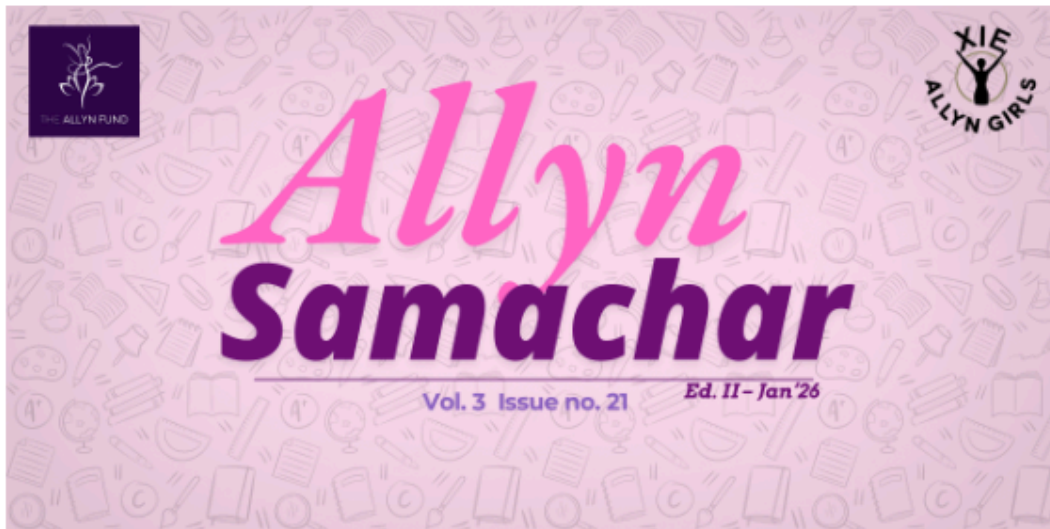




As we move into the second half of January, the initial spark of the New Year is evolving into steady consistency. This is where resolutions transform into lasting habits and true progress takes root. Don't let the early momentum fade; use these weeks to solidify your commitment and bridge the gap between intent and action. Every disciplined step you take now builds the foundation for a successful 2026. Let's finish the month strong, turning our intentions into results with resilience and drive!

AI & Scientific Discovery — Neural Operators (Anima Anandkumar)

Anima Anandkumar, an Indian-born AI researcher and professor at Caltech, is pioneering **Neural Operators** — a groundbreaking class of AI algorithms that can learn and simulate complex scientific processes far faster than traditional computing methods. These models have already enabled:

- **High-resolution AI weather forecasting**, including models like *FourCastNet* that predict global weather patterns with unprecedented speed and detail.
- **AI-guided scientific simulations** in fields like drug discovery and engineering design.



- Her work was recently recognized as part of the **Sony Women in Technology Award with Nature** finalists — one of the most prestigious platforms celebrating top female tech researchers worldwide.

Anima Anandkumar's work shows how curiosity and strong fundamentals can reshape entire scientific fields. Her journey inspires college students to think beyond textbooks, blend AI with real-world problems, and believe that impactful global research can begin right from classrooms and campuses.



Aarya Ingavale
SE-COMPS

The second half of January was a high-energy period for Aarya Ingavale, defined by a successful balance of leadership and creativity. She demonstrated her organizational skills by heading the music event **Solo Tunes**, while actively participating in both **Transmission** and **Spandan**. Aarya further embraced the stage at **Rhythm Royals** and found inspiration at the **Under 25 Summit**. Among these highlights, she deeply cherished the experience of performing alongside her band members, eventually closing out a vibrant month of hard work and friendship at **Prom 2026**.

Marisa Menezes kicked off the second half of January with an immersive learning experience at the college's 24-hour hackathon. Her technical focus was paired with active participation in **Transmission** and **Spandan**, where she particularly enjoyed the challenge of the escape room. Serving as a dedicated member of the **Council Committee**, Marisa thrived in the collaborative team environment. The month reached an exciting peak during the **Under 25 Summit**, where she had the unforgettable opportunity to witness actress **Bhumi Pednekar** live on campus. From singing at the college concert and prom night to the high-energy DJ night, Marisa's January was a joyful fusion of hard work, teamwork, and celebration.



Marisa Menezes
SE-COMPS



Sanvi Sawant
SE-COMPS

The second half of January was a whirlwind of celebration and achievement for Sanvi Sawant. Beyond marking a milestone birthday surrounded by the warmth of friends and family, she played a pivotal role in the college's technical landscape. As an **Event Management Moderator** for the Technical Committee, Sanvi helped spearhead the successful execution of both Technova 24-hour hackathon and the Transmission Fest, proving her mettle in high-stakes coordination. Her month was further highlighted by the vibrant energy of the college fest, where she stepped into the spotlight for a solo dance performance at **Rhythm Royale**—an experience that was as exhilarating as it was confidence-boosting.

