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Proposal for a “Culturotica: A Cultural Weekend” at IIT Kharagpur

Objective:

The objective of the proposed Culturotica: Cultural weekend is to provide a platform for all the 14 cultural societies of IIT Kharagpur to showcase their talents in front of a wider audience. By organizing this event, we aim to promote diversity in the arts and encourage cultural exchange among students.

This event will also serve as a weekend getaway for the students, where they can relax and enjoy various cultural performances.

Necessity:

IIT Kharagpur has a diverse student body and the cultural societies on campus reflect this diversity. However, these societies often perform in isolation, and their events remain restricted to certain members. By providing a platform for all these societies, we aim to break down these barriers and create an inclusive cultural community.

Moreover, the students at IIT Kharagpur often need to take a break from their hectic academic schedule. By organizing a cultural weekend, we provide them with an opportunity to unwind and rejuvenate.

Proposal:

- Tentative date of Conduction: The proposed cultural weekend will be held on the first Saturday and Sunday in the month of November.
- The Gymkhana will provide a stage and other necessary infrastructure for the cultural societies to perform. The cultural societies will be free to perform any art form of their choice and experiment with new dance, dramatics, music, and culinary art forms. We will invite external guests to provide feedback on the performances. In addition, we will also invite food vendors and arrange various other recreational activities to make the event more enjoyable for the students.

Impact:

The cultural weekend will have a significant impact on the cultural community at IIT Kharagpur. By providing a platform for all cultural societies, we aim to promote diversity and inclusivity in the arts. This event will also provide an opportunity for students to explore different art forms and broaden their cultural horizons. Moreover, the weekend

getaway will help students to recharge and reduce stress, thereby improving their academic performance.

Necessary Groundwork:

Organizing “Culturotica: A Cultural Weekend” will be the responsibility of the secretaries of the social and cultural committee. They will be responsible for coordinating with the Gymkhana and other vendors to arrange necessary infrastructure and facilities.

This will be included in the annual budget plan of the social and cultural committee, and we will also seek sponsorship from various companies to cover the costs of the event. Additionally, we will need to promote the event through various channels to attract a large audience.

Proposal for starting the new “Symphony of Cultures” initiative during Spring Fest NationWide Prelims and Eliminations.

Objective:

The objective of this proposal is to provide a platform for local art forms of music and dance of different cities and states during the nationwide prelims conducted by Spring Fest. By showcasing different cultural art forms, we aim to promote cultural diversity and encourage participation from different regions across India.

Need:

Spring Fest is one of the largest cultural festivals in India and attracts participants from across the country. However, the focus has traditionally been on popular cultural forms, with less attention given to local art forms. By providing a platform for local art forms, we can promote cultural diversity, encourage participation from different regions, and foster a sense of community among participants.

Proposal:

The proposed initiative will focus on providing a platform for local art forms during the nationwide prelims conducted by Spring Fest. The initiative will be organized by Spring Fest in collaboration with local cultural organizations from different regions across India.

To kick off the program, we will invite cultural organizations from different cities and states to showcase their local art forms during the prelims. The local art forms can include traditional dance, music, theater, and other cultural forms.

Impact:

The introduction of local art forms during the Spring Fest prelims will have a significant impact on the cultural diversity of the festival. It will encourage participation from different regions across India, promote local art forms, and create a sense of community among participants. Additionally, it will help break the stereotype that popular culture is the only form of culture that is valued and encourage a more inclusive understanding of cultural diversity.

Necessary Groundwork:

To organize the proposed program, we will need to collaborate with cultural organizations from different regions across India. We propose to identify and reach out to such organizations through online and offline channels and invite them to participate in the prelims.

Estimated Funding:

The estimated funding for the proposed program is approximately INR 10,00,000. We will seek sponsorship from various companies to cover the program's costs and create a detailed budget plan to ensure that the funds are used effectively.

