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SPORTS SOCIETY
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Sports Society of Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology extends its profound gratitude to the esteemed leadership for their unwavering support and guidance in fostering a thriving athletic community. Under the visionary leadership of Prof. Bibhuti Bhushan Pati, Prof. Rakesh Roshan Dash, and Dr. Satyabrata Das, the Society has blossomed into a vibrant hub of sportsmanship and camaraderie.

We are particularly indebted to Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bibhuti Bhushan Pati, whose unwavering commitment to a well-rounded university experience has been instrumental in the Society's success. His encouragement has empowered students to embrace the spirit of competition and recreation.

Furthermore, we express our sincere appreciation to Dean of Student Welfare, Prof. Rakesh Roshan Dash, whose dedication to student well-being and the promotion of sports as an integral part of university life has been invaluable. His unwavering support has served as a constant source of inspiration for our members.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Vice President of the Sports Society, Dr. Satyabrata Das, whose advocacy for a holistic approach to education, emphasizing the importance of sports, has significantly contributed to the Society's achievements. His active involvement has fostered a culture of participation and excellence within the Society.

The Society also acknowledges the invaluable contributions of its members. Their unwavering passion and enthusiasm have brought life to our events and initiatives. Special recognition goes to our dedicated volunteers, participants, and supporters, whose collective efforts have created a vibrant and inclusive sports community.

As we embark on this exciting journey, we are grateful for the continued support and encouragement from our university's leadership. Together, we strive to further enhance the sports culture within our academic community and beyond, cultivating a legacy of athletic excellence.

Message from Dean Students' Welfare

Embrace the Spirit of Sports Society!

I trust this message finds you well and thriving in your academic pursuits. Today, I am excited to spotlight a dynamic and indispensable part of our university life – the Sports Society. This vibrant community thrives on passion, camaraderie, and a shared love for sports. It offers students a platform to engage in physical activities, develop leadership skills, and foster a strong sense of belonging within our academic family.



A heartfelt thank you to all Sports Society members – from the dedicated executives to the enthusiastic participants. Your efforts in promoting a healthy and active lifestyle on campus are truly commendable. Sports not only enhance physical well-being but also play a pivotal role in building character, resilience, and teamwork.

Through various events, tournaments, and activities organized by the Sports Society, you showcase your athletic skills while fostering an inclusive and sportsmanlike environment. These initiatives bring our university community closer, encouraging friendships and shared memories that last a lifetime.

As the Dean of our esteemed university, I encourage every student to get involved with the Sports Society. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or someone looking to try a new sport, there is a place for everyone. The Sports Society is about more than just competition – it's about creating lifelong friendships, learning new skills, and enjoying the journey. In the upcoming academic year, we are committed to providing even more opportunities for sports enthusiasts. We will continue to support the Sports Society in organizing events that cater to a diverse range of interests and skill levels. I extend my gratitude to current members and warmly welcome those considering joining. Your involvement is key to the continued success and growth of this vibrant community. Let's make this year one filled with teamwork, accomplishments, and a shared passion for sports. I look forward to seeing the Sports Society thrive with your participation and dedication.

Best Wishes,

Prof. Rakesh Roshan Dash
Dean of Students' Welfare
VSSUT, Burla

Message from Associate Dean Students' Welfare

Explore the Transformative Power of Sports!

I believe this message finds you well and filled with enthusiasm for the opportunities that lie ahead. Today, I want to draw your attention to a topic that goes beyond textbooks and classrooms – the world of sports.

As the Associate Dean of Student Welfare, I firmly believe in the transformative power of sports in shaping not only your physical well-being but also your overall college experience.



Our university places great importance on providing a holistic education, and sports play a pivotal role in achieving that goal. Whether you are an aspiring athlete, a recreational player, or someone who enjoys cheering from the sidelines, there is a place for you in the vibrant sports culture we aim to cultivate. In the coming months, we have an exciting lineup of sports events, tournaments, and fitness programs planned. These activities are not only avenues for healthy competition but also opportunities for you to forge new friendships, discover hidden talents, and learn valuable life skills. I encourage each one of you to explore the diverse sporting opportunities available on campus. Whether you're drawn to team sports, individual challenges, or simply want to stay active, there is a spectrum of options waiting for you. The benefits extend far beyond the playing field, positively influencing your academic performance, mental well-being, and sense of community. Our dedicated team at the Student Welfare Office is here to support and guide you in your sports endeavors. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions, suggestions, or if you simply want to share your sporting achievements. Let's make this academic year a celebration of sportsmanship, teamwork, and personal growth. I am excited to witness the enthusiasm and energy you bring to the world of sports at our university.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Punyapriya Mishra
Associate Dean Students' Welfare
VSSUT, Burla

Message from Vice President, Sports Society

Explore the Transformative Power of Sports!

