

AIYOJAN – A University Management Platform

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From studying various research paper, we realized that if we could introduce a central academic calendar integrated with date prediction, we could improve the efficiency of University admissions.

Thus, we have created a centralized calendar organization system which will in turn help universities become more disciplined and the students will get a clearer view and an equal opportunity for admissions to good colleges. This will save money, time, and increase the present efficiency of the system.

In this project, we have used a combination of web development and algorithms to solve the above-mentioned problem.

Index Terms— AIYOJAN, University Management, Education, Calendar, Centralized Platform, Edtech, Date Prediction

1 INTRODUCTION

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I. AIM

Education has been playing an important role in our lives as the role of university and knowledge is immense in a student's life.

Getting admission into a quality institute is a dream of not only the students but also the parents. But it adds on to the anxiety when they travel to the university and the admissions are already closed as the university results are released at different times. Thus, a lot of hardships are to be faced by the student and their parents and a lot of their time and money are wasted in the process. Additionally, it becomes increasingly tough for the university to centrally manage the admission and the examination process.

Thus, we aim to solve the hardships of the students, parents and the universities by introducing a software based central academic calendar and introducing a central platform for the entire admission process management for universities thus saving time and money.

II. MOTIVATION

The main motivation behind the project is to give all students equal opportunity while applying for admissions, to create a central annual academic calendar will also make it easier for the all the universities to be managed easily and save a lot of money and time of universities as well as the parents and their peers.

III. OBJECTIVES

In recent times, India has immensely grown in the technological sector and we are trying to make maximum of our tasks online as it is easier

to track as well as manage things digitally.

In this technological era, our education institutions have also shifted many of their tasks online which in turn has resulted in increased efficiency of work. Our aim via this project is to solve the above mentioned problem by leveraging the power of technology. We have created a centralized calendar organization system which will in turn help universities become more disciplined and the students will get a clearer view and an equal opportunity for admissions to good colleges. This will save money, time, and increase the present efficiency of the system.

2 LITERATURE SURVEY

As per the literature review the present system of university management is done manually rather than using technology. This has some following pros and cons –

Pros	Cons
The current system is consisting of more manual tasks; thus, the chances of data breach is low.	The current system as consists of more manual tasks it is more time consuming.
The current system is human dependent and thus can use human intelligence.	The present system may involve human error.
The present system is flexible as we can make changes at any step, we find there is a problem, like increasing number of people for better management.	The cost of implementation will increase with increase in the number of people.
The present system will take less computing power thus is a more environment friendly option.	The present system may fail to predict future outcomes as humans might fail to be as accurate as machines in prediction of future events.

Table 1 – Pros and Cons of Present System

Thus, though the pros and cons weigh out to be equal. The cons are quite critical and can cause troubled situations in longer run.

Thus, the technology we plan to implement will reduce time, human error, the human effort and will make more accurate future prediction thus reducing time, effort and cost while implementing the system.

Paper Title	Paper Author	Publishing Year	Idea presented
An Exploratory Study of Calendar Use	Manas Tungare, Manuel A Pérez-Quñones, Alyssa Sams	2008	This paper presents to us how calendar can be used to organize various events in a better way. It helped us understand the application of academic calendar and how we can improve the entire system for providing better management.
Problems in online admissions to higher educational	Ramesh Kulkarni	2016	In this paper we understood the various hardships that are faced

institutions of north Karnataka – A student's perspective			by the parents and the students during the admission process of various higher educational institutions in India.
Calendar Tools	Dezhi Wu	2010	This paper helps us get introduced to help us understand the management uses of calendars.
A Smart Calenar System Using Multiple Search Techniques	Jake Cowton, Longzhi Yang	2015	This paper helps us understand the various ways in which we can use various algorithms to make an efficient calendar system for university management.

Table 2 – Literature Survey

3 TECHNOLOGY USED

We have used HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript in the frontend and the Flask framework in the backend with MongoDB as the database. We have also used render for the purpose of deployment.

4 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

Our main objective via this project is to bring uniformity in the Indian Universities by introducing a calendar for management of the Indian Universities registered under AICTE. Our entire project is divided into 3 parts-

Student Section-The student section is the section which will be directly accessible to the users. It has some highlighting features like searching, checking the college calendar and application to the college all from a simple and easy to use model.

College Section-The College section will require login to access the functionality. The college will be able to access the calendar with full control to plan out the important events following the AICTE deadlines. The college statistics will also be available for all colleges to encourage healthy competition

Admin (AICTE) Section-The Admin section will require login and the credentials will be predefined. The admin will be able to create a generalized calendar which is to be followed by the colleges. This will ensure uniformity and discipline. The admin will also be able to see the statistical data of various colleges to cross check the following of schedules and cross check of student activity on the college page.

