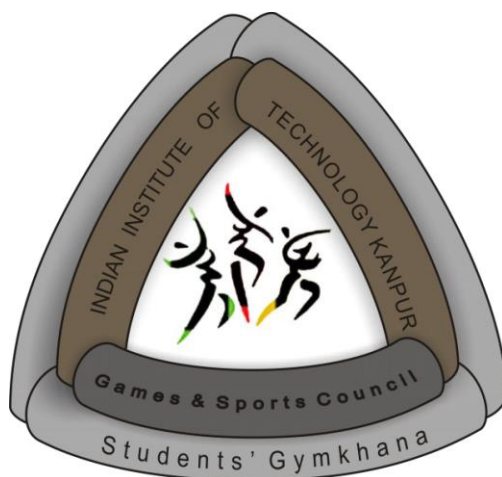




# Games and Sports Council End-Term Report



## GAMES & SPORTS COUNCIL STUDENTS' GYMKHANA IIT KANPUR

### END-TERM REPORT

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### VISION

The efforts of the council are directed to ensure that each and every person enjoys the game irrespective of the fact whether he/she is a part of the institute team or not. An atmosphere where playing in the evening is an integral part of each person's schedule.

The diverse activities organized during the year aimed at broadening the outreach of 'sporting activities' among various segments of campus community. The Council members believe that the unique activities introduced, will bear great value addition and connect with many who have yet stayed away from pre-existing sporting activities.

Some of the initiatives taken by the Games and Sports Council were:

- Formation of Boxing Hobby Group
- Summer Camp (Week long trials + exclusive mess)
- Fencing Workshop
- Duathlon
- Institute Volleyball League
- A new and updated council website ([sportsiitk.weebly.com](http://sportsiitk.weebly.com))
- Formation of Joggers and Archery group
- Skat-a-thon
- Easy and free access to sports equipment
- Wall Climbing as CPA
- Juice to the entire Inter-IIT contingent
- Shooting and Weightlifting Room
- Alumni Sports Meet
- Extending the timings of Sports Facilities
- Sports Shop
- Tennis Court Refurbishment
- Cricket Pitch Refurbishment
- Basketball Court Refurbishment
- Chess Online Portal



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- Boxing Stand in Old Sports Complex
- Pool Room Up gradation

## ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL

### Summer Camp:

[6<sup>th</sup> May-14<sup>th</sup> June]

There were 598 registrations & **224 students** were selected

Special emphasis was laid on the selection procedure by conduction of week-long trials

**Exclusive summer messing** was given to all selected for the camp

Besides, there were swimming pool & gym slots given to all teams. Resume making / internship sessions were also held.

The council is thankful to Arpit Agarwal for his contribution in coordinating activities of the council in the summers.

### *Recommendation:*

Exclusive Summer Mess for sports students must continue. Also gym slots, pool slots & resume making sessions etc. must be organized for the students to keep them motivated during the camp.

### Fencing Workshop:

[19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> August]

Registrations received 300+ but due to constraints only **90** could be accommodated. International players Mr. Umashankar & Mr. Arun from Mathura conducted the workshop. The workshop received **extremely positive reviews** from all the participants

*Recommendation-* Look for a coach in the city to regularize the activities of fencing on campus & convert it into a hobby group.

The council would like to thank Utkarsh Dhadhich & Akhila Nanjala for their contribution in conduction of the camp

### Duathlon:[28<sup>th</sup> August]

Around 200 people participated in the race & almost all of them managed to complete the race. The race involved one loop of running & 2 loops of cycling,



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each loop having a size 5.6 kms. The race also served the platform for the countdown to Udghosh.

*Recommendation-* The council must conduct a Marathon/Duathlon every semester. The council must also look to conduct **longer marathons!**

The council thanks the Udghosh Team for their help in conduction of the event & for distributing goodies & certificates to the winners & participants

### **Institute Volleyball League:**

Conducted for the first time, the Institute volleyball league saw participation from over 25 teams. Based on the concept of IFL, the league would see a bidding of the institute players in the next semester followed by its main league.

