

Manifesto for the Position of Sports Secretary

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Apart from the academic curriculum, sport is an integral part of our life. It teaches various skills like leadership, teamwork, discipline, etc. With the COVID-19 pandemic wrecking havoc around the world, the sport provides a great escape for mental wellbeing along with improving fitness, let it be an indoor or outdoor game.

Unlike previous times, this year, we can visualize the IITGN community having the utmost possible benefits from the Physical Education Department, online and offline. With this, I am enlisting the agendas on which I aim to work on if elected as a Sports Secretary of the Student Council of IIT Gandhinagar in the upcoming academic year.

New Initiatives

It is important to note that we must have a plan for the post pandemic period as well. Making changes in our daily routine would make it a habit and in turn help upcoming batches thereafter.

- Organising trekking : I would suggest 1-2 days trekking/adventure camps in coordination with the professional trekking organisers. We have beautiful treks in and around Gujarat (like Junagadh, Lonavala, Pavagadh, etc.). This initiative will bring everyone closer to nature, increase self-reliance, and build survival skills.
- Building a Cycling club: As observed, there are many cycling enthusiasts in our campus, therefore organising cycling events will help bring everyone together. Cycling marathons and competitions will be organised.
- Increasing Participation: I aim to introduce an accredited course for sports, which can be registered by UG and PG students in their first and second years, after the

discussion with the dean and senators. This will bring out the new talents, and also cultivate the habit of indulging amongst physical activity in our day to day life.

Online Sports Activities

- Promoting Yoga and Exercise sessions : The ongoing online sessions will be made interesting by declaring some weekly/biweekly challenges and organising an inter batch / hostel / department (whichever is most feasible) tournament based on these challenges.
- Along with online chess competition, we also hope to organize informal games like UNO, Ludo, FIFA etc. where the community could have fun together and relax. Such events could be stress busters, which is an important aspect prevailing to the current scenario.
- Interview with the coach : An informal discussion with the sport coaches to discuss his motivation for the sport and some tips to maintain fitness in lockdown. This will help in building relationships between students and coaches. Anyone in the community can view this (It can be broadcasted on social media like insta Live or Zoom meeting).

Sports Complex

- It is proposed that the sports complex would be ready by the end of December. For this it is important to formulate proper sets of rules and regulations about its optimum usage. I'll make sure that rules are made such that the majority of the community can take its benefits, at the same time maintaining the infrastructure.
- For the same, I would assign different priority timings/courts for different sets of community (FP students, staff, Inter IIT team , Other regular players ,etc.).
- For games requiring special personal equipment like shoes with rubber sole, I will initiate a donation drive from people willing to give theirs away. These will then be properly maintained and available to everyone.
- Building a 'Wall of fame' for players that warrant the recognition based on their performance.

Equipment Handling

- Sharing a sheet with the entire community about all the available equipments with institute and its available quantity, procedure of issuing any required items, and point of contact for any assistance.

- Digitalizing the system of issuing and return, etc. so that it is easier to fill as well as maintain records for longer time.

Outreach

- Complete and launch the sports website. The site will contain information like details about the captain and secretary of sports, rules & regulations of usage of sports facilities, upcoming events, achievements, etc.
- Instagram + Facebook - Regular posts about any events on campus, sports facts, Message or tips by famous sports personalities, etc.

Inter IIT Planning

As the institute prepares itself for hosting the Inter IIT tournament in the near future, it is important to improve our team's performance beforehand.

- Have a weekly informal team meeting (On zoom or google meet). Discuss about some great match and discuss its strategy/weakness/strength of any player/team, or just have some informal debate about who is the GOAT for their sport, etc. This will help keep up the zeal among players, where they are isolated from each other. A weekly challenge or exercise can also be shared, wherein every player does that being at their home and still with everyone else.
- Prepare a budget for the next Inter IIT by the end of even semester itself and so that tendering process could be completed within summer break and equipments are purchased at earliest.
- Have a shared data sheet about available equipments in sports room and have necessary stock of each sport available at the ground so that one doesn't need to wait for days to issue items.
- To have a TA or some external team member dedicated to schedule weekly friendly matches for the team. This will help the captains and secretaries to focus only on their performance.
- For selection of the inter IIT team: based on objective measures rather than gut feelings (by maintaining proper records like runs scored, baskets made, goals and assists done, etc.). These records will be maintained and shared with the entire community for better transparency.
- Attendance criteria for the selection should be according to the sport and not universal for all. For team sports like football, basketball, etc. attendance weightage should be more as coordination is more important than individual performance. Whereas for

individual sports like athletics, TT, etc. Individual performance is more important than attendance.

- Organising inter college tournament (Rannkaushal) in even semester, so that the practice motivation amongst students remains the same throughout the year.
- Teaching players to dominate any match mentally (Even before the match has begun).

Position Of Responsibilities

- Contingent Leader, Inter IIT'19 at IIT Bhubaneswar
- Captain, Badminton team (2019-20)
- Secretary, Badminton team (2018-19)
- Event Coordinator, 3 A-Side Baddy - Hallaboli (2018, 2019)
- Member of Inter IIT Badminton Team (2018, 2019)
- Core Team member for first inter-college - Rannkaushal
- TA, Physical Education Department (15th April - 5th June 2020)

If elected as Sports Secretary, I will give all my efforts to fulfill the agendas I mentioned and address the other concerns of the student community regarding the Sports Department.

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