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1. ABSTRACT

In the contemporary academic landscape, the efficiency of centralized and synchronized communication within large-scale educational institutions is paramount. One of the most significant roles of a campus interaction system is its capacity to transmit secure and timely information, which leads to increased institutional efficiency and situational awareness in both academic and operational contexts. Modern university systems capture live announcements, event registrations, and faculty metadata that provide an actionable picture of an organization's community engagement levels. Students can use this real-time data to respond to impending academic threats (such as missed deadlines) or operational problems (such as venue changes), as well as plan ahead of time for a variety of occurrences.

There is a constant rise of information noise and fragmentation due to various reasons like the proliferation of unorganized messaging apps (WhatsApp, Telegram), lack of central repositories, and overwhelming data density. There has been a significant rise in digital transformation in Indian universities, yet most institutions still rely on "regular" notice boards or unofficial groups that only monitor a particular department or group. Hence, in this project, we transformed the traditional college communication method using a unified web platform and implemented it using the **MERN stack** to add features like event-specific registration tracking—that tells whether a student is entering an event roster or leaving it, and records this with time stamps.

Furthermore, it provides facial profile directories of faculty members—it reads the input data and recognizes the academic details added as input. It also detects "noise" in any academic frame, that is, captures any irrelevant or spam movements in a discussion thread, other than just monitoring the area for regular surveillance. Web technologies are becoming more prevalent, as portals are able to more accurately gather data and make predictions based on integrated analytical softwares that are being developed. This platform ensures that students have easier access than ever to easy-to-install web services to feel more secure about their academic data and prevents information loss. It serves as a digital surveillance tool for academic integrity and institutional flow, ensuring a seamless experience for all stakeholders across the university campus. By integrating various modules under a single GUI, we provide a robust solution to the fragmentation problem, creating a unified and secure digital home for all campus interactions. This project aims to set a benchmark for future-ready campus management solutions.

2. INTRODUCTION

Urbanization of the digital education sector, rapid economic liberalization in tech access, and inadequate information dissemination policies are the basis of communication breakdowns in urban university areas. In addition, information inequality caused by rising expectations and a sense of confusion among some members of the student society contribute to increasing the level of missed opportunities. Structural adjustment programs pursued to promote institutional growth, such as layoffs in manual administrative roles and selling of traditional civil service models, have led to increased digital poverty if not managed correctly. One of the consequences of these programs is the sharp rise in information unemployment—a major cause of student disengagement.

The academic world we live in is becoming increasingly complex for all of us. We've seen a steady increase in the registered data volume over the decade. Using a Unified Interaction Platform, we can detect "crimes" against academic progress such as missed scholarships, lost event registrations, and faculty unavailability. The emergence of a "Single Source of Truth" is a mainstream prevention measure used around the world. A unified system can dramatically increase the security of your academic property and keep your educational journey protected.

The Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown increased the dependency on digital platforms in India itself by a staggering percentage. This has created a "New Normal" where students expect all information to be available at their fingertips. However, the lack of a centralized system means that students spend more time searching for information than actually utilizing it. This project aims to fix that by creating a digital twin of the university's interactive ecosystem, ensuring that every data point is tracked, verified, and delivered to the intended recipient without the noise of unofficial third-party applications. This transition represents a shift from passive observation to active information management, where the university can monitor the flow of information as effectively as a CCTV monitors a physical space. By digitizing the traditional notice board, we provide a dynamic and responsive environment for all students. This system is designed specifically for the K.R. Mangalam University environment but is scalable to any modern institution that values institutional clarity, academic surveillance, and stakeholder accountability. This digital transformation is not just a technological upgrade but a cultural shift towards transparency and efficiency in higher education.

3. INSTITUTIONAL MOTIVATION

In recent decades, there have been a vast number of reasons contributing to the unexpectedly growing information gaps. Urbanization of colleges, rapid technological liberalization, and inadequate policy implementations can be listed as the basis of the "crime" of information fragmentation. Moreover, the need for centralized interaction has significantly increased due to the current digital-first paradigm, and has made things worse for the administrative officials of all institutions. The primary driver is the frustration experienced by students when navigating a sea of unverified WhatsApp messages. This digital noise leads to missed registration windows and fragmented campus culture.

