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PROPOSAL 1: Fostering Community and Participation through Hall Showdown Tournament & PG Sports League

MOTIVATION

To organise Hall Showdown Tournament that will serve as a platform to unearth hidden talents and cultivate a sense of belonging within each residence hall, alongside exclusive events specifically designed for Postgraduate Students that cater to the diverse population of our institution.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Hall Showdown:

Introduce intra-hall competitions across various sports, providing students with regular opportunities to interact with seniors and enjoy sports.

Structure:

- Sports included: Team events like cricket, football, volleyball, and basketball
- At the beginning of each month, one or more sports will be selected as the focus. This can be done based on boarders' preferences (through a preference form) or equipment availability.
- Then, the hall of residences will organise the intra-hall event, including tournaments, practice sessions, etc.
- To ensure fairness and variety, the selection of sports will follow a rotational approach so that the diverse interests of students are met.

Tentative Schedule: August

Locations Targeted: All halls of residence of IIT Kharagpur

Eligibility Criteria: Boarders of the respective halls of residences can participate in Intra-Hall Sports

2. Dedicated Sports League for PG:

Introduce Sports League for Postgraduates and Research Scholars to enhance inclusivity and competition and provide opportunities to engage in competitive sports

Structure :

- Sports included: Cricket, football, basketball etc.
- Tentative Schedule: Planning to conduct in late September.
- Location: Respective Sports facilities

GROUNDWORK

- I have spoken to the General Secretary, Sports and Games of various Halls of Residence. It provided valuable insights into the existing sports culture and infrastructure within each hall of residence. These conversations help gauge interest levels, identify potential challenges, and gather feedback on the proposed Hall Showdown tournament.
- I have spoken to the Postgraduate Sports and Games Coordinator to ensure that the proposed PG sports league is tailored to meet the requirements and preferences of the postgraduate community, enhancing their overall experience and participation in sports activities.
- I have conducted a survey to know about the variety of sports students would like to play during Intra-Hall Sports Events and the time they would prefer to participate.

IMPACT

- Enhanced Participation: It will encourage students to actively participate in sports and games and promote sports involvement among interested and passionate freshers, women, and other student communities
- Increased Awareness: of the facilities provided by Technology Students' Gymkhana, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
- Postgraduate Students will feel more included in the institute as they will also have a Sports League exclusively.
- Improve Students' Well-Being: by involvement in sports and games and increased focus on fitness.

PROPOSAL 2: Digital Solutions for Enhanced Sports Equipment Management and Athlete Recognition through ApnaInsti Application

MOTIVATION

My drive lies in leveraging digitalisation to achieve dual objectives: firstly, to establish and maintain live records for the timely recovery of institute sports equipment, and secondly, to foster athlete recognition, elevate their competitiveness, and introduce transparency to their accomplishments.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Real-Time Sports Equipment Tracking:

- Using ApnaInsti, students can check the availability of specific sports equipment in the institute and book/issue through the app itself
- Live records of the sports equipment issued by the students from the institute will be maintained on the application
- They will also be reminded of the timely deposit through the app itself

2. Maintaining a Live Sports Scoreboard:

- Students' achievements in Inter IIT Sports, GC Sports, Inter Hall competitions, etc., will be reflected on their ApnaInsti account, and points will be provided against each achievement
- Additionally, a live scoreboard will be accessible to all, where students can check their current rank/position in the institute.
- Based on the sports score of each student, certificates like “**Player of the Semester**” will be endowed.

GROUNDWORK

- I have spoken to the Technology coordinator regarding opening a new section for issuing and tracking sports equipment in the student's account. I have also talked to the Tech Coordinator regarding a live leaderboard and scoreboard for the various sports tournaments
- I have spoken to the PTI of multiple sports, like badminton, football, etc., regarding the different scores we can provide for each sports tournament

IMPACT

Real-Time Sports Equipment Tracking:

- **Efficient Resource Management:** Students will be able to plan their activities effectively and reduce instances of equipment unavailability or clashes
- **Convenience and Timeliness:** The app's reminder feature for timely equipment deposit enhances convenience for students and institute staff. These frequent reminders reduce the chances of overdue returns and ensure that equipment is available for others.

Maintaining a Live Sports Scoreboard:

- **Increased Recognition:** We acknowledge their efforts by reflecting on students' achievements in various sports competitions on their ApnaInsti accounts and awarding points. This will serve as an incentive for students to actively participate in sports events.
- **Enhanced Competition:** The live scoreboard promotes healthy competition among students as they strive to improve their standings and aim for higher achievements in sports
- **Encouraging Excellence through Transparent Records:** As the records are accessible to all, the process is transparent, and awards like "Player of the Semester" will motivate them to perform better and excel in sports.