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. Today, I am delighted to share my thoughts on a topic that holds a special place in our university's heart – sports.

Sports are an integral part of our university's identity and culture. They not only promote physical fitness but also instill values like teamwork, discipline, perseverance, and sportsmanship. These qualities go beyond the playing field



Our university has a rich history of sporting achievements, and I want to take a moment to commend our athletes, coaches, and the entire support staff for their dedication and hard work. Your achievements on the field and the sportsmanship you display are a source of pride for all of us. I firmly believe that sports play a vital role in the holistic development of our students. It is not just about winning or losing; it's about the journey, the lessons learned, and the friendships forged. Our university is committed to providing the best possible facilities and coaching to nurture talent and support our athletes. In the coming year, we will continue to invest in sports programs and infrastructure, aiming to create an environment where every student can participate and excel in the sport of their choice. We encourage all students to take part in sports, whether as players, supporters, or volunteers. Your involvement will not only benefit your physical well-being but also contribute to building a stronger, more vibrant university community. As we move forward, I want to express my gratitude to everyone who contributes to our sports programs – our athletes, coaches, staff, and supporters. Your dedication and passion are inspiring, and I look forward to celebrating many more successes together. Let's embrace the spirit of sports and continue to uphold our university's legacy of excellence, not just in the classroom but on the playing field as well.

Best Regards,
Dr. Satyabrata Das
Vice President, Sports Society
VSSUT, Burla

Message from Faculty Advisors, Sport Society

As we gear up for an exciting academic year, it's time to shine a spotlight on the dynamic sports programs at VSSUT. Sports at our university go beyond recreation – they foster personal growth, build resilience, and create lasting bonds within our community. From intramural games to intercollegiate competitions, there is something for everyone. Engaging in sports enhances physical well-being, cultivates teamwork, and instills leadership skills. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or trying a new sport, VSSUT offers diverse opportunities to get involved.

Dr. Dharamvir Kumar
Faculty Advisor, Sports Society
VSSUT, Burla



Exciting sports opportunities await at VSSUT! From intramurals to intercollegiate tournaments, students have the chance to explore their athletic passions and showcase their talents. Our dynamic sports programs provide a platform for personal growth, teamwork, and school spirit. Your support is crucial for their success. Whether as players, supporters, or volunteers, everyone can contribute to creating a thriving athletic community at VSSUT. Faculty members, your encouragement and guidance can help shape the next generation of champions, both on and off the field.

Dr. Kshiramani Naik
Faculty Advisor, Sports Society
VSSUT, Burla



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SPORTS SOCIETY HIGHLIGHTS

**Inter House Championship, VSSUT, Burla
Illumina-2024-25
Winner-Shakti
Runner's Up-Pragati**

**Indian Institute of Technology, Varanasi
Spardha-2024-25
Football-Runner's Up**

**Odisha University of Technology and Research,
Bhubaneswar
Engineer's Cup-2024-25
Kabbadi**

**Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
Shaurya-2024-25
Chess-2nd Runner's Up**

**National Institute of Technology, Rourkela
Vriddhi-2024-25
Football-Winner
Badminton(Men)-Winner
Badminton(Women)-Runner's Up
Chess-Runner's Up**

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OPENING CEREMONY

The grand opening ceremony of ILLUMINA, the annual sports fest of Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology (VSSUT), Burla, is set to mark the beginning of an electrifying celebration of athleticism, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The event will kick off with a march-past featuring teams from various departments, showcasing their unity and competitive spirit. This will be followed by the hoisting of the fest flag, symbolizing the start of thrilling competitions. Our esteemed chief guest, along with university dignitaries, will address the gathering, inspiring participants to push their limits and embrace the true essence of sports. Adding to the excitement, the opening ceremony will feature a torch relay, igniting the festival spirit and emphasizing the values of perseverance and dedication. Spectators can also look forward to a cultural performance, setting the stage for the action-packed days ahead. With enthusiasm at its peak and the roar of the crowd fueling the energy, ILLUMINA 2024-25 is all set to be a remarkable celebration of talent, determination, and sporting excellence. Let the games begin!