Consulted with
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Proposal for Introducing a Rolling Trophy during Inter-IIT Cultural Meet 6.0

Objective:

The objective of this proposal is to introduce a rolling trophy for the Inter-IIT Cultural Meet. The rolling trophy will symbolize the cultural exchange and friendly competition between the IITs and encourage more participation from the different IITs.

Need:

The Inter-IIT Cultural Meet is an annual event that brings together students from all the IITs to showcase their cultural talents. However, there is no tangible recognition for the winning team other than certificates and medals. Introducing a rolling trophy will not only provide a physical symbol of victory but also foster a sense of pride and healthy competition among the IITs.

Proposal:

The proposed initiative will focus on introducing a rolling trophy for the Inter-IIT Cultural Meet. The trophy will be passed on to the winning IIT every year, and the team will be responsible for hosting the event the following year. The rolling trophy will be a symbol of cultural exchange and friendly competition among the IITs.

To implement this initiative, we propose to form a committee that will be responsible for creating the design of the trophy. The committee will be composed of students from all the IITs to ensure that the trophy and competition are fair and transparent.

Impact:

The introduction of a rolling trophy for the Inter-IIT Cultural Meet will have a significant impact on the cultural exchange and competition between the IITs. It will encourage more participation from the different IITs, foster a sense of pride and healthy competition among the IITs, and promote cultural diversity.

Necessary Groundwork:

To organize the proposed program, we will need to create a committee that will be responsible for creating the design of the trophy. We propose to seek the support of the IIT administration to allocate the necessary resources for the event and ensure its smooth execution. Additionally, we will need to create a budget plan to cover the costs of the trophy.

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Proposal for Developing a Website containing all relevant Cultural Information for IIT Kharagpur

Objective:

The objective of this proposal is to develop an independent website showcasing all major cultural information for the student body like the Cultural calendar of Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, the upcoming events, the standings of our esteemed institute at the Inter IIT Cultural meet and all the developments in the cultural field. This website will also host a feature to let the alumni community connect with the current students. This website will also help to raise funds from the alumni community. The website will serve as a centralized platform for students to know about cultural activities and events, plan their schedules accordingly, and participate in them.

Need:

IIT Kharagpur is a diverse community that has a rich cultural heritage. The cultural committee at IIT Kharagpur organizes various cultural events throughout the year, including Open IIT, Inter IIT, General Championship, etc. However, due to a lack of information about these events, many students miss out on the opportunity to participate in them. The alumni community is not able to properly connect, acknowledge and guide the KGPIans. Introducing a centralized platform will address this issue and provide students with timely information about upcoming cultural events.

Proposal:

The proposed initiative will focus on introducing a cultural website for IIT Kharagpur. The cultural website will be a separate platform that will be updated on a daily basis by the secretaries of each sub-committee and provide students with information about

upcoming cultural events, their dates, and venues. The website will be accessible through Technology Students' Gymkhana, the IIT Kharagpur website, and social media platforms (Cultural page, IIT Kharagpur on Facebook and Instagram), making it easier for students to access.

To implement this initiative, the secretaries of all the sub-committees will play a crucial role. The secretaries will work closely with other relevant stakeholders to gather information about upcoming events and update the calendar regularly. The committee will also promote the calendar among the students to ensure maximum participation.

Impact:

The introduction of a cultural website for IIT Kharagpur will have a significant impact on the cultural life of the campus. The website will provide students with timely information about upcoming cultural events, making it easier for them to plan their schedules accordingly and participate in events that interest them. The website will also promote the cultural events organized by the cultural committee, leading to increased participation and exposure for the committee and the participating students.

Necessary Groundwork:

We propose to seek the support of the Executive Council, Technology Students' Gymkhana administration to allocate the necessary resources for the initiative and ensure its smooth execution. We will also need to collaborate with the other relevant stakeholders to gather information about upcoming events and update the calendar regularly. Additionally, we will need to promote the website among the students and alumni to ensure maximum participation.

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