The council would like to thank Chirag Agarwal for conducting the event

### **Council Website:**

The new & updated website can be found on [sportsiitk.weebly.com](http://sportsiitk.weebly.com)

The council would like to thank Shahnawaz Ahmad & Robbin Singh for making the website

### **Joggers & Archery Group:**

The basic archery equipment has been purchased by the council & a workshop was conducted recently by Mr. Paritosh who is studying in IIT Kanpur & has been a national player. The workshop saw an enthusiastic turnout from over 50 students

The joggers group was very active in the previous semester with a regular participation from over 30 students but has failed to gather steam in this semester. However, the athletics captain has promised to revive the group in the next semester & we hope the group would sustain from then on.

The council would like to thank Mr. Shubham Dwivedi & Mr. Paritosh for their help in conduction of the Archery workshop



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#### **Skatathon:**

Skatathon the first Skating Marathon of IIT Kanpur was a 6 km long skating race. The Skatathon saw registrations from more than 100 students but only 30 turned for the race. However it was a very good initiative from the skating club & such activities should be highly encouraged.

The council would like to thank the Skating Club coordinators for this wonderful initiative

#### **Easy & free access to sports equipment**

Most equipment of the clubs (adventure, skating, chess, card & board games) is now available for issue. Also, other equipment like shoes (non-marking), rackets (TT, badminton, squash, tennis), balls (tennis, squash, TT) etc. are available at the different sporting venues

#### **JOSH**(Fun intra IITK sports festivals)

*[3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> January]*

JOSH is IIT Kanpur's all night sports competition, and has become one of the most awaited events taking place at the start of the new year. JOSH invites each and every resident of IIT Kanpur to take part in more than 25 different games, all keenly contested with enthusiasm, energy and sportsmanship.

Apart from conventional sports like cricket, basketball, volleyball and football, JOSH gives you the chance to try out very non-conventional sports too such as roller hockey and wall climbing! The fest is quite amazing that way. It gives the otherwise academically burdened campus junta to come out of their rooms and enjoy. The sense of camaraderie in these days is palpable. Laptops and gaming controllers are left for a little while to take care of their wounded selves. Wing mates come together to form teams. Your sporting skills don't matter that much. What matters more is your desire to play. The participation of Inter IIT players is restricted which provides the campus community a genuine chance of winning.

This edition of JOSH witnessed almost 3500 registrations, an increase of over 50% as compared to last year. Quite a few staff members and other campus residents also participated to make this JOSH a success. Over 25 sports were



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organized as part of the event along with 8 informal events. The following events were organized as part of JOSH '13.

• Wall Climbing	• Football
• Athletics	• Hockey
• Badminton	• Kho Kho
• Basketball	• Lawn Tennis
• Cards	• Pool
• Carrom	• Power Lifting
• Chess	• Skating
• Cricket(Phatta)	• Squash
• Touch Rugby	• Volleyball
• Tug Of War	• Table Tennis

Website: <http://students.iitk.ac.in/sports/josh13/>

Here are some statistics of the event:

- Total registrations in different sports: 3560
- Total student participants: 2010
- PG students: 364
- UG Students: 1149
- Staff members: 23
- Other campus residents: 14

### Changes from the previous festival:

Challenge Matches:

This year we introduced the exciting **Challenge Matches** where one could challenge one's wingie, roomie, any person or any team in any sport one wanted.

An all-new website was developed for the festival which allowed people to register through their Facebook accounts, thus simplifying the most tedious task of the festival.

Large-scale publicity was done through cutouts being put all around the campus, pocket calendars being distributed, etc.



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Schedules were made in advance to ensure that people get adequate time to change the slots in case of a clash.

Various mails were circulated throughout the staff mailing list, particularly among the Inter IIT staff contingent to improve participation from the staff members.

One complete day was dedicated to informal events in JOSH.

#### **Problems faced and other glitches:**

Although the number of registrations was huge, the actual turnout was significantly lower even after repeated reminders to the participants.

Due to inadequate budget, the winners will not be receiving any cash prizes. Also, since the senate rules do not allow us to distribute cash prizes through SSF, one of the major sources of motivation for the campus community to take part in the festival would be lost.

T-shirts and sweatshirts were sold at the price at which they were purchased from the supplier, this led to a severe cash crunch because T-shirt sales were a major source of funding for JOSH.

