## **PROPOSALS**

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## Contesting for the post of

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#### 1. PUBLIC WASHROOMS: CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

#### Idea:

 Installation of new public washrooms and maintenance of existing washrooms in public areas

#### Why is it needed?:

- Most frequented roads especially 2.2 do not have accessible public
  washrooms which is a bare minimum human necessity. It is inconvenient
  for students to have to go to hall of residence each time they need to use
  a washroom especially for female students as there are fewer female halls
  of residence
- The existing public washrooms at Tech Market and near Tata Steel Sports Complex and very poorly maintained and are potential health hazards due to poor sanitation

- Assessment of the need for new washrooms or the maintenance requirements for existing ones.
- Depending on the location and scope of the project, permits and approvals may be required from the Civil construction and maintenance department, such as building permits, environmental permits, and zoning approvals.
- The newly installed washrooms are thoroughly tested for safety and accessibility standards.
- Finally, ongoing maintenance is required to ensure that the washrooms remain clean, functional, and safe for use. This may involve routine cleaning, restocking of supplies, repairs, and upgrades as needed.

#### 2. B.C.ROY TECHNOLOGY HOSPITAL: IMPROVING THE FACILITIES

#### Idea:

• Improve the facilities at B.C.ROY Technology Hospital. This will enhance the quality of care and improve the overall patient experience.

## Why is it needed?:

- Many students felt that the facilities at B.C.ROY Technology Hospital are to be improved like Sanitization facilities, washroom facilities, availability of specific doctors at times.
- Students also expect a comfortable and convenient experience during their hospital stay. Improving the facilities at B.C.ROY Technology Hospital can help meet these expectations and provide better patient outcomes.

- Proper sanitation facilities and their maintenance are crucial for ensuring good health and hygiene practices. This includes access to clean water, toilets, and handwashing stations that are regularly cleaned to prevent the spread of diseases
- Lack of proper gynaecological treatment can cause chronic pain, and even death. Access to affordable and quality healthcare services is crucial for women to address gynaecological issues promptly and effectively.

# 3. A 24/7 ALL-IN-ONE STATIONERY SHOP FOR INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY ON CAMPUS

#### Idea:

 Establishing a 24/7 all-in-one stationery shop on campus to provide printing and stationery services, as well as packed food options for students.

## Why is it needed?:

 Many students require access to stationery and printing facilities during late-night study sessions, and the availability of packed food options can help address issues of food insecurity on campus. A 24/7 shop would increase accessibility for students, particularly those living in hostels.

- Conduct a survey among students to assess the demand for printing, stationery services on campus.
- Identify a suitable location on campus for the stationery shop, ideally in all Hall of Residences and high-traffic areas near academic buildings.
- Continuously evaluate and adjust the offerings and services provided based on feedback from students and market trends to ensure sustained success.

#### 4. HALL LEVEL AWARENESS AND SERVICES BY COUNSELLING CENTRE

#### Idea:

 The counselling centre can provide hall-level awareness and services by conducting informative sessions and providing counselling services to students living in university halls. This can help address mental health issues and promote a healthy living environment on campus.

## Why is it needed?:

- Most of the students do not approach counselling centres when they need help because of lack of proper awareness about mental health problems
- Even when identified, students hesitate to approach counselling centre to get the necessary treatment

- Sessions can be arranged where the students are provided an opportunity to interact with the counsellors on a frequent basis which will help in reducing the stigma related to mental health issues.
- Bringing counsellors to Hall of Residences can increase accessibility and convenience for students to receive mental health treatment. This can lead to early intervention and promote a healthier living environment on campus.
- Develop a comprehensive outreach plan to inform students about the availability of counselling services and awareness programs.
- Implement a referral system for students who require additional support beyond hall-level services.
- Conduct regular evaluations to assess the effectiveness of the program and make necessary adjustments.