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In the grand spectacle of ILLUMINA 2024-25, where passion met perseverance and talent ignited the spirit of competition, our Interhouse Champions emerged victorious, embodying the very essence of excellence. Through fierce rivalries and moments of unity, each house displayed unwavering determination, creativity, and teamwork. The journey was not just about winning but about pushing boundaries, embracing challenges, and illuminating the path with relentless effort and sportsmanship. To our champions, this victory is a testament to your hard work, skill, and commitment. Your dedication and spirit have set new benchmarks, proving that greatness is not just about reaching the finish line but about the journey of growth and resilience. Your achievements are more than just trophies and titles—they are the legacy of inspiration, the beacon that will guide future competitors. As the curtains fall on ILLUMINA 2024-25, your triumph will continue to shine, reminding us all that success belongs to those who dare to dream, strive, and conquer.



**“SHAKTI”
Winner**



**“PRAGATI”
Runner’s Up**

***Congratulations Champions!
Your brilliance will forever illuminate the halls of victory!***

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“FACULTY & STAFF”

The Faculty & Staff Sports event at ILLUMINA, the annual sports fest of VSSUT, Burla, adds a unique and exciting dimension to the fest, where educators and staff step onto the field to showcase their sporting spirit. This special event fosters camaraderie, teamwork, and a shared enthusiasm for fitness and competition beyond the classroom. Faculty members and staff will participate in a variety of fun-filled yet competitive sports, including cricket, badminton, table tennis, chess, carrom, and relay races. These events not only encourage physical activity but also strengthen the bond between students and their mentors in an atmosphere of joy and mutual respect. Beyond competition, the event is a tribute to the dedication and hard work of the faculty and staff, recognizing their invaluable contribution to the university’s growth. Their participation serves as an inspiration, proving that sports and fitness have no age limit. With cheers, laughter, and moments of friendly rivalry, the Faculty & Staff Sports at ILLUMINA 2024 promises to be an engaging and memorable highlight of the fest!



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"YOGA"

The Yoga Session at ILLUMINA, the annual sports fest of VSSUT, Burla, offers a serene yet powerful experience, promoting physical well-being, mental clarity, and inner balance. Amidst the thrill of competitions, this session serves as a rejuvenating break, allowing participants to reconnect with their mind and body. Led by experienced instructors, the session will include a series of asanas (postures), pranayama (breathing exercises), and meditation techniques designed to enhance flexibility, strength, and mindfulness. Whether you are a seasoned practitioner or a beginner, this session will guide you toward relaxation and self-discovery. Yoga is more than just exercise—it is a way to cultivate focus, discipline, and harmony, essential traits for any athlete. As the sun rises and fresh energy fills the air, join us in embracing the holistic benefits of yoga at ILLUMINA 2024.



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“PUTTING THE SHOT”

Shot put is a track and field event that requires a combination of strength, technique, and precision. The objective of the event is to throw a heavy metal ball, known as the shot, as far as possible.



Shot put requires a great deal of physical strength, especially in the upper body and legs. However, technique is also crucial. Athletes must have a strong and stable base, use proper footwork, and maintain good posture throughout the throw.



The shot itself weighs 16 pounds for men and 8.8 pounds for women. Competitors must hold the shot near their neck and shoulder, then push it out as far as possible in one fluid motion. The throw is measured from the point where the shot lands, and the athlete with the longest throw is declared the winner.



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“DISCUS THROW”

The Discus Throw Competition at ILLUMINA, the annual sports fest of VSSUT, Burla, is a true test of strength, technique, and precision. Athletes will showcase their power and skill as they hurl the discus with maximum force, aiming for the longest throw and ultimate victory.



Participants will compete with controlled technique, balancing speed, agility, and coordination to achieve the perfect throw. The event will be judged based on distance covered, proper form, and adherence to rules, ensuring a fair and competitive environment.

With the crowd cheering and anticipation running high, each throw will be a moment of excitement, pushing athletes to surpass their limits. The competition isn't just about distance—it's about discipline, focus, and the relentless pursuit of excellence.



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"JAVELIN THROW"

The Javelin Throw event was successfully conducted as part of the ILLUMINA 24-25 for both boys and girls. The event saw enthusiastic participation, showcasing the strength, technique, and determination of the athletes.



Participants were given three attempts each, with the best throw being considered for final rankings. The event followed international measurement standards, and officials ensured proper adherence to techniques and safety protocols.

Overall, the event contributed positively to the sports fest, encouraging greater participation in field events. Special thanks to the event organizers, referees, volunteers, and participants for making the competition a memorable and successful one.



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“TRACK EVENTS”

The track events are among the most exciting and highly anticipated sports in any sports fest. Athletes from different schools or teams compete against each other in various track and field events, such as the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter run, 800-meter run, and 1,500-meter run.