#### **Recommendations for JOSH '15:**

A proper budget should be allocated for JOSH since it is a regular fixture in the Gymkhana calendar and witnesses huge participation.

Faculty participation should be promoted, since JOSH can serve as a great platform for faculty-student interaction.

The event coordinators should be selected 2 months prior to the event.

The council would like to thank the coordinators: Maitrey Verma, Naman Arora, Sayak Sarkar.



## **One Week One Sport**

*[February - March 2014]*

Each team along with the coach lays out one week in the even semester to help train the campus junta in their sport. We saw the following merits:

- Expose the campus community to various sports and help them appreciate the same
- Get students interested to follow campus sports and encourage them to pick one too
- Talent scouting
- Getting the athletes better recognition by bridging the gap between the campus community and the teams

The institute offers us with such world-class facilities and invests so much to help us pursue these sports. It was felt that – as the athletes of this institute we should give back a week for our training time for this. Doing it with the right intent will definitely make it an enjoyable experience for all of us. The captains will be responsible for the organization of the same. The campus community very well welcomed the idea and the response was good.

**Recommendation:** Next year onwards this program should start in the first week of January.

## **Institute Pool Tournament** *[24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> January 2014]*

The two-day event catered 150+ registrations. We received about 60% turn up for the league matches along with a pleasant participation from exchange students.

The huge upturn, slot distribution according to preferences and catering to individual requests: formed the major organizational challenges. The organizers worked to their capacity for a smooth conduction of the event. All participating students relished the event.

**Recommendation:** The event was aimed to increase the number of users of the 'pool room facility'. A coordinator for 'Pool Facility' should be



appointed, who would ensure regular organization of 'pool workshops' for junior batches and thereby popularize the facility in years to come.

Council would like to thank Kaustubh Chaharia for his dedicated efforts.

## **BOXING HOBBY GROUP**

### VISION

To create a healthy sports hub inside IIT K where the campus community can take part in healthy fitness activity which helps them remain fit and also teaches them self-defence techniques and boosts the self confidence in them.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- Received over 200+ registrations for Boxing training sessions which were conducted during weekends (However shortlisted only less than 50 students due to lack of Infrastructure and equipments).
- Organized over 15 Workshops during Weekends covering different aspects of boxing training including Basics Footwork, Defense Techniques, Attacking Techniques, Different Punching Techniques and Advanced Combo Practice sessions (In Teams).
- A Temporary Boxing Training Stand (at Old Sports Complex) which can Hold 8 Punching Bags and 2 Double balls is proposed and in the verge of completion by IWD. Also proposal has been made to give a room for Boxing as it becomes difficult to practice in winters.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- The boxing hobby group can be converted into **Boxing Club** considering the overwhelming response it is receiving from the campus community in spite of the lack of proper infrastructure so far.
- A room is also really essential for better training of the participants.
- In the second semester, professional workshops can be organized to



take the students to next level.

### **Wall Climbing as CPA**

After a long try from the adventure club team, the event was finally converted into a CPA. From the next semester onwards, wall climbing will be offered as a CPA to the first year students.

Council would like to thank Adventure Club coordinator, Avinash Verma and Anubhav Dwivedi for their efforts.

### **Juice to the entire Inter-IIT contingent**

The objective of Nutrition drive was not only to provide students with the essential nutrition, but also ensure regularity on field/ court. Taking manual attendance was already initiated in all the sports, where a student has to be physically present to mark his attendance. This nutrition drive provided the right incentive for players to improve upon their physique and side by side, providing Institute teams with quality players.

### **Shooting and Weightlifting Room**

Shooting room was setup in OLD-SAC. All the necessary equipment have also been arranged, and the setup will start functioning from the next semester onwards.

Weightlifting room will be set up in the main ground premises thus facilitating the team practice in a structured fashion.

### **Alumni Sports Meet**

The first ever Alumni Sports Meet will be organized on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. With the homecoming of long due of General Championship, the Council invited alumni to be a part of the celebration on campus and relive the memory of their past.

The weekend will consist of Alumni v/s Current team matches, a marathon, the Annual Sports Felicitation Ceremony and discussion on how sports alumni can be better connected with activities on campus. The occasion will also launch the mark the launch of an “Alumni Sports Fund”.