PROPOSAL 3: Strengthening Alumni Engagement in Sports and Games

MOTIVATION

I want to strengthen the bond between alums and current students within the sports community. Through a series of initiatives, I aim to create opportunities for meaningful interactions and collaborations of our alums and students. This would guide the students and enhance their participation in sports. It will also aid in improving sports facilities at the institute. Additionally, I am motivated to support the athletic pursuits of our students through sports-based scholarships. I believe acknowledgement is highly required for the motivation and continuity of the sports community.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. **Interactive Session:** Facilitate meaningful interaction between alums and current student-athletes so that they can share their experiences, guidance, and insights

Schedule: During Annual Alumni Meet. The tentative schedule is January.

Eligibility to Attend: All the students of IIT Kharagpur

2. **Alumni Trust Fund for Sports and Games:**

- A separate portal can be created to collect all funds donated by alumni to sports, allowing alumni to direct their donations towards supporting the sports teams and facilities.
- This can be used to improve sports facilities by providing equipment and improving infrastructure and to provide a Sports-Based Scholarship to a selected number of students who will be evaluated based on their contribution to sports and games in the institute. Participation and performance in Open-IIT, GC, Outstation event and Inter-IIT will be assessed.

GROUNDWORK

- I have spoken to Ms Anamika Das, Office of Alumni Affairs, regarding creating a separate channel for alum funds donated to sports.
- I have also spoken to Students' Alumni Cell heads regarding the alums who want to contribute to sports but can't do that due to the lack of separate sports channels.

IMPACT

- **Alumni-Student Connection:** Strengthens connections between alums and current students, fostering mentorship opportunities and knowledge exchange.

- **Student Support:** Provides financial assistance and recognition to students demonstrating excellence in sports, encouraging continued participation and achievement.

PROPOSAL 4: Promoting Sports Culture, Expanding Reach and Management Efficiency through Fitfete and Restructuring the Organizing Team for SHAURYA

MOTIVATION

Our goal is to establish SHAURYA as the nation's premier sports fest. With Fitfete, we seek to extend SHAURYA's reach to more cities, promoting the significance of sports and fitness and anticipate heightened participation in the upcoming editions. To accommodate a larger crowd and to provide world-class facilities, we plan to revamp our team structure, optimising work allocation and enhancing seamless communication.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Restructuring the Organizing Team of Shaurya:

Current Structure

1. Accommodation and Guest Reception Team
2. Events Team
3. Publicity and Marketing Team
4. Logistics Team
5. Sponsorship Team
6. Design Team
7. Web Team

New Proposed Structure

1. Finance Team: Will be responsible for managing the finances of Shaurya
2. Guest Reception Team: This will be an exclusive team responsible for lodging, transportation, and comfortable stay of the guests. They will also be accountable for getting testimonials from sportspersons and influencers across the nation
3. Publicity and Marketing Team: I propose to merge the Accommodation Team into the Publicity & Marketing Team
4. Logistics Team: In addition to previous responsibilities, they will also be involved in the transportation of goods
5. Web Team
6. Design Team
7. Events Team
8. Sponsorship Team

2. Organizing Fitfete:

A series of fitness and skills-based events for college-going students within and outside the IIT Kharagpur campus.

Structure:

- Fitness Sessions on Yoga, Aerobics, Zumba and Meditation by professionals
- Fitness Challenges like Triathlon and Callisthenics
- Survival Skills Workshops on essential life skills:
 - First-aid training, CPR and Injury treatment
 - Disaster and Fire management
 - Self-defense
- An acknowledgement cum participation certificate will be provided to all attendees.

Tentative Schedule: I propose it to be organised during weekends from the second half of August to late September.

Locations Targeted: Kolkata, Bhubaneswar and other nearby cities.

Eligibility Criteria: All college-going students who are willing to attend the event.

GROUNDWORK

- I have discussed restructuring the organising team for the upcoming editions with the executive heads of SHAURYA.
- I have discussed the execution of Fitfete with the executive heads, including the sponsorship head, publicity and marketing heads, and events heads, during the mentioned tentative dates.
- I have spoken to Ms Sangeeta Mondal, PTI Yoga, regarding Yoga, Aerobics and Zumba sessions.
- I have enquired a few colleges in Kolkata, like Jadavpur University and IIST Shibpur, to conduct these sessions in their institutes.

IMPACT

Restructuring of Organizing Team:

- Optimised Work Allocation: Enables efficient responsibility allocation and expertise focus with dedicated logistics, marketing, and event coordination teams. Specialisation enhances operational smoothness and task execution.
- Improved Efficiency and Management: Specialized roles enhance efficiency, while improved communication fosters coordination among team members.
- Enhanced Creativity and Innovation: Restructuring encourages creativity and innovation in event planning, leading to a more engaging sports fest experience.

Fitfete:

- Promotes Well-Being: Encourages students to prioritise physical and mental well-being through participation in fitness activities.
- Increased Awareness: Generates excitement and buzz for the main Shaurya event through the spring semester events.
- Enhanced Participation: Attracts a broader range of students from IIT Kharagpur and other institutions through inter-city expansion.