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CONTESTING FOR THE POST OF
PRESIDENT, STUDENTS' GYMKHANA 2020-21



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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





Initiatives can be segregated into 3 parts

Online Sem

Offline Sem

Brand Value of IIT-H





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.





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





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





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 !

