

# Priyanshu Shaw Proposals for General Secretary, Sports and Games, Technology Students' Gymkhana, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur

# 1: Sports Alumni Network

#### Aim:

To build a bridge between our experienced senior alumni and junior batches, which would allow our players to receive the guidance, support, and motivation to push their games to the next level.

## Implementation:

- Under each subcommittee there will be a unit formed of Gymkhana Secretary of the respective subcommittee, and Physical Training Instructors.
- The unit shall operate in conjunction with relevant secretaries making databases of all the Alumni of their respective subcommittees and secretaries reaching out to our esteemed Alumni.
- The unit will work to raise funds from the alumni, which will enable the team to participate in more outstation and exhibition matches throughout the year and help students get access to new equipment required for their practice.
- To build up the trust of the alumni, we can create a bank account separately for each sport for the funds that we get from our alumni and keep updates of all the transactions made through that particular account and maintain transparency to the Alumni.
- A separate portal will be developed to raise funds in a secure and transparent manner
- The unit will operate with the goal of conducting frequent meets (both offline and online) with former Inter-IIT players to motivate the players and also to help them gain career guidance.

#### **Present Scenario:**

There is a lack of a formal network between our senior alumni and current sports contingent. Also, the current budget falls short of meeting requirements like adequate participation in outstation tournaments and the conduction of exhibition matches.

## Impact:

In order to solve many of the issues that our Inter-IIT contingent is currently facing, the advice and insights provided by the alumni will be essential. This also enhances students' motivation to participate in sports. A seminar featuring professionals or accomplished athletes from our alma mater has the power to reduce undue tension and strengthen the sports spirit in our student body.

#### **Ground Work:**

After speaking to the Physical Training Instructors of different sports and games and with the General Secretaries Sports and Games, Technology Students Gymkhana, I got

to know that there is no formal network between the Alumni and current players. Also, there was a shortage of funds experienced by the sports subcommittees due to which there is a lack of practice matches before Inter IIT sports meet. After communicating with some of the sports alumni, I inferred that they were interested to contribute but could not do so due to a lack of a transparent platform. I have consulted with Kunal Verma regrding the setting up of a new portal.

# 2. Restructuring the process of slot allocation in the Gym

#### Aim:

To accommodate more interested students in the gym and to provide gym slots to the Inter-IIT players.

## Implementation:

- Instead of the present pattern, the payment method will be changed to a monthly basis where the members will have to renew their membership before the 5th of every month.
- A record will be maintained of all the members of the gym every month.
- The number of slots that are not renewed for the following month will be compensated by providing the slots to the new members and the Inter-IIT players on a first-come first-serve basis.

#### **Present Scenario:**

Currently the gym is not operating at its maximum capacity during the later months of the semester but as the slot is booked for the entire semester interested students don't get new slots, and many inter-IIT players are also not able to train at the gym due to this.

## Impact:

- There will be no wastage of the slots and the gym will be functioning at its full capacity.
- The interested students will get access to the gym slots and this will bring justice to them.
- The Inter-IIT players will be able to enhance their athletic abilities and improve their performance.

#### **Groundwork:**

- After speaking to the Gymnasium PTI, and the caretaker of the TSG Gymnasium,
  I got the information that the 2283 slots are completely filled but only around
  300-350 students go to the gym every month due to which the gym is not
  operating at its maximum capacity.
- A survey was distributed among my hall's residents. With 800+ responses, the
  following results were obtained: 85% of students are unhappy that they are not
  able to get a slot in the Gym, and out of those who answered No, only 25% of
  students were satisfied with the hall Gym.
- I have also spoken to the inter-IIT contingent captains of all sports, the common problem faced by most of the teams was the lack of time allotted to them in the Gym due to which their performance is getting hindered.

## 3. Enhancement of Chess Culture

### Aim:

To promote the culture of chess in our institute and increase participation among students by improving the current situation.

## Implementation:

- A proposal will be made to add Chess to NSO in Extra Academic Activity.
- This will ensure maximum participation among students and will also help chess enthusiasts to improve their skills.
- A Physical Training Instructor will be appointed as it is for other NSO. The Physical Training Instructor will also be responsible for the regular practice of Inter-IIT Chess Contingent.
- The classes of NSO chess can be conducted in the Multipurpose Hall at Technology Students' Gymkhana.

#### **Present Scenario:**

There is no proper space for the Chess enthusiast as well as the Inter-IIT Chess contingent to practice. There is no Physical Training Instructor for Chess despite it being an event in Inter-IIT Sports Meet.

## Impact:

This would improve the chess culture in our college and provide an instructor who will train the chess contingent throughout the year improving their skills and taking the chess standards of IIT Kharagpur to a higher level.

#### **Groundwork:**

After speaking to the Sports-officer Incharge, Inter-IIT Contingent players, and the governors of the Chess Club I realized the requirement for a Physical Training Instructor in chess and a new course under Extra Academic Activity for students who are interested to learn chess.

# 4. Improvement of facilities for multiple Sports and Games

#### Aim:

To provide basic weight training and plyometric kits for all sports so as to enhance the performance of the players and also to provide shelter to the dugout players in cricket, hockey, and football during the General Championships.

## Implementation:

- Gym equipment will be provided to all sports subcommittees catering to their specific requirements.
- The decision for the list of equipment to be brought for each subcommittee will be taken after a meeting with the captain and the Physical Training Instructor of that subcommittee and purchase of the equipment will be a one-time investment, and the damaged equipment will be replaced annually.
- 4 dugouts will be bought (two for TSC and two for MG Ground) and each dugout costs about INR 50,000 to 1,00,000 depending on the quality and size of the dugout. The dugouts can be stored in the stands of the Tata Sports Complex.
- The chairs will be detachable and the shed can also be carried separately and can be dismantled and transported to the required venue.

#### **Present Scenario:**

- There are no basic weight training facilities provided to all the sports players, also due to limited slots in the gym the players don't get a slot due to which they are not able to perform at their optimum potential.
- There is no proper shelter for the players to rest once they are off-ground. Especially in summer, the dugout players face difficulties during the day matches due to which their performance is affected.

## Impact:

This would help all the players to do basic exercises before the practice on the actual ground which would enhance their fitness and athletic abilities helping them perform at their maximum potential. The movable dugouts will give relief to the dugout players and will also help them retain their stamina during summer afternoons.

## **Ground Work:**

- Upon interacting with both the physical training instructors and various players, it was discovered that the necessary equipment was insufficient.
   The equipment will be bought following the standard operating procedure of the Technology Students' Gymkhana, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.