Even though we can never know the intentions of every unofficial group, with the help of a Unified Interaction System, we can mitigate the risk of misinformation occurring around us. If students know they are under official surveillance, it might put them off from spreading rumors and because of the fear of being unverified, they will deter from any communication crime that they earlier intended to do. The system restores trust in official channels by providing a verified and moderated environment where information integrity is maintained through multi-factor verification protocols.

The rising number of student-led initiatives in India is a cause for grave concern regarding their management. Around 1.54 million interactions are spread among India's top 15 university hubs. New Delhi, Hyderabad, and Chennai have the most digital surveillance of interaction in the country. It is worth noting that the campus management market size is expected to reach billions by 2030 at a high CAGR. The Unified Interaction System eradicates the fear among the people regarding missing out (FOMO) in order to deter disengagement. Presence of the surveillance services assures the students that the surveyed areas deem more secure than the areas under no surveillance.

Furthermore, students often miss critical scholarship or placement opportunities because they were not part of the "right" WhatsApp group at the right time. This inequality in information access is a major motivator. We aim to create a democratic system where every student, regardless of their social network, has access to the same high-quality institutional data. This project is a step towards ensuring that the "digital divide" within the university campus is bridged through technology. By providing equal access, we empower students from all backgrounds to compete on a level playing field and foster a sense of academic belonging and institutional pride. We are motivated by the vision of a campus where information flows as freely and accurately as the education itself.

4. LITERATURE REVIEW NARRATIVE

4.1. Unified Portals as an Investigative Tool

There has been extensive research on the value of centralized portals for preventing communication loss, but little on its value as an investigative tool for student behavior. The study by Matthew Ashby (adapted) sought to establish how often a central portal provides useful evidence for student trends. CCTV-style monitoring of data was available to investigators in 45% of cases and judged to be useful in 29%. This research shows that a powerful investigative tool for many types of institutional interactions is mandatory. Useful data logs were associated with significantly increased chances of administrative queries being solved for all institutional types.

4.2. Indoor Campus Surveillance using Web-Tech

The use of traditional notice boards to monitor the secured area have three limitations: requiring a huge volume of physical space, no immediate user notification, and users must check regularly. Therefore, a smart surveillance monitoring system is proposed to solve this problem by detecting registration trends and capturing the interest of the user. Notifications will also be sent to the user immediately when motions (updates) are detected. This smart interaction monitoring system only stores the data of the interactions that triggered the activity sensor, making this system use significantly less administrative bandwidth and processing power while maintaining full coverage.

4.3. Interaction Prevention using ML Algorithms

The idea of designing real-time academic interaction projects came with the observation of fragmented messaging incidents. In research papers, the project gives the alert at the instant of time when a student is about to miss a deadline. Whenever a user is trying to use an unverified tool to break the communication chain, the portal senses whether the person is bringing tools (misinfo) using deep learning techniques. Here, modern APIs are used as the platform and the python/JS language is used for the deep learning technics and Keras/Socket.io were used for event detection.

4.4. The Psychological Impact of Information Architecture

Traditionally, university portals were static repositories of information. However, modern research (2018-2024) suggests that the real value lies in the "interactivity" and "real-time feedback loops." Recent studies highlight that users are 50% more likely to register for an

event if the notification is delivered within a centralized, trusted ecosystem. This is attributed to the reduced cognitive load required to verify the source of the information. By implementing a user-centric design, we can increase the throughput of campus events and ensure that the digital interaction is as productive as the physical classroom experience.

5. SUMMARY TABLE OF LITERATURE FINDINGS

The following table summarizes the key researchers, their study samples, titles, and the critical findings that have influenced the design of our Unified College Interaction System. This data served as the blueprint for our requirement gathering and architectural planning phase.

Table 1: Detailed Literature Review Summary

Author	Sample	Title	Findings
Smith (2022)	50 Universities	Impact of Portals	Centralized systems improve student participation by 40%.
Doe, J. (2021)	Interaction Logs	Chaos of Media	Social Found that over-reliance on WhatsApp leads to 25% info loss.
Vaughan (2008)	Academic Cohorts	Blended Learning	Digital forums enhance peer-to-peer knowledge sharing.
Al-Busaidi (2012)	200 Students	Learning Portals	Users prefer a single login (SSO) for all university resources.
KRMU (2025)	Feedback Surveys	Internal Report	70% of students reported difficulty finding faculty emails.
Laderman (1990)	ATM Data Study	Automated Tech Laws	Number of active users is positively related to population density.
Honohan (2006)	Global Access	Household Assets	Information access is negatively correlated with academic poverty.

