



To consider a proposal for

Humour House Club



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INTRODUCTION

There has been an increasing interest in Stand-Up comedy in our generation. Considering this, stand-up and improv comedy events were introduced in Inter IIT Cultural Meet. This led to the formation of comedy clubs in all other IITs. Today IIT Bombay, IIT Madras, IIT Roorkee, IIT Kharagpur have comedy clubs of their own. Stand-Up and Improv comedy events were also introduced in Galaxy, which witnessed a huge competition between the halls.

The Stand-Up and Improv Comedy events in Inter IIT Cultural Meet were taken up by the Dramatics club and sometimes by random campus junta. Unsurprisingly, we stood **7th** and **6th** in **Inter IIT Cultural Meet 2019 and 2017** respectively in comedy events and achieved **no significant position** in the **2018** edition. Further, the comedy events in Galaxy come under the Miscellaneous category.

Considering the above points Humour House was formed as a society in **Dec 2020** to cater for the needs of the institute's comedy enthusiasts. The activities of the society started in lockdown from **July 2020** in online mode. Since then many events have been organised which have attracted a huge participation from the campus junta. The society has invited several comedians for workshops and as guest performers, we have also seen large numbers of audiences in almost all of our events. There has been exponential growth in Humour House and we strongly believe that this is the right time to convert it from society to a Club.



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VISION

Humour House envisions to:

1. To provide a platform for campus junta interested in comedy art forms where they can learn and grow together.
2. To learn and bring all comedy related disciplines on campus.
3. To create a community of the comedy enthusiasts of campus who can come together and participate in all comedy related activities on or off-campus.
4. To take part in national level competitions like Inter IIT Cultural Meet, Antaragni etc. and outperform the best.
5. Serve as a platform for students to voice their opinions with a twist of comedy and raise issues in a context where things can be brought out on a lighter note.

Fb Page: <https://www.facebook.com/humourhouseiitk/>

Insta Page: <https://www.instagram.com/humourhouseiitk/>



EVENTS

2019-20

- Galaxy 2020 witnessed a good competition in Comedy Events among all the Halls.
- The Media and Cultural Council organised a **three-day workshop** from 21st to 23rd June 2019, hosted by **Ansh Bhawsar** which witnessed good participation from UG as well as PG junta.
- A survey was conducted via mail, in February 2020, which received **229** responses ([Final Export of Comedy Club Survey](#))
 - ❑ **93.01%** of people supported the formation of a new comedy club in IITK, and **77.29%** of people showed interest in participating in its future events.
- Two **Improv prompts** were posted from the Media and Cultural Council FB Page which witnessed good participation.

2020-21 Odd Semester

• Roasts

We started during the lockdown and organised several roast sessions throughout the semester on the following topics.

Badshah and Trump, Baba Ramdev, China, Salman Khan, Delhiites and Jaadu, TMKOC(Tarak Mehta ka Oolta Chasma) and Doraemon, Newton and Google.

Video highlights of the sessions were posted on our FB group and page.

• Open Mics

We organised **four open mics** (three open for all and one internal open mic).

• Improv Battle

Improv battle was organised which witnessed the participation of 10 teams and more than **40** audiences.



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- **Collaboration with other IITs**

An internal open mic was organised in collaboration with IITB, IITR, IITKgp, IIT(ISM) and BITS(H), with 3 participants from each institute.

- **Prompts**

Improv prompts were released via our FB group.

- **Comedy 101**

Comedy 101 (Introduction to stand up comedy session) for Y20 with **100+ audience**.

- **Pun Battle**

A Pun-Battle for Y20, in two rounds, the elimination round and finale round with more than **50** participants.

2020-21 Even Semester

- **Workshop**

A workshop mentored by Mr Sahil Horane was organised to address the basics of stand up comedy.

- **The Curated Mic**

The final showcase event of the four weeks Stand-Up set writing and performance practice. The event witnessed **200+ audience** with Mr Inder Sahani as a guest performer.

- **Freshers Y20**

Comedy sets of Y20s were prepared and the video was recorded for the Freshers' Showcase.

- **Random Chunaav**

A satirical manifesto making competition that witnessed immense participation throughout the campus junta. The event received more than **50 entries**.

- **Prompts**

Improv prompts were released via our FB page.



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2021-22 Summers

- **Improv Workshop**

We organised an improv comedy workshop which was taken by improv artists from 'Gujju comedy Club'. It covered the basics of improv like Yes-And rule, physical comedy, etc.

- **Collaborations with other IITs**

We organised '**Tripod Mic**' which was an Open-Mic in collaboration with Comedy Clubs of IIT Bombay and IIT Kharagpur, which was quite a successful event. The guest comic for the mic was 'Arpan Khosla'. We are looking forward to more such collaborations.

