

Proposal for Open-Fest: Antaragni'16

Antaragni has succeeded in all its endeavours of promoting cultural events. With time Antaragni has reached a new and unparalleled stature in the country. The amount, and thus the quality of participation in Antaragni is extremely low in certain competitions. This is also an opportunity to provide for Antaragni to spearhead the concept of quality workshops by professionals to campus junta as well as participants who look forward to the festival. These numbers cannot be fulfilled by the existing cap of participants during the festival. The involvement of people without accommodation will totally eliminate this problem and will maintain the spirit of festival.

Participation cap – Total participation of Antaragni'16 can be increased to 2300. Therefore the open-fest cap can be set to 300 or 500 accordingly (depending on campus cap of 2000 or 1800).

Timings for Open Fest - 9 a.m to 11:00 p.m.

Open-fest participation will be of two types this year:

- 1. Hotel Stay Participants:** Participants will be provided with hotel rooms in Kanpur city. Participants will register for all 4 days and will have to exit the campus as per the open-fest timings and go to their allotted hotel rooms thereafter. This model is especially beneficial for outstation participants who are not able to participate in competitions due to the campus cap on participation.
- 2. Single Day Participants:** Participants will register for only the day on which they want to participate in a competition. This is beneficial for participants of Kanpur and neighbouring regions like Lucknow.

Following are the strategies proposed after a thorough research of the model:

Registration Strategy:

1. The extra participants of the proposed model category will have to register online. They will be shortlisted according to the caps of respective events.
2. Personal information viz. their name, contact number, email ID, college, address etc. will be taken, which shall be verified by original College IDs at the time of entry.
3. No Objection Certificate, from respective colleges shall be mandatory. The format of the same shall be provided by Antaragni, IIT Kanpur. For the Hotel stay option, The NOC will also mention that the participants will not be staying at the campus, but at a hotel room outside, the terms of which will be agreed upon between hotel and the participants.
4. Fees will include a registration fee along with relatively higher caution money (to be decided yet).

Security Strategy:

Entry: A security desk will be set up at the Main Gate to monitor the entry and exit of participants registered through the proposed model.

1. During entry at the Main Gate, participant of the proposed model category will have to produce the receipt of online transaction and College ID for verification.

2. After verification, the participant will be checked marked against the database of registered participants.
3. The participant will be provided with a wrist band (differently coloured for each day for single day participants and a separate colour for hotel stay participants) after completion of the aforementioned procedure.

During the fest

1. The participant will be allowed to take part in the registered event only after the verification of the band and its colour.
2. The participant will be able to enjoy events like Informals, semi-professional events, professional events, etc. upon the verification of their band.
3. All SIS guards at residential areas will be instructed to check either wrist bands or i-cards in case of campus students at entry.

Exit

1. Open fest participants will be instructed to leave the campus by 11 pm.
2. The exit of a participant will be marked at the main gate to keep a track of participants.

Action against Defaulters:

1. Lost/damaged bands: New bands can be issued on the same day though payment of a nominal fee (to be decided yet)
2. Any person who is marked entered in the festival and is not marked for exit by the end of the day will be considered as a defaulter. Strict actions will be taken against them which may include the following:
 - a). Confiscation of caution money
 - b). Informing the participant/parent/guardian using their contact details
 - c). Lodging formal complaint at respective college
 - d). Requesting the security office for further action

All the above strategies will properly overlook smooth functioning of this model.