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Halloween Theme Fashion Competition

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The Halloween Theme Fashion Competition, organized by the Symbiosis School of Planning Architecture and Design (SSPAD), was a grand celebration held at the SIU Nagpur campus to mark the occasion of Halloween. The competition welcomed students from across the campus to participate and express themselves through a theme-based costume contest, where they were encouraged to blend fashion with spooky, eerie, and imaginative themes. Dr. Nandini Kulkarni, the Director of SSPAD, encouraged students to embrace the spirit of Halloween and celebrate this occasion through fashion, fun, and creativity.

Overview of the Halloween Event

The Halloween Theme Fashion Competition was a one-of-a-kind event that allowed students to step outside the conventional fashion norms and experiment with avant-garde and thematic attire. The event was held on 24th October 2024 and students from various disciplines at SIU Nagpur were invited to partake in this fun-filled celebration of Halloween. The objective was not only to foster creativity but also to build a sense of community and collaboration among students.

SSPAD, known for its emphasis on design and creative arts, took the lead in organizing the competition to celebrate the season of Halloween with a twist. The competition was open to all students from the SIU Nagpur campus, and entries were welcomed in a range of categories, including individual and group performances.

Theme and Participation

The theme for Halloween Fashion Competition was wide-ranging, allowing students to interpret it in unique and personal ways. Participants could dress up as anything from classic Halloween icons—such as ghosts, vampires, and witches—to more abstract or contemporary interpretations of horror, pop culture, or mythological characters. The idea was to push the boundaries of traditional costume



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design and integrate elements of high fashion, dramatic flair, and personal storytelling into their outfits.

Students were encouraged to go all out with their creativity, using unconventional materials, colors, and accessories to craft their looks. Some even incorporated makeup artistry and special effects to add an extra layer of transformation. The event saw an overwhelming response, with students putting forth their most imaginative and daring interpretations of the theme.

Judging Criteria

The competition was judged by a panel of fashion experts, including faculty members from the SSPAD. The judging criteria were based on:

- Creativity and Originality
- Aesthetic Appeal
- Craftmanship
- Thematic Relevance
- Performance

Winners and Recognition

The winners of the Halloween Theme Fashion Competition were awarded prizes in several categories, including Best Individual Costume, Best Group Costume, Most Creative Look, and Best Theatrical Performance. The prize distribution ceremony was held after the judging, where the winners were celebrated for their exceptional design and creativity.

In addition to the awards, all participants were recognized for their efforts, and everyone who took part was given a participation certificate as a token of appreciation.

Conclusion

The Halloween Theme Fashion Competition was a resounding success, demonstrating the incredible talent, creativity, and sense of community among the students of SIU Nagpur. Through this event,



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SSPAD not only celebrated Halloween but also provided a platform for students to showcase their passion for fashion and design in a fun and unconventional way. The competition helped to foster a vibrant and engaging campus atmosphere, bringing students together and allowing them to explore their creative potentials.

The event also highlighted the importance of theme-based fashion as a means of self-expression and the growing influence of design and creativity in student life. The Halloween competition was a perfect blend of fun, fashion, and imagination, and it will surely be remembered as one of the most exciting and unique events of the semester.

Acknowledgments

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