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Nominee for Undergraduate Representative II  
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.
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# 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.
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# 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.

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# 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.

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***Smoothing the transformation into the new normal..***