January was a period of diverse achievements for Nidhi, who excelled in both athletic and technical arenas. She secured **first prize in the Art Relay** and sharpened her competitive coding skills through **Code Combat** and **Code Craft** during Transmission. Nidhi also braved the high-pressure environment of the **Technova 24-hour hackathon**, gaining vital experience in innovation. Beyond the technical, she explored her creative side at the **Build My Book** workshop, making the month a well-rounded journey of stepping out of her comfort zone.



Nidhi Dipak Vekhande
SE-CSE



Yashashree Suvarna
SE-CSE

Despite a hectic schedule, Yashashree balanced her academic return with significant leadership as a **Dance Moderator**, successfully managing the **Rhythm Royale** and **Team Tempo** events. Her month was marked by personal triumphs on stage, including an enriching performance at the **Under 25 Summit** and a top-eight finish in the **Spontaneity Showdown**. The highlight of her January was being crowned **Miss Xavier** during the Persona event, a prestigious title that added a special touch to a month filled with hard work and festive celebration.



Vrishty played a central role in the college's technical success as the **Event Manager Moderator for Technova**, overseeing the collaboration of innovative student projects. Her dynamic month also included representing the college at the **Google Cloud Mumbai Hackathon** and managing core logistics for the Tech Fest. Between her duo performance for **Persona** and enjoying Traditional Day and Prom, Vrishty's January was a fulfilling mix of professional responsibility and vibrant social experiences.



Vrishty Gothwal
SE-CSE



Veronica Franco
SE-IT

Zosia's January was defined by heartwarming personal moments and creative hobbies. She spent her time mastering the art of baking and enjoying quality family time after being surprised by her cousin's return from abroad. On campus, she participated in **Traditional Day** and represented her team in kabaddi during **Sports Day**. Seeking a balance between the social and the serene, Zosia also enjoyed a solo date by the sea before ending the month dancing at the DJ night and visiting the iconic **Nostalgia bakery**.

For Veronica, the latter part of the month was a celebration of friendship and school spirit. She balanced her studies with active contributions to **decoration and publicity work**, ensuring the campus looked its best for the festivities. From competing in kabaddi during **Sparks** and navigating scavenger hunts to celebrating Traditional Day in a saree, her month was packed with activity. She concluded the period on a high note, enjoying the **Under 25 event**, a high-energy DJ night, and the elegance of Prom.



Zosia D'Souza
SE-COMPS



Durva devrukhkar
SE IT

Serving as the **Formals Moderator for the Cultural Committee**, Durva was instrumental in the smooth execution of **Spandan**. Her role provided her with invaluable experience in teamwork and communication while managing the various responsibilities of the fest. She also displayed her sportsmanship in tug-of-war and kabaddi during **Sparx Phase 2**. Additionally, her time as part of the **Under 25 Summit team** gave her a behind-the-scenes look at large-scale event coordination, making her January a perfect blend of professional growth and enjoyment.

Sanaica Dsouza is currently engaged in organizing two major technical events scheduled in January. With Technova on January 17 and 18 approaching, she has been actively working to ensure the smooth execution of the 24 hour hackathon. Alongside this, she has successfully designed the technical content for Transmission on January 27 and 28, focusing on challenging DSA and real life problem solving rounds. Managing two distinct event formats within the same month has been a rewarding and enriching experience, highlighting her organizational skills and technical expertise.



Sanaica Dsouza
SE-COMPS



Dhriti Agarwal
SE-COMPS

The latter half of January marked a deeply transformative phase for Dhriti, balancing a significant personal milestone with academic growth. The highlight of her month was the arrival of her nephew, an experience that brought immense warmth and a "new kind of joy" to her home life. Alongside this emotional happiness, Dhriti remained focused on her professional development as she began work on her **mini-project application**. By exploring new technologies and innovative ideas, she has been able to enhance her technical confidence and creativity. For Dhriti, the month concluded as a perfect harmony of family celebration and meaningful learning.

TECHNOVA 2026 – 24-Hour Hackathon



Technova 2026, a flagship 24-hour hackathon, was successfully organized on **17th and 18th January 2026** at **Xavier Institute of Engineering, Mumbai**, in collaboration with **Allyn Girls**. The event was jointly conducted by the **Technical Committee of XIE Student Council, IET, XIE-IET On Campus, and Allyn Girls**, with the objective of empowering undergraduate students by providing a competitive platform to innovate, collaborate, and apply technical knowledge to real-world challenges. The hackathon witnessed active participation from **51 teams** across three domains—**Web Development, App Development, and AI/ML**, promoting inclusivity, technical excellence, and teamwork.

The event began with registrations followed by a formal inauguration and an inspiring guest address. Participants engaged in intensive coding sessions supported by structured mentoring from industry experts throughout the hackathon. On the second day, teams presented their final solutions before an expert judging panel, with projects evaluated on innovation, scalability, technical strength, and real-world impact. **Representing Allyn Girls, Team SK secured the 3rd position among all participating college teams**, marking a significant achievement and reflecting the technical competence, dedication, and collaborative spirit of the Allyn Girls team.



January ended with a renewed spirit of self-enhancement as Allyn Girls came together to upskill and grow.

**“The future belongs to those who prepare for it today”
— Malcolm X**

*January reminds us that every beginning carries hope,
intention, and the courage to start again.*