## **Sports Shop in Campus**

The council has proposed a Sports Shop in front of Hall-1. All the necessary sports equipment will be available to all the students residing in the campus. The tender has already been floated for the same.

Many a times, student has to go to city for purchasing even the smallest of sports equipment, but by setting up of a shop in campus, the student would be immensely benefited.

## **Extending the timings of sports facilities**

The timings of the sports facilities in New Sac have been extended till 11 pm. This will ensure that the students who have classes till late in the evening do not miss out on availing the sports facilities.

## **Institute Football League**

[5<sup>th</sup> January 2014]

The third season of INSTITUTE FOOTBALL LEAGUE (IFL) commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The IFL was conducted in primarily 3 phases:

- a) Preliminary League
- b) Bidding
- c) Main League

a) Preliminary League: This year 600 people had registered to participate in the preliminary league, through 54 teams. The preliminary league saw great enthusiasm from the junta and witnessed some hard fought games. The preliminary stage of the competition went on for 5 days. This stage of the competition is the elimination stage, and knockout games were conducted to end up with 16 teams. The matches were held in a 7-a-side format with a manager accompanying each of the teams.

b) Bidding: This phase of the event finds all the tactical minds in the selected 8 teams to work out the details about the best players present in the institute and the strategic roles they have for each of the individuals to put a final showdown in the main league. The bidding took place in 2 phases wherein each team was supposed to select 12 players each and hence build-up a squad strength of 20 players, per team.

c) Main League: After the bidding all the 8 qualified teams were given a



club and the main league started on widely recognized UEFA Champions League format.

Group Stage matches witnessed a very high level of football. Only top two teams from each group will qualify for the semi-final stage.

The council thanks Darshil Dharod and Viren Sood for their contribution in the conduction of the event.

## INTER IIT CONTINGENT

### Initiatives:

#### 1) Nutrition Drive

The entire contingent is being served fresh juices daily after practice

#### 2) Rajdhani travel for Contingent

This year the contingent would be travelling through Rajdhani express to IIT Guwahati for the Inter IIT sports meet

#### 3) Friday morning collective practice sessions

The entire contingent comes together on the main field for the practice sessions on Friday morning. This is being done with a vision so as to increase the bonding between the contingent & also to ensure that teams are putting in extra efforts towards the GC.

#### 4) Attendance of Inter IIT probable students at practice

To keep a check at regularity, attendance is being taken for all the Inter IIT probable students at their practice venue

#### 5) Streamlining of procedure for conduction of tournaments within IITK

Streamlined the entire procedure for conduction of practice matches within IIT Kanpur. Allotted a budget to all teams for the same.

#### 6) Dussera Camp:

Dussera vacations is one of the most crucial times for team practices Conducted a formal Dussera camp for the first time with most of the teams staying back for practice. Students were given cash incentives as a motive for staying back for the camp



## Inter-IIT '13 Performance:

The contingent created history by winning the General Championship (GC) for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 49 years. It was a splendid display of sportsmanship and the entire contingent stood up when it really mattered ultimately leading to glory.

The results are summarised as follows:

Gold            Athletics boys' team  
Athletics girls' team  
Cricket boys' team  
Volleyball girls' team

Silver  
Badminton boys' team  
Hockey boys' team  
Squash boys' team

Bronze        Lawn Tennis boys' team  
Swimming boys' team  
Table Tennis girls' team  
Swimming boys' team

We won the General Championship boys with a total of 54.5 points with IIT Madras coming in 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the General Championship for girls we stood 3<sup>rd</sup> with .. points.

A special mention has to be made of all the coaches for the effort they have put into their teams all year long which has resulted in such stupendous showing at this year's edition of Inter-IIT. With the hunger for winning there, we hope to retain the GC at Bombay at the 50<sup>th</sup> Inter-IIT sports meet.

### Other tournaments

The institute teams participated in two inter-college festivals (Udghosh, IITK and Sportech, IITD) apart from Inter-IIT. The results are as follows

### Sportech

Gold            Lawn Tennis boys' team  
Silver          Badminton boys' team



## Udghosh Results:

The detailed Udghosh results of the contingent can be found on the following link: <http://goo.gl/DCYt2D>

## Inferno Inter-Hall Sports Festival

The Inter-Hall festival was conducted with a small change in format. The document putting down the conduction guides lines is attached along. The festival saw participation from four pools. The post conduction report is attached along [AP-1].