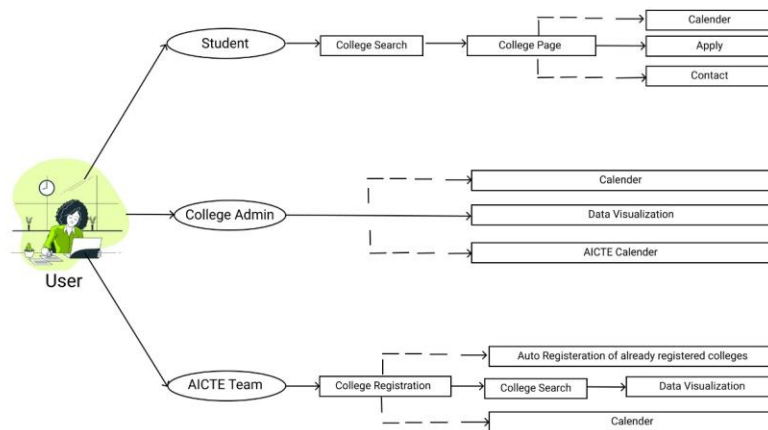


Fig 1 – System Architecture

5 SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

For software requirements, we will require python 3.9.0 and by running “pip install -r requirements.txt” in the project files (https://github.com/shahhilag4/SIH22_AIYOJAN) we will be able to fulfill the software requirements.

In addition, for hardware requirements, a minimum of 2GB RAM, good internet connection(20Kbps or more) and Windows 7 or greater is recommended.

6 PROBLEM SOLUTION AND DATA FLOW

- AICTE publishes academic calendar – The central academic calendar is the calendar published by AICTE which is to be followed by all the universities.
- The college also creates its own academic calendar – The college creates its own academic calendar according to the dates given by AICTE.
- Student goes to college page – The student goes to the home page of the college to view the college information he/she is interested in.
- The entire academic calendar is available in the college page.
- The student can apply to the college directly from the college page.

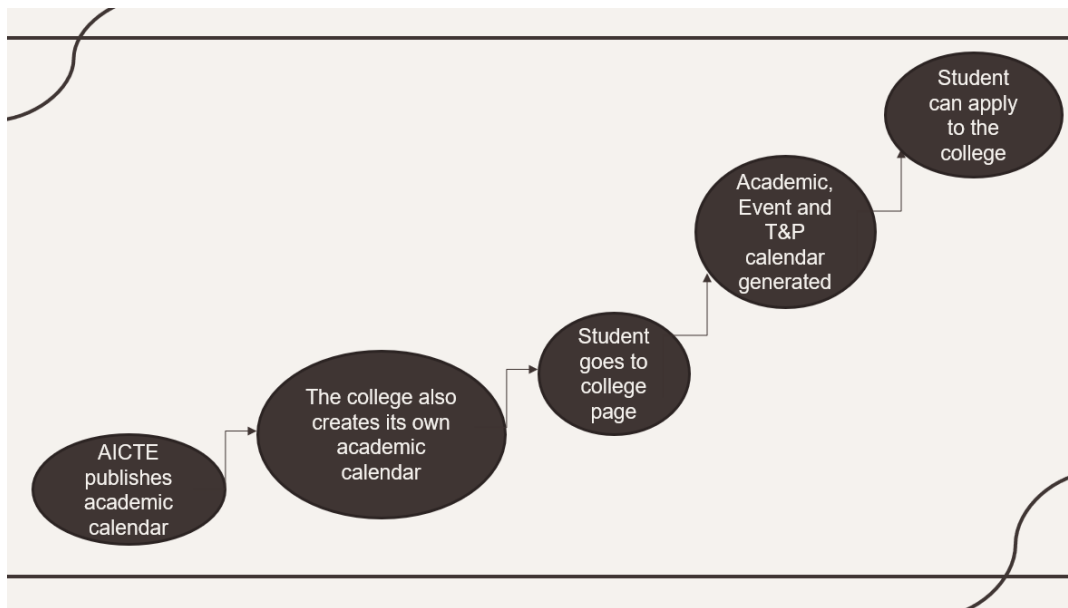


Fig 2 – Data Flow Diagram

7 WORKING

After fulfilling the system requirements as mentioned, we could run our application using the command “python app.py”. Using this command, our application will run on the localhost.

app.py is the main python file which uses the Flask framework to lay the foundations of our backend code. In addition, the templates folder contains all the static HTML files which use the Jinja templating to connect the backend and frontend and show the backend data in the frontend from the database. The MongoDB database cluster contains collections for college details, events, and login. Moving on to the static folder which contains all the styling and functional files i.e. CSS and JS files along with all the images we use in our application.

