“Everyone can train hard when they are feeling good. But it’s the days when you’re feeling bad that you have to step up. That’s when champions step up. They pull through.”

Having last won the Overall General Championship at Inter-IIT in 2012, the IIT Bombay contingent had parching thirst for glory. And thus began the journey of a champion contingent!

The steps towards victory were taken right at the start of the year with teams practicing devotedly for Aavhan, 2017 and then continuing throughout the summer under advanced training camps. Interns from NIS were recruited in some sports for specialized training. This ensured that when the autumn semester started, no player was out of touch.

Rains in Mumbai are a major hurdle but our players took the challenge head-on, devoted extra time in indoor fitness activities, followed well-planned slots and utilized each practice hour to the optimum. Trials for all sports were held early and longer practice schedules were employed. In the wake of early aquatic meet and Udgosh tournament, the contingent leaders Ms. Dhruvi Shah and Mr. Gali Vatan took on leadership soon. By motivating all players in practice, interacting regularly with captains and taking timely feedback, the CLs gave it their all!

The zest of students was equally matched by support from the authorities. Right from the Dean of Student Affairs Prof. Soumyo Mukherji, Chairman Sports Prof. Atul Srivastava, SAC-Incharge Dr. Edwin to all the sports officers and part-time coaches, everyone was equally determined to bring home the championship. With superb facilities and persistent efforts, the authorities set the stage for a splendid show! With everything going right, the institute teams entered all their competitions with the mindset of champions and victory was waiting just around the corner. The results are there for all to see and cherish as fondest memories.

The celebration of such an amazing victory was akin in grandeur! With a regal Gala Dinner hosted for the contingent, the best players of our institute were felicitated at the hands of the Director Prof. Devang Khakhar. A grand souvenir is being gifted to all the champions to serve as a reminder of the victory and also as an inspiration to exceed this glory for the coming years.
The inaugural edition of Showdown, IIT Bombay’s new General Championship format, drew to a close on 3rd November 2017, ending a semester-long extravaganza that brought together students to combine the thrill of competition with the joy of sports. The introduction of a semester-long GC format, intended to prolong the competitiveness in a sport, thereby making more number of opportunities for all players to compete was widely appreciated by all participants. After the first semester, leading hostels in Boys GC are H2, H8 and H7 with 46, 43 and 34.5 points respectively. There is cut-throat competition among the girls with Hostels H10-A, H10-B and H11 all having exactly 54 points each! Stay tuned for exciting turn of events as General Championships of a lot of sports are ensuing in this semester.

Major developments are underway in order to make institute gymkhana facilities world-class! The gym on the second floor of New Gymkhana Building is decked with the best gym equipment and will soon be opened for use. Construction of an artificial climbing wall will be starting shortly with the support of IFSC. Gymkhana facilities will be access controlled after installation of biometric machines at the venues.
OVERVIEW - SPORT OF THE MONTH

Sport of the Month is a thriving initiative, providing opportunities to all students to explore sports that would be hard to learn otherwise. In all the activities so far, students showed up enthusiastically in huge numbers.

Sport of the Month activities started with an excursion to a golf club to learn the basics of the famous sport. The session was conducted by thorough professionals at throwaway rates as far as Golf is concerned. The next cool activity was Parkour, an adventurous sport that involves free running, climbing and jumping through a city! People showed up wanting to become action heroes and learnt few cool, simple tricks.

The following activity sent tremors of excitement throughout the Institute. Registrations were full within a matter of 15 minutes. The sport was Quidditch! All potterheads in the institute lined up to play Quidditch, a full-fledged varsity sport. Ultimate Frisbee followed Quidditch. Proper game-play and rules were demonstrated to a huge crowd of recreational Frisbee players.

Longboarding and Slacklining are lined-up as Sport of the Month activities for this semester in addition to repeat sessions of past activities. Stay tuned to experience novel and adventurous sports under Sport of the Month.

FACTS OF GLORY

- Athletics Team set 5 records in Inter-IIT 2017 meet. Pawan Dahiya set 2 individual new meet records and equalled one meet record in 100m, 200m and 400m events, Karunya Bhaskar set a new meet record in high jump and the men’s 4x100m relay team set a new record.
- Dhruti Shah won all her Tennis matches in single sets on her way to the championship in Inter-IIT 2017.
- Ratan Kirti conceded only 1 set and won all his matches in Table Tennis throughout Inter-IIT 2017.

DID YOU KNOW?

- GoGirlsGo, an initiative to form competitive teams of girls in sports which are not included in Inter-IIT sports meet, has been a phenomenal success. While teams in football and cricket have recently been formed, the squash girls team formed in GoGirlsGo campaign achieved exemplary results in Udghosh ’17. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals were won by Neekita Jain, Saloni Shah and Kriti Kamna, all from IITB!
- Periodic excursions are arranged in the institute to nearby historical forts for treks, running trips to beautiful places in Mumbai and long trekking expeditions in winter and summer in the north. You can become an adventure blogger with IIT Bombay Sports and get your stories featured on our blog!

Aavhan, IIT Bombay’s premiere sports festival, is a call to all those who live, dream and breathe sports. After the phenomenal success of the inaugural edition, the finest talent from across the country will be here again, ready to sweat it out for glory.

The second edition of Aavhan is scheduled from 30th March to 1st April 2018. All the courts, fields and the pool in IIT Bombay will be lit with thrilling action, amazing sportsmanship and nail-biting contests. Teams from contingents across the nation will yearn to play and be crowned as champions, but the home team will defend with all it’s might!

With the gleaming floodlights shimmering off the grass and the tranquil waters, the home contingent waits in anticipation. Bring it on!