinforced sense of camaraderie.

Tiffin Distribution and Blood Donation Drive

Sankalp believes that hard work should be rewarded, particularly when it comes to actions carried out by others to ensure your safety and security. As a little show of appreciation for the enormous work done by the housekeeping and security staff of IIM Amritsar Sankalp on 12th July, 2023 distributed tiffin boxes and water bottles to them.



“The gift of blood is the gift of life”

Sankalp organized Blood Donation Drive in collaboration with Kamal Blood Centre situated in Jalandhar, Punjab on 6th August, 2023 at Blessing City and Metropolis Tower. Students of IIM Amritsar donated their life-giving blood to contribute to the social cause. A total of 104 students volunteered to donate their blood.



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