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Manifesto for the post of General Secretary

I, **Ujjwal Gautam**, am honored to contest for the position of General Secretary, Student Council, IIT Gandhinagar.

<h3>Position of Responsibility</h3>

Senator - B.Tech 2017 Batch	2017-18
Member of Marketing & PR Team - IGNITE	2017-18
Core Member of Marketing - IGNITE	2018-19
Events Team Member - EII	2018-19

I believe that the responsibility of the General Secretary is to set up a general plan of action for the Council. The primary duty is to make sure a majority of the 'Points of Action' discussed are implemented within the tenure. As General Secretary, I will stress on complete transparency in all decisions, by trying to ensure that all major decisions are taken with the help of various student polls. I will establish regular online General Secretary discussions, where you can come and meet with me and other council members, tell me about your experiences and worries and ask me questions.

I propose to take the following steps during my tenure:

For Undergraduates:

- Introduce a proposal for inclusion of **finance, design minor** as a part of the curriculum offered to UG Students.
- Allowance can be given to the students for travel who will apply for **off-campus placement interviews**. The students would be eligible for the allowance based on a personal interview conducted by the CDS.
- Since next semester is going to be conducted online, I am planning to utilize this opportunity by providing students with **projects** from various companies that can help them in gaining **exposure to industry and corporate work culture**.
- Students completing their **B.Tech degree in 3.5 years** will be given **opportunities** according to their preference by CDS.

For Post-graduates:

- Create an opportunity for PG students to pursue **minors** since some of the PGs want to explore fields other than their major which also helps them to broaden their thinking.
- Grow the **network** and number of companies providing **internships** for PG students with the coordination of CDS.
- Increase the number of **formal/informal sessions** with **PG freshers** to make them more aware of the academic curriculum as well as extra-curricular activities. Conduct club orientation for PGs and encourage them to be part of clubs.
- Introduce the **annual technical event by the PG community** consisting of workshops, lecture series, department research symposium inviting people from other Indian and foreign institutes of learning.
- Plan initiatives like '**Summer skill-enhancing**' opportunities for PGs to help them secure a job. Skill-based, non-credit courses for PG students to enhance practical learnings.
- Starting a **PG Advisor Complaint committee** to whom students can give suggestions or complaints about any issue with their respective advisor.

Institute Building:

- Explore the **opportunity of inclusion of cycle services** provided by Zoomcar and Torq at minimal costs (Zoomcar charges Rs 1 for a half-hour, Torq charges Rs 2 for 10 minutes).

- Propose an **Institute Dabbawala Service** for delivery of hostel mess food to students in the academic area at nominal charges during lunch and dinner hours.
- Integrate the IITGN ID Card for **hassle-free payment on-campus** - canteens, printing services, library, and other stores.
- Ensure **round the clock availability of eating stuff** through overnight campus eatery and the proposed snack vending machines in both the Academic Area and Hostel Area.
- Follow up on setting up of **Electronics Shop** in the Hostel area for accessories & services related to mobile and computers.
- Strive for Inter IIT MoUs with more IITs promoting **semester exchange** culture within IITs.

Miscellaneous :

- Conduct **Virtual E-Sports** gaming competition to involve students at the university level. It will help relieve academic and mental stress. I also aim to make it as a medium of informal communication for faculty and students in the current COVID-19 situation.
- **Virtual Innovation** competition to inculcate an entrepreneurial spirit in the community. It will help in institute building and will also be a team-building event.
- **Virtual Networking** event with recruiters from a diverse set of companies. Similar to a career fair help abroad. It will help students be self-reliant and independent.

Career and Academics:

- Create a database hosting a collection of **past year question papers and solutions** for all courses to help students practice well for exams.
- Propose an **internship policy for Masters** students leading to potential PPOs or Ph.D. admits.
- **Virtual support group for GATE, GRE, CAT** facilitated by a faculty member. This will help students to get access to the text material and practice exams.
- Organize a **winter online course** for students to boost their consulting and analytics preparation and include weekly guesstimates and business cases.
- Expand the idea of **24x7 printers** in the hostel area to cater to the demand at odd hours.