



COMMUNITY WELFARE CELL

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

End-Term Report (2015-16)

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About the Cell:

Community Welfare Cell will act as a common platform for people who foster positive change in the society. It addresses different aspects of the community through its various wings:

- Ecological Issues: **PRAKRITI**
- Education for the poor: **PRAYAS**
- Blood donation: **RAKTARPAN**
- Addressing the gender and sexual diversity: **UNMUKT**
- Social Innovations: **PRAGATI**

The formation of CWC was a part of recent restructuring of Gymkhana which resulted in the formation of new entities called Cells.

To fulfil the objectives of CWC, the cell has been divided into various wings; each wing headed by one or more heads.



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PRAKRITI

Coordinators: Peshal Agarwal, Prasenjit Paul

All the activities of Prakriti were organized during Melange'16:

Campus Competition:

Green Opus:

Green Opus is the inter hostel energy conservation competition. The soul purpose of this event is to raise awareness between students regarding energy conservation and efficient use of energy which will help in decreasing carbon footprint of the institute. This competition aim to set an example to residents that if we consume energy consciously then a lot of resource and money of institute can be saving and which in turn will decrease Environmental pollution.

Since the electricity bills are now being charged on a per-student basis, the result has been calculated accordingly. The result can be seen in the Post-conduction report of Melange'16.

Case Study:

Case study competition was being organized. The pools were asked to make campus assessments, formulate innovative improvements, and be involved in the implementation of the project.

Topics of case Study:

- 1) Sustainable Energy Systems :Challenges and opportunities to become 100% energy efficient Campus
- 2) Zero waste Campus : Challenges and opportunities to Reduce, recycle, reuse, treat and disposal of campus Solid waste, organic waste
- 3) Environmental/Ecological psychology of Campus Residents
- 4) Campus Biodiversity: Analyze the different ecological species in the campus and ways to enhance and improve their existence
- 5) Efficient use of water and less wastage of food in campus: To find innovative solutions for decrease in exploitation of resources provided to us by the institute.

Three entries were submitted and the results can be seen in the Post-Conduction report of Melange'16



Envirothon '16:

Envirothon'16 was conducted to raise awareness for a cleaner, greener environment as a part of campus wellness enhancement initiative by Prakriti. We conducted this event in order to raise awareness among IITK community about the environmental changes appearing around us and to encourage people to consume eco-friendly product and use resources more consciously and together thrive for pollution free surrounding. The Marathon was a 5km run which began around 04:00 pm, on 3rd Jan, 2016. Prize were distributed to top three position holder in both the categories namely, Boys and Girls. Refreshments were also given to all the participants.

The event was flagged off by DOSA sir and prizes were distributed by Dr. Abhas singh



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PRAYAS

Coordinators: Sachin Umrao, Isha Agarwal, Jeenu Thomas, Akash Bajaj

“Simple Effort to Fill Colors in Many Lives.”

A Glimpse of the Year-

Prayas Premier League:



Prayas Premier League (PPL) is a cricket series organized in summers for the kids as well as the volunteers. Apart from teaching teamwork and help achieve goals. Playing a sport makes one learn accountability, dedication and leadership. Hence it becomes important to organize such events. PPL 2015 was conducted with the same spirit from 21 May 2015-2 June 2015. There were five teams comprising of the kids and the volunteers. PPL concluded successfully with 12 matches.

Prayas Athletics Meet:

PRAYAS organized Athletics Meet for the first time. At first kids were given basic training for 10 days. Then they were divided in 3 pools and final competitions were held in PE Ground on 21 June 2015. Kids received certificates for excellent performance.





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Hobby Classes-

- Dramatics Classes:

One week long Dramatics workshop was conducted in summers (21st June 2015-27th June 2015) in which they were taught basics of dramatics by some of the volunteers of PRAYAS.

- English Classes:

PRAYAS conducted three week long English Classes in the morning session for the students in the summers (1st June 2015- 21st June 2015). The volunteers mainly focused on reading and speaking skills of the kids.

