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CONTESTING FOR THE POST OF

PRESIDENT, STUDENTS' GYMKHANA 2020-21

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad

INTRODUCTION

About Me

- Final Year Undergrad, Electrical Department
- Minor in Economics

Leadership Experience

- **Students' Head,** Office of Career Services (Formerly Placements) - 2020
- **Co-Founder Consulting Club** - 2020
- **Internship Coordinator** - 2019

Interns / Conferences

- **Microsoft Intern** : May - July (2020)
- **Research Intern**, **University of Sydney** May - July (2019)
- **Harvard US India Initiative** - Jan (2020)

PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES

- Lead and organise all the matters concerning students' body.

- Prepare Dynamic Agenda, after analyzing the situation of student body.

- Conduct General body meeting every month, and send minutes of the meetings later.

- Weekly meetings with Executive committee, to solve in-hand problems.

- Maintain transparency in matters related to finances of Gymkhana.

- Should be the voice of Cohort as and when needed.

CATEGORIZATION OF PRESIDENTS' WORK

Improve Campus Life of Students

Be the Voice of Community

Plan Online Sem & Offline Sem

Improve Living Index of students

Improve After Life of Students

Corporate Relations

University Relations

VISION / INITIATIVES

Initiatives can be segregated into 3 parts

Online Sem	**Offline Sem**	**Brand Value of IIT-H**

ONLINE SEMESTER

Online Entertainment & Functioning

- **Virtual parties** - Standups, performances etc

- **Competitions** - Scribble, kahoot etc among IIT-H community

- **Inter IIT Events** - as there are no physical barriers and everyone is online, we can host many inter IIT events : **Pictionary/Scribble, Chess, Scrabble, Debating, Coding** etc

- **Shifting Club activities to online mode**

Freshmen Orientation

- **Multiple Mentors :** Mentors on Academic and social fronts to help freshers fill the gap of social interaction (Sunshine was also thinking to implement something similar)

- **Many Online Ice breaking / Interactive events:**To help freshers find their gang and know their peers.

ONLINE SEMESTER

Internet Connectivity Issues

- **Attendance not mandatory**

- Compressed Video,audio lectures and slides should be sent to students after the lecture.

- **Digital Grade card :** To apply in conferences/internships/programs

Campus Hygiene

- **Social distancing :** followed as advised by Central Govt. and will be checked regularly.

OFFLINE SEMESTER

Events and Activities

House Day

- **Intra hostel networking event :** Increases interaction with students living in same hostel
- Each hostel / group of hostels will have their hostel day
- Hosted by **HRs** (Hostel Reps)
- **Fun Events :** Carrom, chess, poker, karaoke etc any indoor game
- **Invite friends:** Limited number of friends from other hostels
- **Special dinner** in mess

General Championship

- **Inter hostel networking event :** After all the house days are over, we can move to MILAN.
- **Duration:** Instead of 9-10 days, we can give upto 30 days to GC.
- **Events:** Increase Sci-tech, cultural and sports events.

Club Reports

- **Beginners session:** should be conducted at regular intervals (2 months) to ensure smooth intake of students
- **Report:** Every club should present a report at regular intervals, to keep students informed about the type of activities that is being done.

OFFLINE SEMESTER

Improving Living Index

Food

- **Canteen :** Improve the food quality / Float new tender and keep random checks to ensure the items listed in menu are available at all times.
- **Mess :** New tenders are already signed (by previous gymkhana), so I'll make sure the hygiene and food quality is maintained
- **Oncampus Delivery** by vendors like swiggy, apna chotu etc
- **Fruit Vendors:** Bring back fruit vendors
- **Snack Points:** Near shed labs.

Academic

- **Semester Exchange Program:** work towards this to ensure that we are able to start a sem exchange program within a year or two
- **Semester Internship :** Already has been established by OCS, with the help of director.
- **** Remedial :** FS should be given, instead of directly giving FR, as it hampers the internship/placement time of students
- **Fair way to change branch and opt for majors and minors**
- **Drop period in ratio with credits**

** There should be a distinctive performance line, above which you'll be graded FS instead of FR and below this you'll be graded directly FR

OFFLINE SEMESTER

Improving Living Index

PhD

- **PhD interactive Session :** Once a month, to discuss on research work, papers and articles, Btechs doing projects with PhD scholars can also be a part of this discussion
- **New Travel Grant Allocation scheme :** Create a segmentation of conferences like international, close international, domestic etc.
- **Bus timings on weekends:** A provision to change weekend bus timings, as PhD students have to go to other universities for experimental work etc.

Placements / Alumni

- **Diversifying the sectors :** This initiative is taken forward by Office of Career Services (OCS).

- **Updated Alumni Database:** Provision to keep an updated alumni database, which might help people network in right industries and probably get an offer.

Stationary & Hospital

- **Binding machine:** provision will be made to bind thesis and books in our stationary.

- **Medical Equipments:** wide variety of medical equipments will be made available, like physiotherapy etc

OFFLINE SEMESTER

Miscellaneous Points

- **HR Elections :** Hostel Representatives should be elected as they represent the hostel,conducted by previous HRs.

- **Mess Rating :** Feedback should be similar to Uber Ratings, to get insights of the menu at a particular day

- **Green Office :** Conduct more frequent plantation drive

- **Animal shelter :** Dedicated area as animal shelter in campus

BRAND VALUE OF IIT H

Office of Career Services

- Established the centre which works towards increasing the interaction with Industrial, Management, and research organisation.

- Increases interaction which builds association between college and the firm

- Indirectly brings the firms to campus for placements / Internships and opens up new Recruiting channels

International Relations Centre

- Will establish a team which will work towards :

- Increasing the Number/Scope of MoUs signed with universities

- Semester Exchange Programs

"By voting, we add our voice to the chorus that forms opinions and the basis for actions."

Vote **your opinions**
See them in **Action**

THANK YOU !