PROPOSALS

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Contesting for the Post of

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1. Mentorship Program for freshers, women, and other student communities of Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

Idea:

To increase students' involvement and participation in sports and games by organizing mentorship programs which will be volunteered by experienced Inter IIT players, General Championship players, and other players who excelled in their respective sports. This increased involvement also emphasizes filling the gap for one of the most important posts: Research Scholar Sports Coordinator.

Need:

- This will also ensure motivation and passion across various sports for the students on campus and increase student participation along with availing the facilities provided by Technology Students' Gymkhana.
- This will ensure that the sportsmanship culture and legacy of the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur is passed on even to those freshers who weren't able to be a part of national sports organizations or summer camps held for their sport of interest.
- The post holder of Research Scholar Sports Coordinator plays a vital role in encouraging and motivating the research scholars of Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur.
- Research Scholar Sports Coordinator plays a vital role in bridging the gap between Technology Students' Gymkhana and helps in raising the interests and concerns of Research Scholars to a great extent.

Feasibility:

- There are various inter IIT players and General Championship players who excelled in their respective sports and are very much passionate about guiding the upcoming student community of the Indian Institute of Technology.
- Players involved in sports and games are very much enthusiastic about guiding the upcoming generation and taking up the mentoring responsibility.
- They are very enthusiastic about taking forward the legacy of the fraternity of sports and games and want to train future leaders who can take along the glory of Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur.
- Collection of data on all the mentors can be done, and based on different criteria, mentees are allotted.

Impact:

- A sports mentor-mentee program can promote sports involvement among interested and passionate freshers, women, and other student communities and create awareness of the facilities provided by Technology Students' Gymkhana, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur.
- This program also helps students' well-being by involvement in sports and games and bridging the gap between physical training instructors and students.
- It also acts as a talent search program for physical training instructors and players of different sports and games, facilitating them to build the best team for Inter IIT sports meet.
- These initiatives are further incentivized by freshers and Open IIT tournaments where the mentees can showcase their talent and get a feel of the competitive environment.
- These initiatives can foster a sports culture and provide opportunities for students to engage in sports such as fresher tournaments followed by mixed sporting events competition in Open IIT.

2. Institute-level Sports Induction Program for all students.

Idea:

Conducting an institute-level sports induction program for all students will make the student community of Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur aware of all the facilities provided, especially those related to the fraternity of sports and games. It will also help them avail the facilities and feel included on the campus.

Need:

- Currently, an Induction program for undergraduate students is conducted where awareness about all the facilities is provided, but there is no such program conducted for research scholars and other student communities.
- This lack of an induction program has led to unawareness about different sporting events amongst the research scholars and other student communities and turned out to be one of the reasons for less participation in the events.
- A proper sports-dedicated awareness program is still lacking for the student community of the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur.

Feasibility:

- Conduction of a joint induction program for the student community of Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur needs good coordination with the student community as well as the organizing body.
- A common timeline must be decided to address all of them as a whole rather than addressing each community individually, which also helps in inclusivity.
- It can be conducted in the month of August to address all the student communities at once and make them aware of the facilities and incentives offered to them.

Impact:

- This will help increase the general awareness related to sports and games amongst the student community of Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur.
- This would also help them to avail the sports and games facilities of the Technology Students' Gymkhana and explore their passion for various sports and games.
- This would further increase the participation of the student community of Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur across all the events like Open IIT on campus and also for the outstation tournaments and foster the spirit of inclusive participation.

3. Introduction of un-gendered and mixed sporting events

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Idea:

Introduction of events which doesn't emphasize division based on gender (Ungendered), i.e., the fixtures released would not have gender classification, and mixed events in sports where it is feasible would help them to learn better and enhance their techniques.

Need:

- Bridging the gap between athletes based on gender identities is an urgent need on campus.
- Inclusivity of all genders in the student community of Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur is also essential to provide opportunities for students to them and explore their passion for sports and games.
- Improvement in the skills of a variety of players and also fostering a healthy spirit of competition.
- Breaking the traditional stereotypes and providing opportunities for all students.

Feasibility:

- Inclusion of mixed and ungendered teams in team sporting events.
- Making participation in physically non-demanding sports and games unrestricted based on gender identity.
- Division of sporting events based on weight, height, and individual sporting performance rather than gender.

Impact:

- Promoting inclusivity and diversity creates a more supportive athletic environment around campus.
- Participating in sports can have significant physical, mental, and emotional health benefits, and everyone should have the opportunity to access these benefits, regardless of gender identity.
- Promoting a culture of respect and acceptance around campus that recognizes the diversity of gender identities and promotes equality and inclusion for all athletes.
- Mixed sports events in the Open IIT and fresher tournaments can encourage participation and teamwork.

4. Introduction of e-sports in Shaurya and inculcating an e-sporting culture in Indian Institute of Technology.

Idea:

Introduction of e-sporting events in Shaurya, the annual inter-collegiate sports fest of Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, and fostering an environment for developing e-sporting culture and participation.

Need:

- Rapid development of e-sporting culture in India and exponential rise in its appeal, popularity, and proliferation.
- Recognition of e-sports as a part of multi-sports events by the Government of India.
- Inclusion of e-sporting events in global sporting competitions such as the Asian Games 2022 and Olympics Esports Week 2023.

Feasibility:

- E-sporting events can be included in Shaurya, and consequently in other sporting events held in Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, by proper investment into the hardware, software, and networking facilities required for conducting such an event.
- E-sporting events can be selected by consulting both the student body and the organizing body.
- The organizing body will look over all the events and ensure that the integrity of the competitions is maintained.

Impact:

- E-sporting events will attract large audiences and participation due to their rising popularity and global appeal.
- Participation in e-sporting events is highly inclusive due to the lack of any physical or gender limitations.
- Inculcating an e-sporting culture will bring about heavy investments in technological development in Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur.
- Participation in e-sporting events can help in the development of a unique set of skills and strategies, such as hand-eye coordination, reaction time, and strategic thinking.