

# INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR



## PUSHAPJEET SINGH SODHI

CONTESTING FOR THE POST OF

**PRESIDENT**

**STUDENTS' GYMKHANA**

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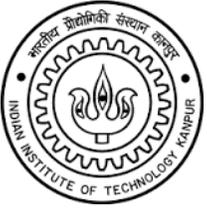
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## INTRODUCTION

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Hello! I am **Pushapjeet Singh Sodhi** (12524), contesting for the post of **President, Students' Gymkhana**.

During my stay in IIT Kanpur, I have always felt privileged to be a part of such a prestigious institution, with its unparalleled **freedom, culture** and first-rate **infrastructure**. Either as a **Senator** or **Convener, COSHA**, I have always taken up duties with open arms and delivered them seamlessly. My passion, with an aim to understand the system and work for it in pure faith, has always been the driving force to stand up for the cause. My involvement in Gymkhana via Sports, Cultural, Science & Technology and Films & Media events has rendered the opportunity to acquaint myself with a comprehensive understanding of **Students' Gymkhana**.

IITK has innumerable things to be proud about but like all good things there is room for growth and improvement. I promise to strive for the betterment of this institute. I believe I have the requisite **skills, dedication** and **energy** to make it happen, to transform words to action. However, my goals cannot be attained without your priceless assistance and support.

**Together I believe we can make a difference!**

Yours sincerely,

**Pushapjeet Singh Sodhi**

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## VISION

*"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."*

'We the students of IIT Kanpur' have come from a long way on our journey, which started with a small step towards excellence. My vision for IIT Kanpur is to ensure unparalleled excellence in all aspects for every student carried forward hand-in-hands with innovation and true representation. To help you get the best out of this institution, is my top priority. Given the will to make it happen, there is no reason why we cannot get there. Without doubt, we have unparalleled infrastructure & unmatched human resources, but somehow we still haven't quiet achieved the ultimate. Clearly, there is work to do, we need to be aggressive about pursuing growth, and it would be naïve to believe that an individual can do it alone. I solicit your support in this Pursuit for Excellence; Excellence for ourselves and for our institute.

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## Mission

I believe in achieving excellence in all spheres, which is based on the two obelisks of innovation and true representation. Learning and Innovation go hand in hand. The arrogance of success is to think that what you did for yesterday will be sufficient for tomorrow. Innovation drives growth. At the same time, true representation will help to drive innovation further. It ensures that even a small voice of a single person at the end of crowd is also heard. To achieve this I have a path envisioned which will be based on the proposals mentioned below.

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## Key Areas

If elected for the post of **President, Students' Gymkhana**, I will work on the following key areas:

### **Career Development Centre (CDC)**

Most of the students of IIT Kanpur are unsure of their career path they want to pursue up till the end of their pre final year, which leads to very less amount of time in preparing for their chosen career path. Moreover with the increasing number of career options for the student community viz., **start-ups, GRE, research, IAS** etc., we are in dire need of a capable organization that can help in guiding students to plan their future early on, enhancing students' understanding of the professional world and equip them with the essential skills for future success. CDC will be a platform that provides **support, resources** and meaningful **opportunities** to students for exploring their **career interests**, maintaining relationships with employers, graduate and professional schools, and engaging alumni to facilitate their connection to students.

- It can collaborate with SPO to overcome the current shortcomings of the placement candidates in the campus by ensuring proper preparation like professional workshops for improvement of soft skills and tutoring of students through professionals like a part time **Campus Career Counsellor (CCC)**, or even through successful, experienced alumni. Along with it, this center will focus on catalyzing **personality development**, making oneself **more presentable** and sensitive polishing **communication skills**.
- A preparation library would be built under CDC where collection of preparation material for all different future prospects would be made available.
- The present funds might prove to be insufficient and if it happens so, I shall make it my foremost priority to arrange funds which could be done by using alumni network.

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## Deferred Placement Programme

Rising interest in entrepreneurship and the risk associated with it, both together ask for a need of Deferred Placement program (DPP). The DPP comes as a major relief to those students who are often interested in starting their own venture but they are usually afraid to take the plunge due to the risks involved.

- Under this programme, the student will be allowed to skip his first placement season and could come back within next two placement seasons in case his/her venture fails. Thus, this initiative will act like an incentive for entrepreneurship, will henceforth ensure that they have a secure net to fall back upon if things go wrong. I shall push for this programme to get it implemented in the coming placement season.

## Students Placement Office

- It is a matter of fact that IIT Kanpur has a geographical disadvantage. IIT K has a centre in Noida which has not been utilized to its potential till now. I will explore the possibility of using **Noida extension centre** for a few companies which do not come to Kanpur for **recruitment**.
- **Techkriti** witnesses sponsorship deals from various **reputed companies** which have been interested in recruiting students from our campus. However, this opportunity doesn't materialise due to lack of proper coordination between various cells. For the coming placement season, I will coordinate between the **Techkriti and SPO Team**, so as to create more opportunities for the campus.

## Academics

- The Double Major program failed to make an impact among the students with only 12 students opting for the programme in the Y12 batch. The eligibility for the programme is 8.0 while that for conversion to BTech MTech dual degree is only 6.5. It shall be my agenda to avail dual majors to a larger strength of students.
- Double Major could be made available prior to the 5th Semester, mainly during 4th semester, so that students could plan their courses early on.