## Infrastructural Upgrades

- Refurnishment of 3 Basketball courts
- Preparation of new cricket pitch
- Tennis courts open during afternoon as well



# CLUB PERFORMANCE

## SKATING CLUB

### VISION:

The club aims to build a healthy skating environment on the campus & strives to give an entry level exposure to roller hockey. It aims to provide an opportunity for as many students as possible to learn skating right from scratch.

### INITIATIVES:

- Skat-a-thon (The Skating Marathon)  
The Skat-a-thon was a 6 KM skating marathon conducted in October 2013 both for students and faculty members. 71 participants registered for the event. Goodies were awarded.
- Roller Hockey Workshop  
Basic skills of Roller Hockey were taught to 30 skilled skaters conducted at the end of September.



- **Skate Boarding Workshop**  
Conducted first ever skateboarding workshop in the month of February with 10 new skateboards for 40 students.



- **Advanced Level Skating Workshop.**  
Skills as freestyle slalom skating, reverseskating and stunts were taught to 30 basic level skaters.



- Skate issuing system

Issuing system was started for weekly issuing of skates, skateboards and other equipment benefiting a total of 50 students.

- Summer Camp

Roller hockey and artistic skating was practiced under the supervision of a registered coach with 12 students.

## ACTIVITIES:

### a) COMPETITIONS

Inferno- Speed skating and skating relay were conducted with total participation of 40 students from all the halls.

Josh-Events as Roller hockey, speed skating and some mixed skating events were conducted where a participation of 80 students and faculty members was seen.

### b) WORKSHOPS

Basic Skating workshop with special slots for Y13 students was conducted. A total turnout of 140 students was seen. The workshop was conducted in first week of August.

Hall wise workshops were conducted under SKATE WEEK on first week of March for which a participation of 150 was observed.

Workshops were conducted every month with an average participation of 120.



### c) OTHER ACTIVITIES

Roller Hockey practice sessions were conducted almost every weekend.

Friendly match with Skating club of Aligarh Muslim University in March end for assessment of club's performance at higher level.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Collaborating club activities such as Roller Hockey with Skating CPA to provide exposure to the CPA students and to increase the participation of CPA students in the club.
- Participation of skating club in Dance events like Dance Extravaganza and Dance pe chance. Events can include artistic skating as dance forms.
- Demo matches can be played at the inter-IIT this year at IIT Bombay to provide exposure to the club, sport and its events in other IITs as well.



Registration of Institute Team in Roller Hockey Federation of India to participate in National level competitions.

A Coach to mentor students in Roller hockey and artistic skate forms.

## **ADVENTURE CLUB**

### **VISION**

Vision of the Adventure Sports club is to introduce the population at IIT Kanpur various adventure sports and activities. These often include going close to nature for exploring and enjoying it. Activities like trekking, mountain cycling, climbing, rafting etc. have been an integral part in the clubs activity.

### **INITIATIVES**

This time several new activities were conducted which include:

1. Introduction of weekly climbing sessions at the climbing wall at New SAC with the help of the climbing instructor Mr. Samborg Surong.
2. The introduction of the climbing events in JOSH,2014.
3. Trekking and mountain cycling in the Himalayan region during the midsem breaks for students.
4. Climbing workshop for the campus community.

### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **1. Trek to Bada Bhangal and Kareri lake (5-13 October,2013)**

Two groups of 13 students each were trained to go for trekking in the Himalayas at Bada Bhangal(4747m) and Kareri Lake(4233m). A regular conditioning camp was organized for training for about 35 days before the trips. Both these trips were a success with each team crossing the passes in these trips on time. 1 foreign exchange student from Switzerland also participated in the trip to Bada Bhangal.



## **2. Trek to Sar pass and Jatingri (15-23 March,2014)**

11 students went for a trekking trip to Jatingiri and 21 students went on a trip to Sar pass(4132m) in the Himalayas. A conditioning camp was organized for going on these trips for 40 days before the trips. An enthusiastic response from the girl students was noted with around 12 girls participating in the activity. The trip to Jatingiri was a success however the trip to Sar pass couldn't be completed due to bad weather conditions.