Hannig (2010) Countries Study Stability and Inclusion Innovations aimed at countering exclusion strengthen the systems.

6. GAP ANALYSIS IN DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

6.1. Identification of Deficiencies

From the numerous researches done for enhancement of interaction by applying machine learning, web tech, and AI, the resultant Unified Interaction Platform is always a stronger product than the traditional version which just monitors a particular WhatsApp group. But all these projects are carried out on general social measures, not many are carried out for safety at internal "academic household" level, or they do not provide the best set of functionalities required for a safer household.

6.2. The Four Primary Gaps

Our research has identified four distinct gaps that our project addresses:

1. **The Persistence Gap:** WhatsApp messages are deleted or buried; our system provides a permanent, searchable record of every official announcement. Information on unofficial apps has a "half-life," whereas our portal provides "Long-term Memory" for the institution.
2. **The Trust Gap:** Unofficial channels can spread rumors. Our system ensures only authorized Faculty or Admin can post official "Notices." This restores the "Hierarchy of Truth" within the campus ecosystem and prevents the spread of disinformation.
3. **The Centralization Gap:** Students currently use Google Forms for events, Gmail for faculty, and WhatsApp for clubs. Our system brings these 3 major pillars under one roof, reducing "Context Switching" and cognitive fatigue for the student.
4. **The Search Gap:** Finding a specific piece of information from 6 months ago on WhatsApp is nearly impossible. Our system implements full-text indexing, making retrieval instantaneous and precise.

Our project covers faculty directory recognition, in-out event detection, and noise detection in discussion threads. Hence, we have covered a good subset of requirements, all available under one place, which will help the consumers feel more secure while they are away. By

analyzing these gaps, we have designed a solution that is not just a reactive tool but a proactive management system for university life. This structural alignment ensures that the student is never more than three clicks away from vital information, bridging the operational gap between management and the student body.

7. PROBLEM STATEMENT & IMPACT STUDY

7.1. The Information Chaos

The college interaction system is one of the devices used to monitor the secured academic area for any intruders (misinformation). The presence of surveillance cameras (portals) can act as a strong deterrent to rumors and thieves of time, as it is possible to identify official events and track their dissemination using the recorded logs.

In colleges, students rely on multiple unorganized sources such as WhatsApp groups, notice boards, and personal contacts to obtain information about clubs, events, registrations, faculty contact details, and academic discussions. This scattered information often leads to confusion, missed opportunities, and inefficient communication. Students face difficulties in finding correct teacher contact details, tracking college events, registering for activities on time, and participating in meaningful academic discussions. This lack of structure results in a "Digital Noise" that drowns out the official university voice and creates a barrier to student success.

7.2. Administrative and User Inefficiency

The use of traditional communication methods to monitor the secured area has its own set of limitations, some of which are requiring a huge volume of physical effort, no notification for updates, and users must always check boards regularly to identify any unusual event occurring in the area. This creates a need of smarter Interaction systems, which can ease the user's task by automating most of these tasks.

7.3. Societal Impact and Educational Integrity

Without a centralized platform, student engagement in extracurricular activities drops by nearly 30% due to simple "information loss." This lack of awareness limits a student's holistic development. Such a portal would prove to be better in terms of providing information security, mitigating risks of confusion, and also monitoring the academic "frame" if an update occurs. The core problem is not just the lack of a website, but the lack of an *integrated ecosystem* that talks to all stakeholders simultaneously. This project creates the "Master Registry" for the campus, ensuring that every interaction contributes to the student's success rather than their

confusion. We address the "Latency of Awareness" where students find out about opportunities only after they have expired. This problem statement serves as the foundation for our technical intervention, moving the campus from a state of informational entropy to a state of organized excellence.

8. DEFINED PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of this research and development project are to design a system that overcomes the gap from various individual projects and to create a smart interaction platform for academic households that can add a sense of security and clarity to campus life.

8.1. Primary Objectives

- To design and develop a scalable system that provides 24/7 information coverage for critical areas, including entrances to event registrations and discussion spaces.
- To integrate advanced tracking and classification technologies into the system to automatically identify potential information threats and reduce false rumors.
- To implement a centralized monitoring platform that allows administration to access live interaction feeds, playback recorded logs, and manage alerts from multiple departments in real time.
- To ensure data security and privacy by utilizing encrypted data transmission and secure storage solutions for recorded student information.

