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Students' Gymkhana 2020-2021, IIT Hyderabad



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About me:



- BTech'18, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- Hospitality Coordinator, Elan & ηvision '20
- Student Mentor at Sunshine, Counseling Cell of IIT Hyderabad
- Core Member of Robotix Club and Torque
- Member of Vibes
- Participated in Inter IIT Tech meet '19 and bagged the silver medal in Ashoka's Challenge



DUTIES:



- 1) The UG Rep shall be the point of contact of all the Undergrads for all the events happening with respect to the Undergraduates including:
 - (a) Festivals and Events
 - (b) Collection of entire record of batches corresponding to UG's
 - (c) Fresher and Farewell party for all the Undergraduate batches
 - 1) The UG Rep shall work along with the PG Rep on the matters listed in 1 (a), (b), (c)
 - 2) The UG Rep shall work along with the General Secretary 1, General Secretary 2 on the matters related to hostel issues and catering issues.
 - 3) The UG Rep shall try to bring out new initiatives along with the PG Rep and General Secretaries to increase the student's participation and effectively reduce the UG-PG gap.
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Agenda:



- Freshmen- Registration, Orientation
- Adapting to the online-first paradigm
- Events
- MSc concerns
- Careers
- EML
- UG-PG interaction
- Miscellaneous



Freshmen-Registration, E-Orientation:



- Help organise E-Orientation sessions smoothly.
- Ease the transition for the freshers by keeping them well informed of the orientations via mail/sms.
- Make sure that parents and students do not face any inconvenience in the registration.



Adapting to the online-first paradigm:



- Conducting online events for the freshers.
 - **#FreshersGotTalent.** Online competitions which will be held in association with the clubs where freshers can exhibit their talents by submitting entries of various kinds.
 - Conducting game nights (pictionary etc.) and other fun activities to provide stress relief.
- Freshers' forum via FB group/Discord.



Events:



FRESHERS' NIGHT:

- Create an efficient organising team and ensure a vast array of events are conducted to encourage every fresher's participation.
- Ensure active participation from all cultural clubs.

FAREWELL:

- Digital Farewell testimonies: A formal account of the experiences of graduating student/their advice to their juniors put briefly in a few lines - their mantra to life at IITH.
 - Farewell diaries: A digital yearbook and slambook system for each graduating batch.
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MSc concerns:



- MSc Chemistry Project allotment System:
 - Currently, MSc Chemistry students have a chit system for the project allotment.
 - *Discuss with the students and arrive at a consensus towards a more streamlined allotment process.*
- Will try to organise freshers and farewell for the MSc students.



Careers:



- **Coordinating with the OCS (formerly Placement Cell) and Alumni Cell:**
 - Expanding the database of placement experiences: Will work towards expanding the database of placement experiences by reaching out to the alumni.
 - Informal talks sharing internship experiences (starting from online tests to the last day of internship)
 - **Industrial interaction:**
 - Talks, livestreams and online shadowing
 - **Industrial Visits:** Implementing annual IVs for core branches to increase their exposure to their field's industry.
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Extramural Lectures (EML):



- Collaborating with EML for conducting sessions/talks and ensuring the active participation of UGs
- Workshops on soft skills.
- Student favoured speakers to increase student inclusion on the following:
 - Higher education
 - Talks on academics & sports
 - Talks on creative domains (artists, writers, etc.)
- Will plan and figure out digital ways to organise talks with speakers looking at the present COVID situation.



UG-PG interactions:



- **Academics:**

- Research Guidance Sessions:**

- Coordinate with the PG reps, conduct a survey of the PhDs' and UGs' research work and plans and connect them accordingly.

- **General:**

- Departmental days:**

- These play a key role in strengthening the bonds between the UGs and PGs of each department. To ensure these happen, I will approach all the HoDs and schedule the departmental days beforehand and include these fixed dates in the department's official academic calendar.

Collaboration with other Councils



Better Disposal of Sanitary Napkins:

- Gather inputs from the stakeholders
- Introduce a solution that is hygienic, environment friendly and economically feasible.
- Possible ideas from my research:
 - Incinerators
 - Segregation using separate bins
 - Provision of disposable wrapping material

Girls Night: Will contribute in making the Girls Night successful and promoting participation.

Gymkhana feedback on dashboard: Increasing the accessibility of the feedback portal (like the one on Discourse) by introducing a portal in the Dashboard app.



Smoothening the transformation into the new normal..

