

PROPOSALS
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PROPOSAL 1

Creation of Avocation Communities

Objective:

- Introduction of Avocation Communities, which will be open for all the students of Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.

Purpose:

- To ensure that students interested in a certain avocation have access to an active community around them to encourage learning and exposure.

Current scenario:

- People who are interested in certain fields, but are not proficient, are often neglected by the various societies and clubs that exist on the campus.
- People seeking training in such avocations often fail to find proper resources because a proper workflow does not exist for such enthusiasts. This leads to them dropping their interest altogether.

Plan of action:

- Creation of Avocation Communities, which are open for all students to join.
- There will be an official Microsoft Teams for hosting meets, and a discord server for the members to communicate **anonymously**. The Welfare Subcommittee, Technology Students' Gymkhana, will be responsible for monitoring both of these channels.
- Organization of weekly/biweekly sessions, online/offline, where local experts will conduct workshops and sessions.
- Ensure the introduction of at least five new avocation communities by the end of the academic year 2022-23.

Impact:

- Creation of free-to-join, free-to-leave, no-obligations platforms for extracurriculars, which will increase participation and student involvement in various avocations by a huge extent.
- Introduction of proper work-flow for training students interested in different fields.

GroundWork:

- The concept of Avocation Communities is tried and tested.

- "KGP music community": An initiative taken in the academic session 2020-21, which had over 300 freshers of the academic session 2020-21, showed immense success, with the group being active even today.
- Consulted with the active members of online communities like "Listen to this KGP" and "Biblioholics, IIT Kharagpur".

Support Required:

- The General Body of Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.

PROPOSAL 2

To increase the interconnectivity between the Counselling Centre and various Halls of Residence

Objective:

- Bridge the "trust gap" between the Counselling Centre and students.
- To create awareness regarding various benefits that the students' community can avail from the institute.

Purpose:

- To build a network between the Counselling Centre and the General Secretary Students' Welfare of all Halls of Residence.
- To engage the counsellors at hall level and build a sense of trust amongst the students towards the Counselling Centre.
- To ensure that no student backs out from seeking medical help due to logistical issues.

Current scenario:

- For the majority of the students, the first place where they usually form bonds is within their allotted halls of residence and, to be more specific, within the wings of their halls of residence.
- There is no proper set of regulations and duties that have been set for the assigned wing representatives. Due to this, most wing representatives are left clueless about their duties, as there is no solid framework for the same.
- Most of the students seeking mental help usually find it uncomfortable to go and share their problems at the Counselling Centre, mainly due to the lack of trust.
- Medibuddy is a one-stop health benefits management platform that is offered in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. It provides medical insurance, worth up to 2 Lacs INR yearly on logging in with an institute email ID.

Plan of action:

- There needs to be a proper framework of rules, regulations, and duties in the Constitution of Technology Students' Gymkhana for the wing representatives to follow during their tenure.
- The General Secretary Students' Welfare of each hall of residence shall contact the Counselling Centre with the help of Wing Representatives to identify and convey issues related to mental health.
- Introduction of intra-wing events to ensure inclusivity and recreation simultaneously.

- Conduct a meet-up between counsellors and the residents of a certain hall of residence every semester. The wing representatives and the General Secretaries of the respective Hall of Residences will need to ensure maximum participation from their halls.
- Collaboration with MediBuddy to conduct a series of webinars detailing the benefits of the institute program.

Impact:

- Wing representatives, who are now well versed with their duties and tasks, will monitor the situation on the ground level and ensure that no one is excluded in their respective wings.
- Events at Hall-Levels are easier to organize and manage. Hall level events held by the counsellors will not only ensure maximum participation but will also build a sense of familiarity between the students and the counsellors.
- Awareness about programs like Medibuddy will benefit students availing medical help outside the campus.

GroundWork:

- Consulted the Senior Counsellor at The Counselling Centre and found out about the prevailing issues. Also discussed the itinerary of counsellors visiting the halls of residence.
- Consulted the General Secretary Students' Welfare of various halls of residence about the situation on the wing-level.

Support Required:

- The Counselling Centre.
- General Secretary Students' Welfare of all the Halls of Residence.
- Wing representatives of respective Halls of Residence.

PROPOSAL 3

Improvement in Women Hygiene and Convenience

Objective:

- Renovate toilets across the Girls' Halls of Residence.
- Ensure the working of Sanitary Dispensers.
- Initiate a Night Canteen, which is accessible (in terms of distance) to the female population of the students' community.

Purpose:

- To eliminate the existing problem of diseases related to hygiene in Girls' Halls of Residence.
- To create accessible avenues for women to get food after midnight safely.

Current scenario:

- The toilets across the different Girls' Halls of Residence have inadequate and outdated equipments. This causes inconvenience to the users and may lead to various diseases.
- Most of the existing Sanitary Dispensers set up at different places on the campus are not functioning.
- The absence of a night canteen within proximity is inconvenient for the female community.

Plan of action:

- Unite all the Girls' Halls of Residence to send a combined proposal to the Hall Management Centre to take the necessary actions, and renovate the outdated toilets.
- Convert one of the existing vendors at Tikka into a night canteen.
- Initiate a discussion with the institute administration regarding servicing non-functioning sanitary dispensers.

Impact:

- These initiatives will positively influence the health as well as the morale of women on the campus and remove unnecessary constraints.

GroundWork:

- Consulted the former and present Institute Women Representative to find out the issues in the Girls' Halls of Residence.
- Consulted the manager of the various vendors present at Tikka regarding the creation of a night canteen and its safety.

Support Required:

- Institute Women Representative, Technology Students' Gymkhana.
- Hall Presidents of all the Girls' Halls of Residence.
- Hall Management Centre.

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