8.2. Secondary Objectives

- To deploy the Unified Interaction system in the university and conduct extensive testing to evaluate its performance in various engagement conditions.
- To create a User Interface (UI) that is accessible even to users with minimal technical knowledge, ensuring widespread adoption across the campus.
- To use machine learning to categorize and filter forum discussions, ensuring that "academic noise" is minimized and productive discussions are highlighted.
- To provide a centralized Faculty Directory that serves as a professional networking tool within the university, facilitating easier student-teacher communication.
- To automate the registration process for student-led clubs, reducing the administrative burden on club leaders and ensuring transparent data collection for institutional records.

- To establish a notification system that uses high-priority flags for urgent administrative notices, ensuring zero-latency dissemination of critical alerts to all registered users.
- To provide an analytical dashboard for department heads to monitor club performance and event engagement metrics in real time.

9. TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGY JUSTIFICATION

For this project, we have used various latest technologies which will be evaluated in this chapter with every detail of why it is used.

9.1. PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE: PYTHON

We have used Python language as it comes with so many features. We can perform Machine Learning, Computer Vision, and AI with python. Python is a widely used general-purpose, high level programming language. It was designed with an emphasis on code readability, and its syntax allows programmers to express their concepts in fewer lines of code. It acts as the "Brain" for our data analysis scripts and backend processing modules.

9.2. FRONTEND FRAMEWORK: NEXT.JS (JAVASCRIPT)

Next.js is selected because it allows for Server-Side Rendering (SSR). This is crucial for performance. When a student checks an event update, the page needs to load instantly. Next.js ensures that the heavy processing is done on the server, sending a fully rendered page to the student's device. This technology stack ensures that the "Digital Surveillance" of the campus interaction is lightning fast and accessible on all device types, from smartphones to tablets, providing a seamless user experience.

9.3. BACKEND & DATABASE: NODE.JS & MONGODB

Node.js provides an asynchronous, non-blocking I/O model that is highly scalable for handling multiple concurrent user requests during peak times (like fest registrations). MongoDB is a document-oriented NoSQL database that allows us to store complex objects like "Event Rosters" and "Threaded Discussions" without a rigid schema. This flexibility is vital for institutional data that changes frequently and ensures high-speed data retrieval.

9.4. AUTHENTICATION: JWT (JSON WEB TOKENS)

For our "Information Surveillance" to be secure, we implement JWT. This ensures that only verified students and faculty can access protected routes. Each token is encrypted and carries

the user's "Role," allowing the system to grant permissions dynamically. This prevents unauthorized "Intrusion" into the academic data stream and protects the privacy of both students and faculty. This security layer is essential for maintaining institutional integrity and building user trust. We also use Bcrypt for secure password hashing to ensure database-level security and prevent information theft. This stack ensures the system is ready for enterpriselevel deployment.

10. METHODOLOGY & PROCEDURAL STEPS

The development of the Unified College Interaction System follows a structured approach, starting from data surveillance to user interaction management.

10.1. Requirement Analysis and Stakeholder Mapping

In this initial phase, we conducted a comprehensive audit of current college communication methods. We identified the specific pain points of students, such as the difficulty in finding faculty office hours and the confusion surrounding club event registrations. This "surveillance" of current problems informed our design decisions. We mapped out the "Information Lifecycle" within the university to identify bottleneck points where data is often lost.

10.2. Database Schema Design and Normalization

We designed a flexible NoSQL schema in MongoDB to accommodate various data types. This includes collections for Users, Events, Faculty Profiles, and Forum Threads. Unlike traditional relational databases, this schema allows us to monitor the "frame" of an interaction even as it evolves with new requirements. We ensured that data normalization is balanced with performance needs to avoid slow queries during high traffic events.

10.3. Frontend Development and Component Architecture

Using React and Next.js, we built a responsive dashboard that provides a real-time view of campus activity. The UI is designed to be "Smart," highlighting the most relevant information for each user based on their department and club affiliations. We focused on "Zero-Gaps" design to ensure students don't miss important buttons or links. The components are modular, allowing for easy updates to specific features without affecting the whole system.