Stationary and School Bag Distribution:

PRAYAS organized (with help from donations of some generous volunteers) distribution of stationary and school bags to all kids of PRAYAS on occasion of 15th August.

Rakshabandhan Celebration:



Rakshabandhan was celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm on 29th of August in PRAYAS. Along with the celebration sweets were also distributed among kids.

Annual Function:

PRAYAS organized its 14th Annual Function on 27th September 2015. The event witnessed a large number of audience. There were dances, drama, music, fine arts events. Theme of this year was "I COUNT". (To give message to everyone that person is important.)





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Diwali Celebration:



PRAYAS celebrated the festival of DIWALI on 9th November 2015. The New-Sac was decorated with candles and lamps by kids. Several Rangoli were also made for decoration. Aarti was organized and sweets were distributed among kids.

Christmas & New Year Celebration:

To fuel up the start of new semester with enthusiasm and fun kids celebrated Christmas and New-Year on 1st January. PRAYAS room was decorated with ribbons and balloons. Kids dressed as Santa distributed chocolates and toffies to all kids. Afterwards, kids enjoyed playing Antakshari.



UDAAN:



UDAAN is intra PRAYAS cultural competitions mainly focused on oration skills, creative writing, fine arts, quiz etc. Third edition of UDAAN was organized from 22nd January 2016 to 24th January 2016. Various events were organized in which kids and volunteers participated and enjoyed. All the winners were awarded with various prizes according to their interests to nurture their curiosity and intellect.



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Birthday Celebration:



PRAYAS celebrated its birthday on 26th January. Cake was cut and distributed among kids along with toffies. Discussion was organized on “Democracy” in India which was followed by enjoyment session of dance and singing.

Paper craft workshop:

Paper-craft workshop was organized on 17th February 2016. Kids tried their hands on making various things of paper like jewelry box, paper jewelry etc.



NEW INITIATIVES-

Entrance Exam:



PRAYAS organized entrance exam for admission of new kids for upcoming academic session. This step was taken to reach out to large number of masses and provide everybody a fair chance.

Prayas Open Meet:

First PRAYAS Open Meet was organized on 3rd January 2016. Aim of meet was to inform campus junta about PRAYAS. We also discussed problems faced by students as part of campus community. Other community welfare opportunities were introduced to junta.



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PRAYAS Scholarship:

We have planned to start a scholarship for PRAYAS kids who are enrolled for graduation to help them financially in their studies. Purpose of this to motivate students to go for graduation instead of terminating their studies after intermediate (10+2). Guidelines for scholarship are formed and necessary permissions from deputy director have been obtained. Scholarship will be provided from interest obtained from Corpus of PRAYAS in DORA account.

Pandora Box:

Online portal for collection and publication of poems and paintings by kids.

Link- <https://prayasiitk.wordpress.com/>

Athletics Meet:

This year PRAYAS organized Athletics meet. The purpose of this event was to introduce kids to various other kinds of sports. A formal training was given to them for 10 days then final competitions were held.

Preparation for Sports Scholarship:

From Athletics meet several kids have been sorted who have shown their interests in athletics and they are being given regular physical training for admission in Sports College.

Experiments:

A lot of science experiments are being conducted from time to time for the kids to get an opportunity to learn this things. These experiments are conducted on Sunday or in assembly of PRAYAS.

Computer Classes:

Computer Classes were organized during mid-semester break (19th October 2015 – 25th October 2015). Kids were taught basics of computer like use of MS Office and E-mails.

One-2-One Mentoring:

One-on-one mentoring is provided to some of the students of PRAYAS who need special attention. Currently the number of students who are provided with this kind of mentoring are very few.

Preparation for Navodaya:

Special classes are being organized for kids of class 5th and 8th to help them prepare for entrance exam of Navodaya.