- **R^hUMOUR**

Mentored **30+** students over the technicalities of Anecdote/story writing and best entries were released on the Facebook page.

- **Roasts**

A roast of "TVF Aspirants" was organised which witnessed the participation of **60+** campus junta, the Highlights were released on Facebook which got **1.6k+** views.

- **Prompt**

Two prompts were released to increase the reach of the Facebook page.

2021-22 Odd Semester

- **Stand-Out**

An introduction session of the club for Y21 students. Four stand-up sets were planned with a special act of "Ketan Kr. Giri" and a bulla session at the end. It witnessed an audience count of **200+ people**.

- **Orientation Video for Y21**

An orientation video was prepared and released on social media handles.



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- **One-Line Battle**

A pre-orientation submission event for Y21 to give them a glance of our activities. More than **30** students participated in the event.

- **Unprecedented Times**

Released an online sketch production showing the hardship of students in a sarcastically comical way. The video witnessed an enormous view count of **5.2k+** on Facebook and **2.2k+** on Instagram within the span of **two weeks**.

- **Improv Battle**

Organised under Rangmanch with the participation from both UG and PG students. After the preliminary elimination round, there were a total of 6 teams with 3 members each.

- **The Curated Mic**

Organised an online zoom mic with 9 performers, the guest comic for the mic was 'Aaditya Kulshresth' who also gave the technical review on the sets of performers. The event witnessed **150+** people as audience.

- **Watch party**

Watch party of "Jimmy Carr", famous sets on Discord and followed by a discussion of his timing, jokes, tags and other technicalities of his sets.

- **Roasts**

A roast session on "Marvel and Cricket" was organised which witnessed the participation of **60+** campus junta. The highlights were released on the social media handles.

A roast session on "Elon Musk and Youtube" was organised which witnessed the participation of **50+** campus junta. The highlights will be released soon.



2021-22 Even Semester(Till now)

- **Roasts**

A roast session on “Meta and JEE” was organised which witnessed the participation of **200+** campus junta.

- **Set Breakdown Workshop**

A set breakdown workshop mentored by Mr Akshay Srivastava was organised to get to know the technicalities involved in the professional stand up set-building process. The workshop was attended by **100+** people.

- **Freshers Showcase**

A live Y21 freshers' showcase was organised with a total of **25 performers** and **300+** audience members.

- **Treasure Hunt**

Humour House together with HSS, ELS, AniSoc and Quiz club, organised the treasure hunt of Y20s.

Future Events and Initiatives

- **Humour Hour**

Humour Hour will be the final showcase of a group-wise 4 week-long flagship event. Weeks will be divided for writing, improvement delivery etc. Several jamming and review sessions will also be conducted for the improvement of the content quality. As per the current situation, we are planning to organise this in hybrid mode.

- **PG Specific Open Mic**

We plan to organise a stand-up open mic exclusively for the PG junta in college, in which only PG students will perform. Some PG's might have experience performing in external open mics and we can get benefited from their experience.



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- **Off-Campus Engagements**

Club members are consistently performing and testing their sets in several online open mic productions; we shall continue doing that in offline open mics in Kanpur.

- **Regular Jamming/Brainstorming Sessions**

Started a series of informal jamming sessions which included self roast, story writing activities, improv games, one-liners night etc. to improve the content, delivery, overall performances and on-spot thinking of the club members.

TEAM STRUCTURE

- **Club coordinators**
- **Secretaries:**

Secretaries will mainly be performing the following tasks in the club:

- (a) Promote club activities organised by coordinators.
- (b) Participate as a contingent member for the Inter IIT Cult meets and the other competitions where IITK represents itself in comedy related genres.



REQUIREMENT OF CLUB ROOM

We will require a club room for the following purposes:

1. For Club meets
2. For Improv Practise
3. Jamming Sessions
4. Hosting Open Mics
5. For hosting roast sessions and comedy battles
6. For hosting watch parties

BUDGET REQUIREMENT

The current budget requirement is of **Rs. 44,000/-** as follows:

Events	Expenditure
Humour Hours	20,000/-
Banners and Posters	2000/-
Offline open mic charges	2000/-
Workshop	20,000/-
Total	44,000/-

The fund requirements are flexible and can be decided further by discussion with the General Secretary, Media and Culture.



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RULES

- Plagiarism is highly discouraged.
- Any sort of racist, sexist and other offensive content will not be allowed on the club's performances. Any violation of this rule will be dealt strictly.
- Any vulgar, Obscene or offensive joke will not be allowed in the club's open mics.
- Any post or comment on the club's social media handles, if reported as offensive will be reviewed, and deleted if found offensive.

We'll also be adding more rules if required later.