### 3. Mountain cycling on the Annapurna circuit, Nepal(Thorung La pass, 15-23 March,2014)

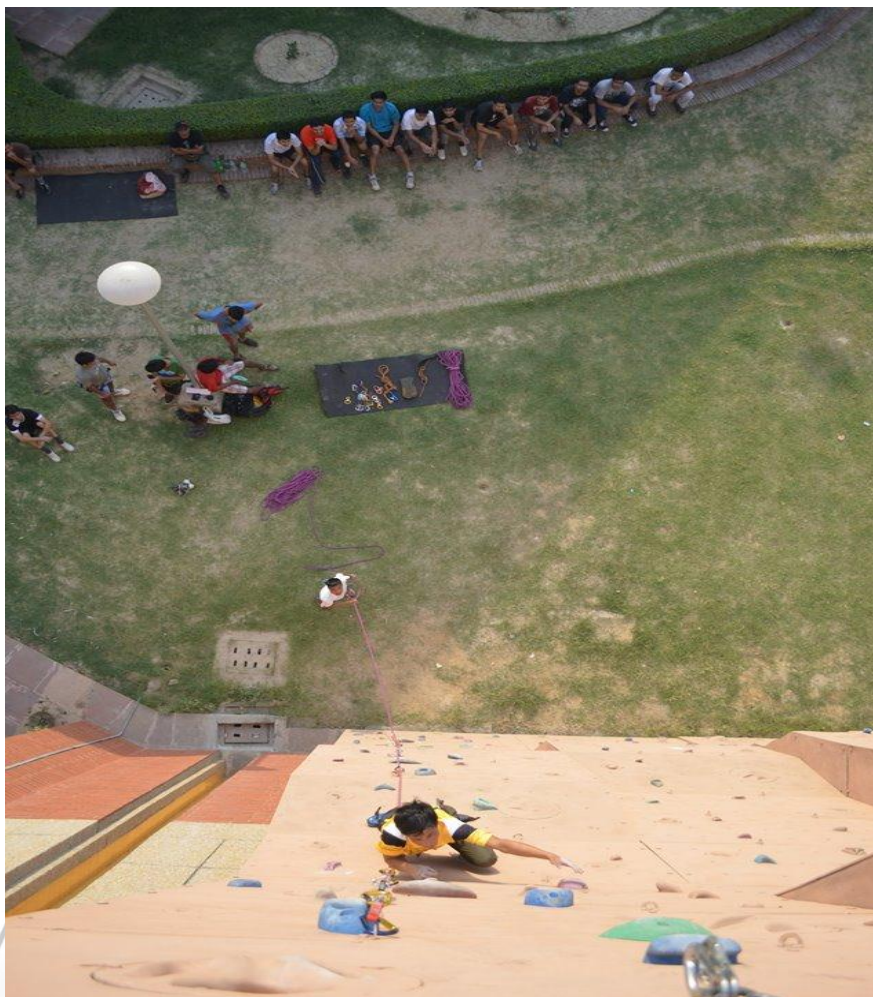
This was an attempt of completing the entire Annapurna circuit in Nepal on mountain bikes. The total length of the route was around 180 km. This was one of its kind activity due to the fact that the whole circuit is a trekking route and the highest point in the circuit goes deep into the Middle Himalayas at the Thorung La pass(5416m). A group of 9 students including one exchange student from France participated in this. The trip was a success.





#### 4. Wall climbing workshop(8-12 May,2013)

The wall climbing workshop was conducted with the help of instructor Samborg Surong from Shillong. Climbing was introduced to the campus community under his skilled supervision. Various climbing and safety techniques were discussed. Around 40 people participated in this workshop.



### 5. Wall climbing competition in Josh

The speed climbing event was organized in the Josh intra IITK sports festival. The competition attracted students from various Halls and batches. There was a participation of around 47 students for this competition.

## RECOMMENDATION

There are a few recommendations which may be taken into consideration for the further development of the activities of the club:

1. Formation of a climbing team for participation in the various climbing events throughout the nation. A proper training program for this sports can be implemented with the help of the climbing instruction.
2. Natural Rock climbing expedition in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. Introduction of this activity would give students a taste for natural climbing.