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Raktarpan

Coordinators: Charu Bansal, Amarjit Kene

Blood Donation Camps:

DATE	ORGANIZATION	VENUE	BLOOD BANK	NO. OF DONATIONS
1 st August 2015	NSS IIT Kanpur	IIT Kanpur	GSVM/UHM	160
27 th Sept 2015	NSS IIT Kanpur	Hall3, IIT Kanpur	Cardiology	20
4 th Oct 2015	NSS IIT Kanpur	Hall2, IIT Kanpur	Cardiology	20
2 nd January 2016	NSS IIT Kanpur	IIT Kanpur	UHM/Cardiology	85
6 th Feb 2016	NSS IIT Kanpur	Hall9, IIT Kanpur	Cardiology	18
28 th Feb 2016	NSS IIT Kanpur	IIT Kanpur	GSVM	107

Raktarpan organised 3 major and 3 hall level blood donation camps in the last two semester, as mentioned in the following table. We will be having more camps in the coming month.

Helpline Requests:

We have handled around 90 helpline requests from various hospitals in Kanpur, and helped the requestors with donor cards or donors, as the case may be.

Awareness Sessions:

3rd March- Education Department, Kanpur University

This session took place before an audience of around 70 people in KU.





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Unmukt



Unmukt is the Gender and Sexual diversity forum of IIT Kanpur. It has been recently incorporated in Students' Gymkhana as a wing under Community Welfare Cell. The wing aims to address issues related to gender sensitivity and sexual diversity through various platforms. Unmukt advocates for the rights of gender and sexual minorities for a more inclusive campus.

Major Events:

Movie Screening: Purple Skies



The movie screening was held as a part of Melange'16. The screening was followed by a short Skype discussion with Mr Sridhar Rangayan, Director of the movie. The discussion was centred on the movie and Mr Rangayan discussed all the hurdles he faced during the making of the movie.

Open House Session:

Date: March 13 2016

An intense discussion took place on how the wing should develop- Should Unmukt talk about diversity in general or focus on Gender and Sexual Diversity. After a long series of arguments. It was concluded that Unmukt should focus on gender and sexual diversity. It was also decided that there should be a short session from Team Unmukt during Orientation programme.



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Pragati

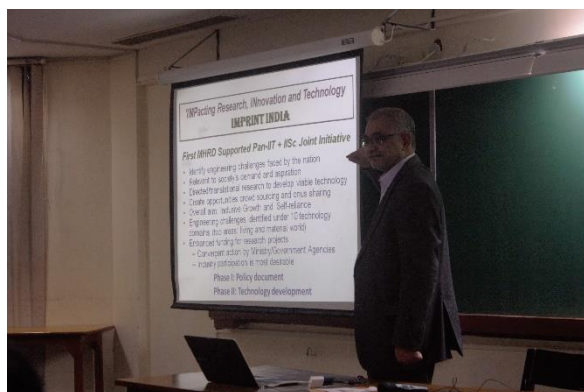
Pragati focuses on using the technical brilliance of the students IIT Kanpur for impacting Social innovations. It will take on hand-on projects which directly affect the society and the solutions of which can bring about a positive change in the country. The wing will work in collaboration with **IMPRINT** (Impacting Rural Innovations and Technology), RuTAG and Prakriti to serve its purpose of national service.

About IMPRINT:

IMPRINT is the first of its kind MHRD supported Pan-IIT + IISc joint initiative to address the major science and engineering challenges that India must address and champion to enable, empower and embolden the nation for inclusive growth and self-reliance. This novel initiative with a twofold mandate is aimed at:

- (a) Developing new engineering education policy
- (b) Creating a road map to pursue engineering challenges

The wing has, till now had one Lecture focussed on IMPRINT and was taken by Prof. Indranil Manna, Director, IIT Kanpur. It was aimed at giving students a brief idea about IMPRINT and how we as a part of Pragati could play an active role in it. The lecture was organized as a part of Melange'16 and received high participation from the student community.





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Recommendations:

- Since the cell is still new in its functioning, there should be a constant monitoring of the Cell to find out ways in which the cell can better serve its purpose.
- The ultimate signing authority in case of financial matters should be the President, Students' Gymkhana, as the Cells are still new in their formation and would require good experience in finance related issues.