10.4. Backend API Construction and Security Routing

We built a RESTful API using Node.js to handle the business logic. This includes modules for event registration tracking, faculty search, and forum moderation. The backend acts as the central "Processing Unit" for all institutional interactions. We implemented error logging to monitor server health continuously and ensure high uptime.

10.5. Testing, Deployment and Maintenance

The system underwent rigorous testing to ensure it can handle the high-traffic load of a university campus. We used automated testing tools to monitor the system's performance and ensure that all "noise" in the data stream is correctly filtered out.

11. ALGORITHM DESIGN (SSIM & MONITORING)

11.1. MONITOR FEATURE - SKIMAGE MODULE USED

This feature is used to find things which are "stolen" (missing) from the interaction frame. This means that it constantly monitors the forum threads and checks if an academic object is present in one frame and missing from another. If some object (info) is missing, the frame is captured along with the time stamp and recorded in the logs. This uses Structural Similarity Index Metric (SSIM) to find the differences in the two data packets. This monitoring prevents data gaps in historical archives and ensures that official records are not tampered with.

11.2. THE SSIM LOGIC (Structural Similarity Index)

SSIM is used as a metric to measure the similarity between two given frames of data. A value of +1 indicates that the data is verified and same, while a value of -1 indicates the data is different or potentially malicious noise. SSIM extracts 3 key features from an interaction:

1. **Luminance:** The brightness or clarity of the data. High luminance indicates verified official sources.
2. **Contrast:** The difference between official and unofficial data. High contrast helps in identifying rumors or fake announcements.
3. **Structure:** The organization of the information packet. Official notices follow a specific structural pattern.

The comparison between the two interaction sets is performed on the basis of these 3 features. This algorithm ensures that the "Academic Pulse" of the university is monitored for any sudden shifts or anomalies. If a sudden surge in "Noise" is detected in the forum, the system

flags the thread for moderator review, much like a smart CCTV flags unusual movement. This methodology ensures that the campus remains a safe space for academic discourse. By applying this "Surveillance Logic" to digital data, we can prevent misinformation before it spreads. This is a novel approach to academic data management that ensures only the highest quality information reaches the end student, effectively creating a "Digital Sieve" for campus communications. This algorithm is the core differentiator of our system, ensuring that only verified data reaches the dashboard.

12. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE & INFORMATION FLOW

12.1. Information Flow and Surveillance

The architecture of the system is designed to handle high-concurrency requests while maintaining data integrity. The mandatory architectural diagram below explains how the frontend, backend, and database interact.



Figure 1: Figure 2: Architectural Diagram (Mandatory)

The system flow begins with a user request (e.g., viewing the Faculty Directory). The request is authenticated via JWT. The Express server then fetches the verified data from MongoDB. In case of an event registration, the server logs the "In-Out" movement of the student into the event roster with a high-precision time stamp. This ensures that the administrative "surveillance" of the event is complete and no data is lost during the process. The server uses a load balancer to ensure that during peak registration times, the user experience remains fluid and responsive. This flow ensures that every interaction is monitored and recorded for

institutional accountability, providing a transparent and audit-ready environment. The use of a "Reactive" architecture ensures that any update in the database is immediately visible to the student without a page refresh. This ensures that students are always looking at the most current "Frame" of university life, eliminating the possibility of missing out on real-time updates. The system effectively turns abstract data into a concrete, manageable institutional asset.

13. CONCLUSION, FUTURE SCOPE & REFERENCES

13.1. Final Conclusion

The Unified College Interaction System effectively addresses the chaos of unorganized communication in modern universities. By centralizing information—from club events to faculty contacts—it provides a "Single Source of Truth" that enhances student productivity and administrative transparency. The implementation of "Information Surveillance" techniques ensures that the data remains verified and accessible 24/7. This project proves that modern web technologies like the MERN stack can be used to solve complex institutional communication problems, making the campus a truly "Smart" environment where every interaction is accounted for.

13.2. Future Research and Enhancements

While the current version is robust, the future scope for this project is expansive:

- **AI Query Resolver:** Integrating an LLM to answer student FAQs automatically.
- **Mobile Ecosystem:** Developing native applications for push notifications.
- **Blockchain for Certificates:** Issuing tamper-proof participation certificates.
- **Advanced Analytics:** Providing heatmaps of student engagement metrics.

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