3. The cross country runners group, this group would actively participate in various long distance running competitions including Marathons and half marathons throughout the nation.

## TAEKWONDO CLUB

### VISION

The aim of TKD club is to develop and continually maintain a well-rounded planned series of future events and provide the finest quality in martial art in family-oriented environment to show their skills beyond the classroom.

Our main focus is to provide a best physical fitness, competitive atmosphere to absorb as a sport and, self-defence specific skill which may come handy at the time of trouble.

### ACTIVITIES

#### Summer Camp

This was two month camp in which we mainly focused on the various self-defence techniques and emphasized all aspects of the martial art. Compared to previous year, we experienced increase in the number of participants. Around 45 students registered.

#### Intra-Club Competition

In this event (race, push-ups, poomsae, kicks) we allowed only to participate newly registered student during summer camp so that they learn Taekwondo with more interest and old member helped in organization of the event and some referee from outside also for judgement.

All summer registered member participated i.e. around 45.



## Demonstration during Orientation Program of Y13 Batch

During the orientation program of Y13 Batch for UG students a demonstration was given by Taekwondo club. The demonstration was appreciated by the new students.

## Regular Classes for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester:-

Newly scheduled practice classes were held throughout the semester. Each practice class included warm up exercises to develop flexibility, fitness and body strength, followed by the traditional taekwondo practice session to improve the martial art skills. Around 35 students registered.

## Belt Promotion Test

In this year 5 belt promotion tests were organized, in which around 80 students have been promoted to the next colour belt.

## Belt Promotion Test In campus

More than 100 hundred participants from the city and our club have participated and get promoted to the next belt. This test is organized in IIT Campus by Taekwondo Club

## Competitions

This semester participation in Udghosh 2013 was very enthusiastic. We have also participated in District championship. The details of the medals won by the members are given below.

Competition	# of medals			
Udghosh 2013	<b>GOLD -08</b> <b>=22</b>	<b>SILVER - 3</b>	<b>BRONZE - 11</b>	<b>Total</b>
District Championship(Poomsae)	<b>GOLD -14</b> <b>=19</b>	<b>SILVER - 3</b>	<b>BRONZE - 2</b>	<b>Total</b>
District Championship (Fight)	<b>GOLD -1</b> <b>=5</b>	<b>SILVER - 1</b>	<b>BRONZE - 3</b>	<b>Total</b>

## Winter Camp:-



Around 25 students registered for this session in which various events have been organized during the winter.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### **Free of Cost Self Defence Workshops**

Free of cost basic self-defence workshops must be conducted once in each semester for students to equip themselves with the basic self-defence techniques.

### **\*Poomsae District TaekwonDo Championship at IITK**

After seeing the 2012 year response and success of the event, we should organize poomase District Taekwondo Championship in our campus as it already happened in 2012.

## **CARD AND BOARD GAMES HOBBY GROUP**

### VISION

The 'Cards and Board Games' hobby group is not a group but a means of meeting new people and easing off the pressure which accumulates through the process of a week. It helps in creating a fun filled atmosphere by introducing a new game every week.

It is a hobby group which is run by the people, for the people. The more people turn up, the more is the atmosphere created.

### INITIATIVES

The Card and Board Games, in the second year after its establishment, undertook a host of initiatives to popularise the hobby group among the campus community:

1. Hall-level workshops were conducted in all hostels at the beginning of the year, so as to create awareness about the group and its activities. These



Workshops were well-attended, with an average turnout of about 40 participants.

2. The C&B games were introduced as events in Inferno 2013 to attract more Freshers to the hobby group.

## ACTIVITIES



The hobby group met regularly every week, and saw an average turnout of about 30 participants per meet. Every meet showcased a particular game, in order to popularise and stimulate interest in it.

A tournament was conducted among the campus community, where participants were given rankings and encouraged to learn new games as well.

The Card and Board games Group procured a variety of new games as well this term, including Poker chips, Life, Spin-UNO and Darts.



