

# DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY, GIET UNIVERSITY

## STUDENT ASSOCIATION- BIOCANS



### **Welcome Party for 2024-2028 Batch:**

The students' association BIOCANS from the Department of Biotechnology recently hosted a vibrant and memorable welcome party for the incoming 2024-2028 batch, centered around the creative and catchy theme "Freshotoria." This event served as a warm and enthusiastic introduction to university life for the freshers, blending excitement, camaraderie, and a sense of belonging right from the start of their academic journey. The theme "Freshotoria" cleverly evoked the idea of a fresh, exploratory adventure—perhaps a playful fusion of "freshers" and "euphoria"—infusing the gathering with high energy, colourful decorations, lively music, interactive games, and engaging performances that celebrated new beginnings in the fascinating world of biotechnology. Seniors and faculty members joined in to extend heartfelt greetings, share inspiring insights about the department's opportunities, research endeavours, and vibrant student culture, while also offering guidance on navigating coursework, labs, projects, and extracurricular activities. Through fun ice-breaking sessions, group activities, and delicious refreshments, the party successfully bridged the gap between juniors and seniors, fostering instant connections, laughter, and lasting friendships among the new batch members, ultimately setting a positive and motivating tone for their Three-year biotechnology program ahead.



### **Annual Food Hackathon on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025:**

The students' association BIOCANS from the Department of Biotechnology successfully organized a highly engaging and innovative Food Hackathon on 19 September 2025, transforming the department into a buzzing hub of creativity, collaboration, and forward-thinking solutions at the crossroads of biotechnology and food systems. This one-day (or potentially multi-day kick off) event invited participants—primarily students from the department, including the enthusiastic 2024-2028 batch, along with possibly cross-disciplinary teams—to dive deep into real-world challenges like sustainable food production, nutritional enhancement, alternative proteins, food safety through biotech tools, waste reduction in supply chains, or personalized nutrition via genetic and microbial insights. Building on the department's energetic tradition of events such as the "Freshotoria" welcome party, the hackathon featured structured phases of rapid ideation, team formation, expert

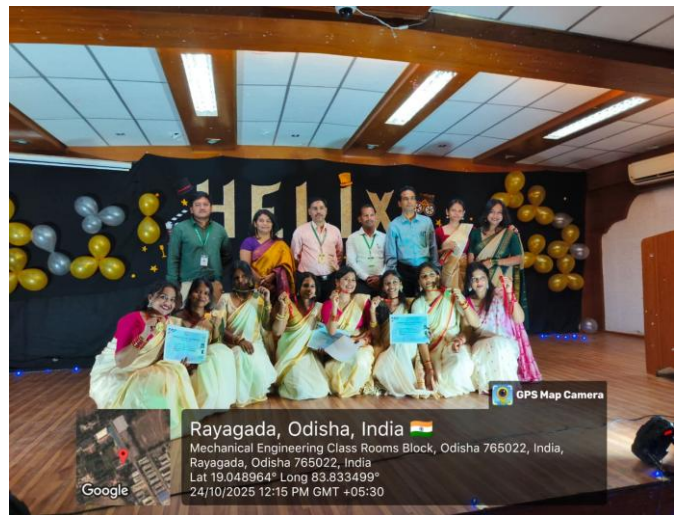
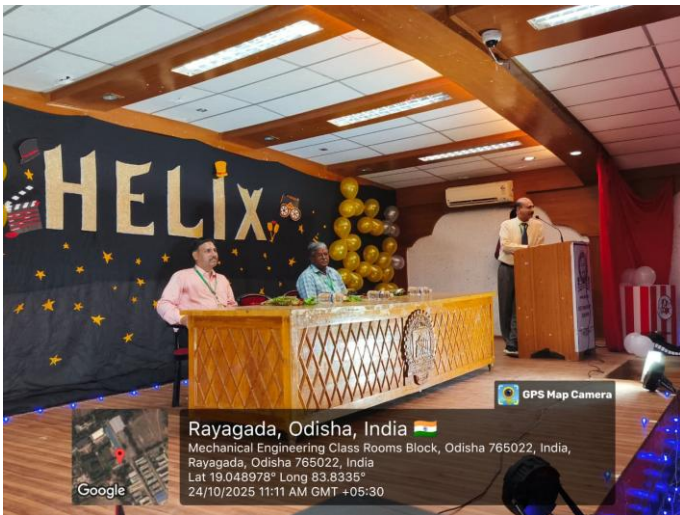
mentorship from faculty and perhaps external biotech or food industry professionals, hands-on prototyping (using available lab resources or conceptual models), and dynamic pitch sessions where groups presented their biotech-driven food innovations to judges for feedback, recognition, and potential prizes.



### **Annual Departmental TECH-CULTURAL Fest:**

The students' association BIOCANS from the Department of Biotechnology proudly organized the Annual Tech-Cultural Fest under the captivating theme "HELIX ON" on 24th and 25th November 2025, turning the department into an electrifying two-day extravaganza that perfectly blended cutting-edge technology, cultural vibrancy, intellectual stimulation, and pure enjoyment for students, faculty, and participants alike. Drawing inspiration from the iconic double-helix structure of DNA—a symbol of biotechnology's core essence—the theme "HELIX ON" embodied the idea of spiraling forward with innovation, energy, and unstoppable momentum, reflected in every aspect of the fest from dazzling decorations featuring glowing helical motifs, DNA-inspired installations, and futuristic lighting to a line-up of diverse activities that celebrated both scientific prowess and artistic flair. The event kicked off with high-energy technical competitions such as biotech quizzes, poster presentations on emerging research in genomics and synthetic biology, innovative project exhibitions showcasing student prototypes, and biotech-themed hackathon-style challenges that encouraged rapid ideation on real-world applications like sustainable biofuels or personalized medicine. Cultural highlights included mesmerizing dance performances, soulful singing contests, fashion shows with creative biotech-inspired attire, dramatic skits, and live band sessions that kept the crowds grooving late into the evenings. Sports activities added an extra layer of thrill and camaraderie, featuring intense intra-departmental tournaments in cricket, badminton, tug-of-war, and fun relay races infused with biotech twists—like "gene transfer" obstacle courses or "enzyme reaction" sack races—that had

everyone cheering, laughing, and bonding across batches. Food stalls offering delicious treats, interactive photo booths, prize distributions for winners, and surprise guest appearances from alumni or faculty kept the atmosphere buzzing with non-stop excitement and positivity. This grand fest not only highlighted the department's dynamic spirit and the talents of its students—including the now well-settled 2024-2028 batch—but also fostered deeper connections, sparked fresh ideas, created unforgettable memories, and reinforced biotechnology's role as a field full of endless possibilities, leaving participants energized and proud to be part of such a thriving community



### **Teacher Day Celebration at Department of Biotechnology, GIET University:**

The Teachers' Day celebration organized by the Biocan Students' Association at the Department of Biotechnology, GIET University, Gunupur, was a heartfelt and vibrant tribute to the educators who shape minds and inspire future biotechnologists. Held on September 5th in the department's seminar hall (or a central auditorium), the event brought together enthusiastic students, dedicated faculty members, and staff in a warm atmosphere filled with respect, gratitude, and joy. Biocan, the dynamic student body of the Biotechnology department, took the lead in planning and executing the program to honor Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's legacy and express appreciation for their mentors' unwavering guidance, knowledge-sharing, and encouragement.