On the main page, there will be a home screen which will help the user understand the basic functionalities of the application and will also give a walkthrough into our application via a video. Thereafter, the user could search the colleges and view different colleges, see their academic calendars, and also apply or contact the college.

If the user is associated with a college and wants to edit the academic calendar, he/she can login into the college section using the email and password provided by AICTE and alter the calendar and leverage the date prediction feature. Also, the colleges could view the AICTE standardized calendar.

In case the user is associated with the AICTE, he/she could login using the AICTE option and they could alter the standardized calendar and register colleges manually into the database.

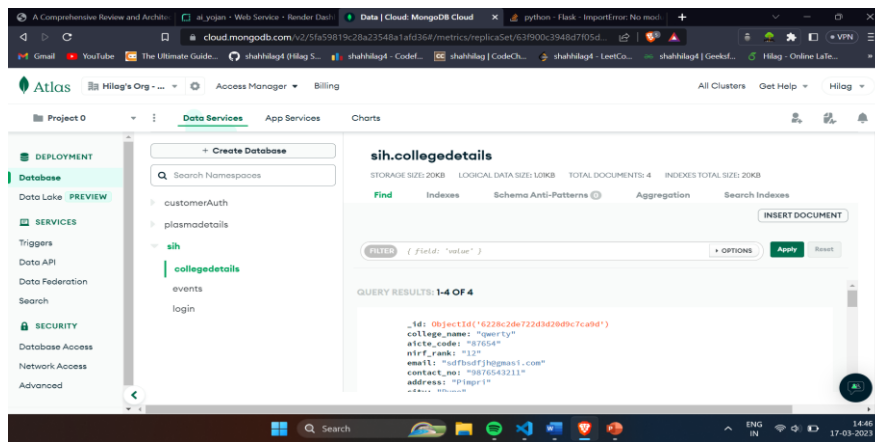


Fig 3 – MongoDB database

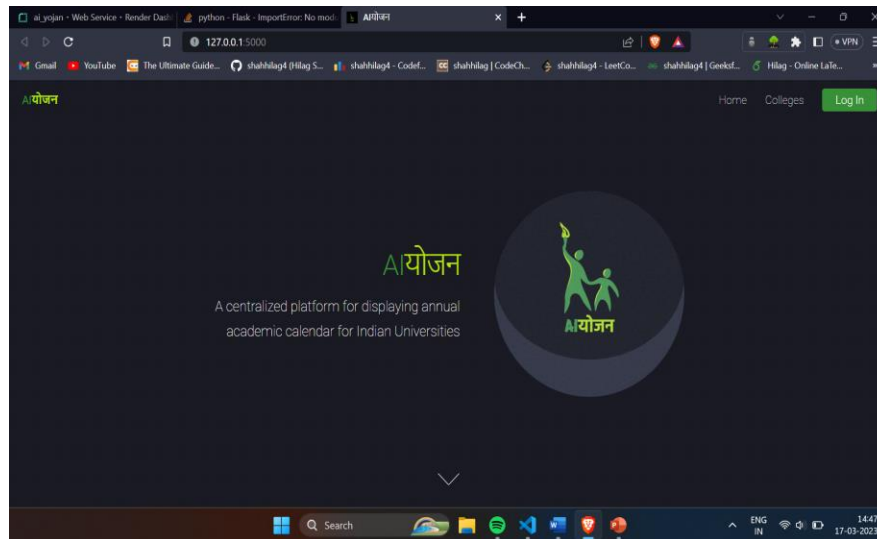


Fig 4 – AIYOJAN UI

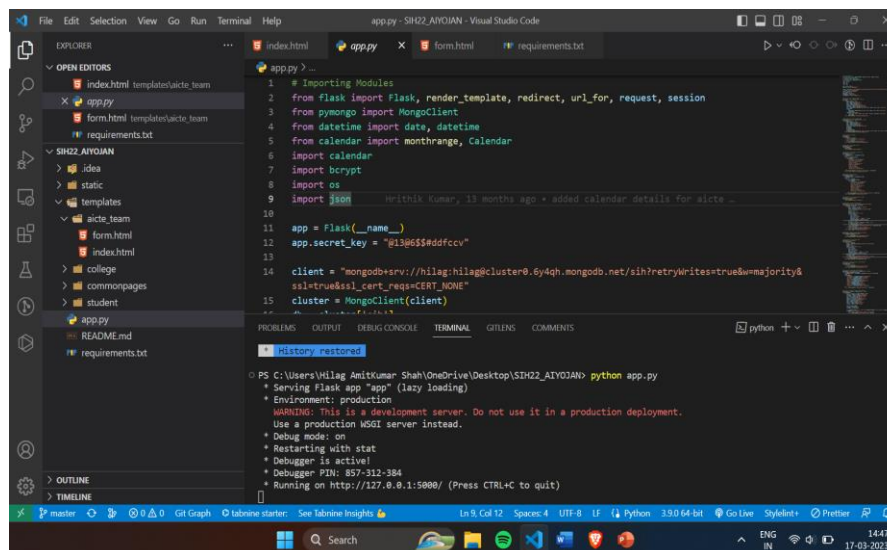


Fig 5 – app.py file

8 ALGORITHMS

A list of some of the basic algorithms applied in the project are as follows –

I. Searching Algorithm –

- The search rank algorithm is based on the unique number of IP addresses that go to the college page in addition to the NIRF rankings.
- User clicks on various cards appearing in search results. The order of the cards appearing next time will be dependent on the number of clicks from unique IP address.
- In addition to clicks from unique IPs we have also taken NIRF ranking into consideration so that the search results are more relevant.
- The algorithm takes into consideration both of these parameters and ranks the colleges based on the higher ranks and user visit.

II. AI based Date Prediction –

- The AI based date prediction is done by an algorithm developed by taking into consideration the dates given by admin, the dates that have already been occupied for an event and the working days of week.
- The date given by admin will be a range of start and end.
- The event should be conducted in between the start and end date as prescribed by the central body.
- The event date should also not be a national holiday. The event will also attract more participants if the
- All these parameters together contribute the date prediction of the date prediction in an accurate and efficient manner.
- The model is trained to predict the most efficient dates by providing it with data from past year.

9 SCOPE

- To overcome the limitations of multiple events at same time.
- To scale the project to accommodate large data and improve speed.
- We aim to integrate a grievance portal to bridge the communication gap between the universities and the governing body.
- We aim to improve the AI and searching algorithms which could learn faster and be more efficient.

10 UNIQUE FEATURES

- **Simplicity**-We have kept the product as simple as possible by maintain a simple and easy to use UI/UX design to simple and efficient backend algorithms. This not only decreases the server load and runtime but also makes the application usable for all the age groups. This is the main feature which would also help us scale in future if we want uniformity in our school system.