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*“To bridge the gap between the Gymkhana and the student community through maximum*

*Transparency of the administrative functions”*

From the past few years, the level of **communication** between the gymkhana and the general student body has been degrading and needs to be uplifted for a better gymkhana. I shall push for a few initiatives so as to decrease this communication gap.

## **Accountability**

Websites of Students' senate and councils are some of the few ways for flow of information between Gymkhana and the general body but still there is need to explore more channels to convey the information from the gymkhana side. Sharing of information through **small videos** could be one of the effective ways to maintain the fluidity.

- Small videos would be released online at regular intervals to tell the campus junta about the ongoing work in different councils.
- A part of those videos would consist of **follow-up of the manifesto** by the respective executive along with the answers to the queries from the campus junta directed through online forum.

## **Gymkhana Hours**

Concept of gymkhana hours on the lines of faculty office hours is among one of the ideas which could prove extremely helpful in booming the interaction between gymkhana executives and the general body. Reaching the President and General Secretary has been an issue sometimes and if it can be easily facilitated then what's the harm? Making this a compulsory routine could be an instrumental initiative.

## **Online Survey and Petition Portal**

- Though Students' Senate comprises of representatives from all the batches and programmes who represent their interests at all points of time but there are many topics and issues where views of every general body member should be taken into consideration. An online survey portal would help greatly in gathering opinions in such cases which could help in decision making when the issue comes to floor the senate.
- Along with this, the portal could be used for starting petitions (with regulations) if the general body disagrees with any of the decision taken by the Student's Senate. The credibility of the people signing the petition could be verified by linking the portal with CC login.

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## **Research Portal ( specially for PG students)**

- I shall propose for an online portal to be put on the home page of IITK where all the research students will own a profile.
- Different profiles would be sorted according to areas of research which would help to increase the future career opportunities for them and also make it easy for UG students to approach PG students according to their area of interest.

## **Centralized ROs for Halls**

- The availability of pure and clean drinking water has always been a concern for the students. To tackle the same, I will work to install centralized RO water purifiers in every hostel.
- I have already successfully implemented this plan in Hall 10 and would work for implementing the same in all the other halls too to eliminate all the problems related to availability of clean water.

## **Health Centre**

Students face a lot of problems like lack of thorough check-up, wrong diagnosis, unnecessary admittance and inhospitable treatment.

- Regular sessions of CMO with the doctors will be organized to make sure that students will not be admitted before proper diagnosis.
- A permanent eye specialist shall be appointed to cater the problem of a large number of students having weak eye sight or other problems in campus and well equipped ambulances shall be brought into service.

## **International Relations Cell**

Our Institute has a provision which allows all student to acquire 25% credits from other universities. So I shall push for more exchange programmes. Along with better platform for the dissemination of information about possible international research opportunities and exchange programmes.

## **Women's Cell**

IITK has a women's cell run by professors and some students but awareness about the same is very less. So, I will try to spread awareness by ensuring that frequent meetings of this cell takes place and the cell remains active.

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# PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL

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## E-Cell

E-cell IIT K has successfully laid down a strong foundation and now it's time to mark the beginning of a revolutionary entrepreneurial culture in our campus. However, a lot still needs to be done to alter the popular perception of E-cell as a tool to get internship.

- The past year, E-cell has successfully organized the second version of E-summit. In order avoid any kind of clash between E-summit and any gymkhana/festival event, I plan to provide it separate dates in the gymkhana calendar so the participation from the campus junta could be enhanced.
- Implementation of Deferred Placement Programme with help of E-cell would be taken care of.

## GE3

GE3 is continuously putting its efforts to make the campus a more eco-friendly place. GE3 has started some very good projects to which I will give required attention so as to complete and implement them. Some of them are:

- Increasing energy efficiency of library
- Waste segregation

Also, events like tree-plantation drive inside the campus and "Adopt-a-Tree" kind of program could be introduced.

## Prayas

Prayas is an endeavor focused on providing education to marginalized kids in and around IITK campus. Prayas has been striving hard to achieve its notion of 'Education for all'. And to help them move one step closer towards their aim I will provide support in every possible form.

- Along with all the above mentioned proposals, I will also try to work upon the recommendations made in the Mid-term report of Presidential Council (2014-15)

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## Credentials

- Senator, UG Y12 (2014-15)
- Convener, COSHA, Students' Senate (2014-15)
- Acting President, Students' Gymkhana (2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Oct'14 and 20<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May'14 )
- Convener, Ad-Hoc committee (Usage of MEC, COSHA 2014 - 15)
- President, HEC Hall-10 (2013-2014)
- President's Nominee, Committee for Indoor Swimming Pool in New SAC
- President's nominee, Committee for Convocation awards
- Member, Committee for centralization of Mess (COSHA 2012-13)

## Work Done

- Proposed the Centralized Funding of General Championship by Students' Gymkhana.
- Assisted the President, Students' Gymkhana in formulating and implementing hall allocation policy.
- Assisted the President, Students' Gymkhana in formulating pool allocation policy for General Championship 2014-15.

## Other Involvements

- Active Member, Dramatics Club
- Pool Captain, Spectrum'14
- Principal Security Officer, Udghosh'14
- Student Guide, Counselling Service (2013-14)

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This institute is not about the vision of any one individual, in fact no institute is about the vision of one individual, and the moment that happens it ceases to be an institute!

**Looking forward to your critical input/suggestions...**

**Thanks!!**

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