### Recommendations:

1. The Hobby Group could be converted to a club, in order to formalise its structure and ensure a more active participation from the campus community.
2. The popularity of the club can be boosted by having a publicised “Game-Week”, as well as game designing competitions for the people.
3. The Carrom Boards in the PE section could be kept in the GnS room, as it brings all games under a single roof, and reduces the inconvenience involved in issuing the Carrom boards from the PE section every time.
4. A C&B group should be provided with a cupboard with proper lock and key so as to avoid theft of board games.
5. Distributing prize money, in the form of cash awards, should be allowed to encourage and incentivise participation.

## CHESS CLUB

### VISION

The club envisions developing a culture where the students enjoy chess as a past time even in their wings. The enticing game has a lot in store if explored the right way.



## INITIATIVES

- **Institute Rating System**  
An institute rating system is introduced from Feb'14 and all tournaments organized by the club throughout the year are considered as rated tournaments. The rating system is used as a selection criteria for selecting institute team to represent the institute at inter-college and open chess tournaments. Introduction of rating system ensures a smooth and fair process for selecting institute team.
- **Online Chess Portal**  
A project on developing online chess portal is started where all the IIT Kanpur people would get a platform for playing each other and enhance interactive learning among campus community.
- **Accessibility to club equipment**  
With an aim to provide chess facility at each and every wing of the campus, chess boards with pieces are issued to students for a period of 14 days. However, it can be re-issued on the basis of availability of equipment.

## ACTIVITIES

- **Fresher's Inferno**  
This was conducted for UG and PG halls together to introduce club activities among the freshers and also to get to know best players among the incoming batch. The top two players from each hall level tournament were given chance to play a 5 round swiss pattern tournament.
- **Inferno**  
This was conducted for 4 pools participating in inferno. A team of 5 players from each pool were participated to play a league tournament. Team with maximum no. of wins against other teams was decided as winner after completion of league matches.
- **Udghosh Chess Team selection**  
A 5 round swiss pattern tournament was conducted for students on an extended weekend of three days and top 10 players after completion of 5 rounds were qualified for the next round of team selection.  
Another 5 round swiss pattern tournament was conducted for 20 participants i.e. 10 from first qualification round and the other 10



from previous year's institute team. Out of these, top 10 players were selected to represent IITK in Udghosh.

- Pre-Udghosh practice session

A rigorous 4 day practice session was organized which included analyzing games, openings and end games analysis. Playing sessions were organized to practice for long games on clock for Udghosh. This session was organized for the selected 10 team members.



Udghosh team selection tournament

- Chess Tournament and Practice session

A 2-day league tournament was conducted for students after the mid-term recess and a 1 hour practice session was organized daily after completion of scheduled matches during which senior club members demonstrated new tactics and problem solving strategies.

- Josh'14

Chess club with the team of Josh'14 successfully organized a knock-out cum swiss tournament which involves a participation from more than 70 students.

- Chessathon

A 4 round swiss pattern tournament was conducted for students on an extended weekend of two days and top 3 players after completion of 4 rounds were given goodies worth Rs 1000/-

- Rating Tournament Phase-1 and Tactical training session



After the introduction of institute rating system, the chess club was focused on conducting rating tournaments on regular intervals and first of its kind was organized on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Online Chess Portal

As the project on development of online chess portal was not completed this year, but the failures and problems faced during the project paved the path to introduce it in future. Thus, we recommend that this project must be given as a summer project to programming club as it requires a 3 to 4 member team which can devote a lot of time to design and do the required coding for setting up of online chess portal.

- Blitz and Puzzle Tournament

Chess club must plan to organize a proper blitz tournament for players who like to play lightening games. But, to organize such a tournament sufficient number of chess clocks are required. Thus, we suggest that at least 8 chess clocks should be provided to the chess club to ensure its proper conduction. Also, puzzle tournament and various variants of chess like anti-chess tournament should be organized as fun activities of the clubs.

- Summer Camp

During our tenure the main problem faced by us was the lack of a regular time interval for skill enhancement of the club members. Thus, we felt that on the lines of other sports in IITK chess club should also organize summer camp for its players for their skill enhancement. During, the summer camp a chess professional should be invited weekly to spend time with the club members and equipped them with new strategies.

- Inter-college and open chess tournament

Participate and winning inter-college or open chess tournaments should also include in the vision of the club. Rated tournaments must be conducted regularly and institute rating system based on these should be used as selection criteria. Also informal practice sessions should be organized which included analyzing games, openings and end games analysis for club members.