- **Auto Registration** Of college in case of large database-AICTE is a government institution with numerous colleges under its control. Thus, registering each college on our website manually will be a hectic task. Thus, our backend algorithm comes into play here wherein the entire college data from the database is fetched just by one button click and the colleges are emailed the Login ID and Password.
- **Statistical Data**-There are numerous colleges in India and the more the people search for a particular college the better will be the rank of the college. Thus, so as to predict the admissions, to keep track of userbase and to compete in creating a larger userbase will together be reflected statistically on the college dashboard.
- **Efficient Algorithms**-The backend algorithms be it search rank, calendar planning, bookmarking or many more features the backend algorithm has been written with the utmost efficiency so that there is more of logic and less of code that works at the back, without any compromise on the performance.
- **Data Security**-The entire database is managed in a very efficient manner with our focus on data hiding and prevention of data leaks. All the passwords on the site have been encrypted and, we have not allowed AICTE admin to directly access the college passwords and auto generated the passwords to add an extra layer of protection.
- **One Stop platform** for the entire university event planning-The highlighting and the main feature of our project is the calendar which will be a centralized and once AICTE mentions the event deadlines the events will be organized into 3 groups-Academic, Events and T&P automatically and thus would help to create a one stop platform for uniforming the university event management.

11 CONCLUSION

This project has proposed real time solution for the one of the major causes of the late admissions and how the fairness of the admissions can be improved. We propose to implement the given solution with the help of algorithmic techniques and predict the best dates to organize exams and events to avoid conflict and attract maximum crowd.

We solve the problems of –

1. Lack of an integrated annual academic calendar for all the Indian universities

2. Government agencies unable to implement their schemes in all the academic institutions effectively due to a single integrated manner
3. Lack of uniformity results in huge cost and loss of time to students in their academic career
4. An integrated annual academic calendar for all the Indian universities will bring better integration for the students going to different institutions for the higher degree program

Our solutions are –

1. Implementation of integrated annual academic calendar for all the Indian universities
2. Ease in implementation of schemes in all the academic institutions effectively due to a single integrated manner
3. Addition of uniformity via an academic calendar
4. An integrated annual academic calendar for all the Indian universities

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