# Students Gymkhana, IIT Kanpur Nominations: Core TeamAntaragni’14

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Post(s) applied for : **Festival Coordinator and Head, Events (Major Events)**

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1. **Discuss when you made a lasting impact on an event/activity you were engaged in.   
   (200 words)**

I have been a part of the hospitality cell for as long a time as my stay in this campus. For the last 3 years, I have had the opportunity to serve the festival through my varying roles in this cell. I feel privileged to witness its growth, be a part of it and then lead it to better heights. I have put all my abilities to test in managing the team, handling pressure, ensuring stringent deadlines and in my efforts to not just arrange for accommodation but provide hospitality in its literal terms. Though I would not like to take any credit away from the wonderful team that I got an opportunity to work with, I would still like to mention the few changes that I initiated and was able to bring about with their support:

* Roots : Participants were chosen so as to ensure that all different types of dance forms were witnessed for the first time in Antaragni
* Most of the accommodation was pre-planned
* Regular meetings with the contingent team leaders to ensure the proper conduction of fest and better security
* Regular follow up to ensure that even though we had a clash with Oasis, most of the DU participants turned up

1. **How do you envision conducting Antaragni? Your essay should include the basic principles on which you want to organize the festival and the changes you intend to bring about from the previous years? According to you, what are the major (atleast 5) constrains/bottlenecks that might hinder your quest for your 'Dream Antaragni'?**

**(400 words)**

Three years is a long time. Such a prolonged association develops so strong a bonding that Antaragni now seems mine. To work for its betterment is a privilege I long for. I dream for it to be synonymous with excellence and of the honor to play an integral part in the same. Given this chance, I plan to introduce the following changes:

* + - *Emphasis on theme based ambience of the campus*
    - *Ensuring better competition by selective choice of participants*
    - *Attempt to bring renowned judges in order to attract better participation*
    - *Attractive prizes- Not just monetary but in terms of other incentives as well*
    - *Focus on debating culture inside IIT through workshop which would be conducted by IIMUN*

*(which conducts the largest MUN in Asia)*

* + - *Subtle changes in the structure of ALI to improve internal participation by including extempore and GD in intra IIT round as well*
    - *Taking Antaragni nationals in various competitions like Quiz, Parliamentary Debate, Antaragni Idol and Street Play*
    - *Introducing an X-factor event in which you can showcase any of your unique talents*
    - *Bring social campaign into action by a proper and organized layout like:*
      * + *platform to bring all interested IITK junta together for a social change at local level*
        + *an online portal to connect people who are ready to voluntarily join the cause*
        + *an opportunity for people to raise their voice and bring in suggestions*
    - *Expanding the diversity of the fest by inviting participants from all parts of the country*
    - *Attempts shall be made to have street shows by various national & international folk artists*
    - *Attention shall be given to enhance pre-fest build up so as to create a buzz about Antaragni*

In my dream to transform Antaragni, I think the following constraints could be a limitation:

* + - To go national, we would need local sponsors at those places to cover for the expenses
    - Marketing depends on how the market behaves, we may be unable to generate sufficient funds
    - The participation or response in any event may be low
    - The professionals and judges may have time clashes with the event
    - The preference of budget allocation may be different among the core team members

1. **Discuss what makes you suitable for the post(s) applied for. Also mention your contribution/involvement in domain of work in Antaragni till now. (200-words)**

On the basis of the assessment that my peers make of my personality, I seem to possess the following abilities that could be of help in this context:

* + Advanced Planning and organizing
  + Active listener and effective communication of thoughts
  + Confident Decision making capacity
  + *Leadership qualities and team spirit*
  + *Judicious management of resources*

Also, I have been involved with the hospitality cell, which works in close association with the various organs of Antaragni. Being a part of this cell, I have had the opportunity to understand the functionality of all competitions, events and workshops closely. The cell is also unique in the way that because of its independent functionality, we get a chance to interact with most core team members and discuss the functionality of other cells as well. So, I consider myself adept with knowledge of various aspects of the festival. In my view, this knowledge coupled with the listed qualities make me suitable for this post.

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