There are also relay races, which involve teams of four runners passing a baton to each other. The 4x100-meter relay and the 4x400-meter relay are some of the most popular relay events. In addition to these running events, there are also field events, such as the long jump, high jump, and triple jump.

These events require athletes to demonstrate their speed, agility, and strength as they strive to win the gold medal. Overall, the track events are an exciting and thrilling part of any sports fest, and they always draw large crowds of enthusiastic fans.



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"LONG JUMP & HIGH JUMP"

Long jump is an athletic event that requires a combination of speed, strength, and agility. It involves jumping as far as possible from a running start. Long jumpers typically have a strong lower body, particularly in their legs and hips, which helps them generate the necessary power to propel themselves through the air.



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Long jump is a popular event in track and field, and is often featured in major championships such as the Olympics and World Championships.



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“SWIMMING”

The Swimming Competition at ILLUMINA, the annual sports fest of VSSUT, Burla, promises to be a thrilling showcase of speed, endurance, and precision in the water. Athletes from various departments will dive into intense competition, striving for excellence across multiple categories and distances.



Participants will compete in a range of freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly events, testing their agility, strength, and technique. The event will take place at the VSSUT Swimming Pool, where supporters and enthusiasts will gather to cheer on their champions.

With every stroke cutting through the water and the clock ticking down, swimmers will push their limits to claim victory. The competition isn't just about winning—it's about determination, sportsmanship, and the relentless pursuit of greatness.



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"KABBADI"

Kabaddi is a popular sport that originated in ancient India. It is a contact sport that requires both physical and mental agility, as well as teamwork. Kabaddi is played on a rectangular court, and the objective of the game is for one team's raider to cross over to the other team's side, tag as many players as possible, and return to their own side,



It is a thrilling and exciting sport that requires quick reflexes, strategy, and athleticism.

all while holding their breath and chanting "kabaddi, kabaddi, kabaddi.,the opposing team must try to stop the raider from completing their task by tackling them and preventing them from breathing. Kabaddi has gained popularity worldwide, and is now played in many countries at both amateur and professional levels.



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"VOLLEYBALL"

Volleyball, a dynamic team sport, requires precise coordination and strategy. Players aim to score points by sending the ball over the net, utilizing a combination of serves, sets, and spikes



The game demands quick reflexes, agility, and effective communication among teammates. Each player has a specialized role, contributing to the team's success in offense and defense, fostering camaraderie and trust.

Volleyball's popularity spans globally, captivating audiences with its fast-paced action and thrilling rallies. Whether played competitively or casually, it promotes physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship.



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"CHESS & CARROM"

The Chess and Carrom Competition at ILLUMINA, the annual sports fest of VSSUT, Burla, brings a battle of strategy, focus, and precision to the forefront. These indoor games test not only skill but also patience, concentration, and mental agility.



A game of precision and control, where a flick of the striker can change the course of the match! Players will showcase their accuracy and technique in singles and doubles categories, aiming to pocket the queen and secure their place as champions.

The battlefield of the mind, where every move counts! Players will engage in intense matches, planning strategic attacks and defenses to outwit their opponents. With each check and checkmate, participants will prove their mastery of the game, aiming for ultimate victory.



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“ KHO-KHO ”

Kho-kho is a traditional Indian game that has been played for centuries. It is a popular sport that is enjoyed by people of all ages, especially during festivals and other celebrations. The game is played between two teams, with each team consisting of twelve players.



The game begins with the chasing team sending out nine players onto the field, who then attempt to tag the opposing team's players, while avoiding being tagged themselves. The defending team, on the other hand, must try to dodge the chasing team's players and avoid being tagged.

One of the unique features of Kho-kho is that it is played without any equipment, making it an accessible and affordable sport. It is also a great way to stay active, improve reflexes, and build teamwork and communication skills. With its rich history and cultural significance, Khokho remains a beloved pastime for many Indians, both young and old



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"FUN EVENTS"

Fun events are a great way to bring people together and create lasting memories. They can range from small gatherings with friends to larger community events. There are many different types of fun events, such as game nights, potlucks, picnics, and festivals.



In summary, fun events are a great way to bring people together, create lasting memories, and make new friends. So why not plan or attend a fun event today?



Attending a fun event can be a great way to meet new people and make new friends. It's also an opportunity to try new things and step outside of your comfort zone. Whether you're a social butterfly or more introverted, there's always something to enjoy at a fun event.



