

CO-CURRICULAR & EXTR-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

As a fresher, a myriad of opportunities lie ahead for participating in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. A bird's eye view of the various technical, cultural and sports forums in the University are summarized below.

Student Associations

Each department has its own student association and the student associations each have its chairman, joint secretary, treasurer and executive members selected from the various student members. The activities of the associations are monitored by staff advisors. The student associations invite external experts (academics, industrialists, international speakers) to address the students and benefit from their immense knowledge and experience. They also organize quizzes and design contests which are well received and executed.

Many of the student associations have their in-house magazines that publish articles which provide a bird's eye-view of the latest cutting-edge technologies in related fields. The student magazines also publish research articles and reviews from experts and provide many informative tit-bits.

The following is the list of student associations and their in-house magazines:

Department	Name of Association	Name of Association Magazine
Bioengineering	BE@S	IN VIVO
Bioinformatics	COMBIGS	INBIOSYS
Biotechnology	BIOTIKOS	NUCLEO
Chemical	SCHEMA	PLASMA
Civil	CEA	FULCRUM
Computer Science & Engineering	ACE	CYPHER
Electronics & Communication Engineering	SPACE	VV Herald
Electrical & Electronics Engineering	ELECTRA	CEREBRATION
Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering	INSTRUMEX	ARTNAY
Information Technology Information & Communication Technology	SCANIT	EMIT

Mechanical	MECASSO	MECHTRIX
Management	PHOENIX	-
B.Com. Computer applications	SAHITYA	-
Chemistry & Biochemistry (SRC)	GENECHEM	-
Commerce & Management (SRC)	COM-MAN	-
Computer Science & Engineering (SRC)	ExACT	-

The Students from various departments also have technical discussion forums after 5:00 PM during week days to deliberate on key technical advances in their respective disciplines. A few popular student clubs are listed below.

- Tech Forum – School of Chemical & Biotechnology
- Nano Forum - School of Chemical & Biotechnology
- Electronics Club - School of Electrical & Electronics Engineering
- Robotics Club - School of Electrical & Electronics Engineering & School of Mechanical Engineering
- Eco Club – School of Civil Engineering
- Physics Club - School of Electrical & Electronics Engineering
- Pop-ups – School of Computing (exclusively for first years)

The annual inter-collegiate technical festival of the University – DAKSH, provides ample stimulus to the grey cells of the brain through its extremely challenging technical problems. This attracts participants from all over the country and provides the chance to test our technical skills with the best in the country.

Cultural Events

The immensely talented SASTRA students have many student clubs for expressing their talents and creativity. The cultural team of SASTRA is selected from the highly talented members of these clubs and the club members meet after working hours each week and hone their skills, plan and practice for their upcoming events. Each club has its student and staff coordinators and commences its activities every academic year and has a final showdown at the end of each academic year which is very popular. The various students clubs that are currently active at SASTRA are listed below:

- Auto club
- Literary clubs (Tamil, English, Hindi and Telugu)
- Oratory & Debating clubs (Tamil, English, Hindi and Telugu)
- Fine-Arts club (Music, Dance, Painting)
- Athenaeum (Forum for public speaking)
- Nonesuch Readers' club (Offshoot of English literary club)

The student clubs organize CARPE DIEM – the annual intramural cultural festival of SASTRA and the student coordinators of each club are actively involved in screening and short-listing the scores of talents that participate in the various events. This festival provides a great opportunity for freshers to get into the University cultural team. The cultural team of SASTRA is endowed with amazing talents and leaves an indelible mark wherever it participates. The team has won many accolades and has brought laurels to the University. A noteworthy point of mention is that SASTRA is the only team with the most number of wins (overall championship) at FESTEMBER – the inter-college cultural festival of National Institute of Technology, Trichy. The annual inter-collegiate national level cultural extravaganza called KURUKSASTRA held in February-March each year is a show-stopper and attracts talents from across the country. The students get a chance to enchant one and all with their talents in literary and fine arts events.

Sports

In tune with the popular adage ‘A health mind in a healthy body’, the University provides adequate facilities for boys and girls to keep themselves fit. The men’s gymnasium named ‘Maruti’ has state-of-the-art facilities such as tread mill, weights etc., to keep the young men in top physique. The girl’s gymnasium is in the girl’s hostel and also includes a basket ball court and volleyball court apart from the tread mill and table tennis board.

The annual intra-mural sports festival of SASTRA aptly named FUERA is a hotly contested tournament. Apart from track & field, the talents of the participants is put into acid test in team events such as cricket, football, hockey, basket ball, volleyball, Frisbee, badminton, table tennis, chess etc. Body building and weight lifting are other popular categories in FUERA. The competitions provide the right environment for youngsters to get selected for the University team. The SASTRA sports teams have won places in the district and zonal levels and have participated in national level contests. The SASTRA team has won awards at TIES – the state level Tamilnadu Inter-Engineering Sports. The students’ teams have won laurels in the basketball, table tennis, kabaddi and have made a mark in body building, weight lifting, swimming and Go-karting. The students are guided to sporting glory by an experienced physical director, an enthusiastic physical directress and a weight trainer. The annual inter-collegiate national level sports festival of the University is named COLOSSEUM and provides the stage to show-case the sporting talents of the University against some of the best teams in the country.