ILLUMINA 2024-25 CLOSING CEREMONY

As the curtains fall on ILLUMINA, the Annual Sports Fest of VSSUT, Burla, the Closing Ceremony stands as a grand celebration of the passion, perseverance, and sportsmanship displayed throughout the event. It marks the culmination of days filled with fierce competition, teamwork, and unforgettable moments. The ceremony will begin with a felicitation of winners, where top athletes and teams will be honored for their outstanding performances. Medals, trophies, and certificates will be awarded, recognizing the dedication and excellence showcased across various sports. The atmosphere will be filled with excitement as the best-performing department/team is crowned the overall champion. Special awards for Fair Play, Best Athlete, and Emerging Talent will also be presented, celebrating not just victories but also the spirit of the game. Dignitaries, faculty, and participants will share their reflections on the fest, appreciating the efforts of organizers, volunteers, and athletes who made ILLUMINA 2024 a resounding success. The event will conclude with a symbolic lowering of the fest flag, marking the end of this exhilarating journey while igniting the anticipation for the next edition. With memories made, friendships strengthened, and records set, ILLUMINA bids farewell—until we meet again next year!



SPARDHA 2024-25

We are thrilled to announce that the VSSUT Football Team has secured a 2nd rank in Spardha 2024-25! This outstanding achievement is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and teamwork displayed by every player and coach involved. Your success on the field not only brings pride to our university but also serves as an inspiration to the entire student community. Through perseverance, discipline, and an unwavering spirit, you have shown what it means to truly embody the values of sportsmanship. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the team for this remarkable accomplishment. Let this victory be the first of many more to come! Keep pushing boundaries, striving for excellence, and making VSSUT proud.



SPARDHA 2024-25
IIT, Varanasi

ENGINEER'S CUP 2024-25

We are excited to announce that the VSSUT Kabaddi Team has secured a commendable rank in the Engineer's Cup 2024-25! This incredible achievement reflects the dedication, resilience, and team spirit of every player and coach involved. Your unwavering determination and sportsmanship have brought pride and joy to our university community. The Engineer's Cup is a highly competitive event, and your success is a testament to your hard work and perseverance. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the entire Kabaddi team. Your efforts have set a benchmark for future athletes and inspire all of us to aim higher and strive for excellence.



*ENGINEER'S CUP, 2024-25
OUTR, Bhubaneswar*

SHAURYA 2024-25

We are proud to announce that the VSSUT Chess Team has secured the 2nd Runner-Up position in the Chess Tournament held at Shaurya 2024-25. This remarkable accomplishment highlights the strategic thinking, dedication, and perseverance of our talented players. Your success at such a prestigious event brings immense pride to our university and serves as a shining example of what can be achieved through hard work and commitment. The Chess Team's outstanding performance reflects the spirit of excellence that VSSUT strives to uphold. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the entire team and wish you continued success in future competitions. Your achievement is a source of inspiration for the entire student community.



SHAURYA 2024-25
IIT, Kharagpur

VRIDDHI 2024-25

A phenomenal victory at VRIDDHI 2024, NIT Rourkela, securing the 1st Prize! Your dedication, teamwork, and relentless spirit have truly paid off, bringing immense pride to VSSUT Burla. This triumph is a testament to your hard work, passion, and commitment to the game. Wishing you many more victories ahead—keep shining and keep conquering the field!



VRIDDHI 24-25
NIT, Rourkela

VRIDDHI 2024-25

Your remarkable victory in VRIDDHI 2024 at NIT Rourkela is a testament to your dedication, relentless effort, and exceptional teamwork. You have showcased not only skill and determination but also the true spirit of sportsmanship. This achievement brings immense pride to VSSUT Burla, and we applaud each of you for your hard work and perseverance. May you continue to soar to even greater heights in the future!

Keep inspiring and keep winning!



VRIDDHI 24-25
NIT, Rourkela

VRIDDHI 2024-25

Your outstanding performance at VRIDDHI 2024, NIT Rourkela, securing the 2nd Prize, is truly commendable! Your hard work, determination, and team spirit have brought pride to VSSUT Burla, proving that dedication and perseverance always lead to success. This achievement is just the beginning—may you continue to shine and reach even greater heights in the future. Keep inspiring and keep striving for excellence!



VRIDDHI 24-25
NIT, Rourkela

VRIDDHI 2024-25

A huge congratulations on securing the 2nd Prize at VRIDDHI 2024, NIT Rourkela! Your strategic brilliance, sharp thinking, and unwavering determination have brought pride to VSSUT Burla. This achievement is a testament to your dedication and mastery of the game. May you continue to conquer new challenges and reach even greater milestones in the future. Keep making us proud!



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NIT, Rourkela

Thank
you