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End-Term Report 2021-22



UG Academics Wing

INITIATIVES:

- **Academic Orientation:** This year, Academic Orientation was split into two parts to cater to the varying needs of the new batch as they spend more of their time at IITK. In a regular academic calendar, Academic Orientation 1.0 shall be conducted in the third week of August and 2.0 in the third week of March. To cater to the unique needs of the Y20 batch because they have arrived late in the campus and their second semester will end in July, Academic Orientation 2.0 was organized, especially this year in the last week of May.
 - **Academic Orientation 1.0:** This part catered to the basic academic requirements of fresh (Y21) students. Students were introduced to Academics Curriculum at IITK, and topics such as Branch Change, Credit System, Template, etc., were briefly touched upon.
 - **Academic Orientation 2.0:** It's often observed that fresher students usually do not retain all of the information given to them in the conventional Academic Orientation. This urged us to divide the whole program into two pieces. Academic Orientation 2.0 catered to detailed explanation and guidance w.r.t institutes academic policies, Branch Change, Minors. Majors, Dual Degree, etc. All topics were discussed in detail, and every possible academic support that the student needs at that stage will be given.
- **“Know your Department” Sessions**

Series of Department sessions for each UG department especially targeting freshmen transitioning to Sophomore year and Sophomore students transitioning to Junior Undergrad year. The purpose of these sessions (for Freshmen) was to introduce the students to their department, and its template, explain technical jargon, tell them about ESOs/SOs, etc. For sophomores, they served the purpose of providing guidance on DEs, OEs, Semester, Exchange Programme, Graduation requirements, etc.



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- **“Comprehensive Course Guidance” (CCG) Kits**

We plan to introduce Comprehensive Course Guidance (CCG) Kits, a series of course-specific complete guidance kits for each IC course. The kit shall serve the purpose by providing information in two categories:- “Complementary Info” and “AnecX : From them, By them”. “Complementary Info” shall contain info of Complete Course Description, Syllabus, Credits, Past Year Course Policies, Relevant Links, etc. As the name suggests, this is complimentary for the sake of completeness. “AnecX : From them, By them” is what serves the core purpose of these CCG kits. These Kits shall be in Hard Copy format (for the case of Offline Term) and shall be in the CS folder given to students during Orientation by Counseling Service. This shall contain in-person anecdotes of past students who have some interesting story/ feat/ journey and/or approach/guidance tips to share with their fellow juniors.

- Status - The work on CCG Kits has been completed. Currently, it is being scrutinized for completeness of the information and will be released at a suitable time for the upcoming batches (to ensure maximum visibility).

- **Course Repository**

We are already working on this initiative to provide the possible material and resources for most of the courses via this Course Repository. Frontend development of the repository has already been completed. Many courses have already been added (mostly ICs and some DCs and DEs). The remaining work of uploading of course material shall be completed with priority in the next tenure. We also plan to extend this Course Repository with a DE/DC Database. This shall be a database to be prepared for each department containing comprehensive information on the majority of DEs and DCs offered in the department.

The first version of the website is ready and hosted on the AnC website:
<https://anciitk.in/courses/home>.

- **Department Guides**

Our idea is to prepare a guide in the form of a booklet (soft copy) for each department separately combining important materials, resources, experiences,



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career opportunities, etc in the department. Possible opportunities in the core of the departments shall also include info on students who got into them, their DOs and DON'Ts, etc.

- Status : All the guides prepared so far can be found here:
EE MTH MSE CHE CSE
- “Rise from Scratch” Programme: We plan to take up this crucial Initiative – “Rise from Scratch”. IITK has lots of initiatives for Freshmen to start their journey from scratch. There are dedicated programs at IITK for those who aren't comfortable with English, have not even touched computers before, are not at all comfortable with Programming, etc. Just because someone has entered their second year in college, they may still need to start right from the basics for various reasons. Most of the club projects are targeted toward fresher students and these students feel shy to be involved in them. Especially for such students, we plan to start this personalized mentorship-cum-training programme. With the start of the 3rd semester of Sophomore students, this programme shall start for those needy students. They shall be assigned a mentor who shall be necessarily a 3rd year or 4th year student. A web portal-cum-classroom shall be developed by the web team wherein mentee students will login by creating an account. Over there, all the resources and other materials shall be shared with them as per their need.
 - Status: The idea behind this initiative has been modified after discussions in the wing due to the heavy Web Development-oriented nature of the work. Keeping the motive same, we have instead appointed Academic Department Mentors and Career Department Mentors. ADM's and CDM's are selected from each Department and comprise of Y19 and Y18 students.
- Start/Increase in the number of Minors in some Departments: Currently minors are in demand but their numbers and/or seats are limited. We plan to reach out to department Heads and their DUGC Conveners on a need basis. We will pitch the departments after knowing what are the minors students want the departments to introduce. A survey shall be floated first to know the requirements of Students.
 - Status - As we planned before, we are collecting the response of the students before pitching the departments directly for the proposal. Mail has been



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rolled out regarding the collection of students' responses. After this, their responses were filtered out, proposals drafted and then pitched before departments. Will be continued in next tenure as well.

- **Provisional Double Major:**

The idea of Provisional Double Major is to enable students (majorly those who take up Double Major after the 7th semester) to smoothly complete their programme within 5 years. The idea is to provide them with a Provisional Doubler Major after their sixth semester for the only purpose of allowing them to request courses in their deemed to be Double Major Department as Provisional Double Major students.

Provisional Double Major.

- Status: Proposal for this change has been written and is recommended to the DOAA.

- **Provision of Academic Certificate:**

This proposal is to provide Academic Certificates to the students who want to leave their degree in the middle. This will help them to show their work they have done at IITK and in grabbing other opportunities they are looking for now.

- Status : This proposal has been addressed via the UGARC recommendations.



Career Development Wing

INITIATIVES:

- **Internship Sessions:**

Introduction: These sessions were conducted to spread awareness about the preparation and preparation resources for the internship season, aimed at the Y19 batch. The five major profiles are being covered: Software, Data Science/Analysis, Core, Technomanagerial and Quant/Finance/HFT. These sessions are being taken by 2-3 students of the Y18 batch who secured their intern last year in the same domain. In the session, after a brief presentation about the profile, questions are taken from the students.

Progress: 5 sessions on Software, Data Science, Quant, Core and Technomanagerial were conducted. The slides and recordings have been mailed to the students.

- **The More you know**

Introduction: We published a blog series aiming to help students in their preparation for internships. It will be a guide (albeit with a pinch of salt) for optimal study routines, resource locations, and must-do practices. We asked writers to include some experiences during the interviews, highlighting key points that eventually make a difference. We will try to choose a very diverse base of writers for this series, so that every aspect of internship preparation is touched upon, including those that are often overlooked by students.

Progress: We published 8 blogs in total.

Updates: This year we are planning to get content for the blogs of next year as soon as the intern season ends. We will start contacting Y19 as soon as the intern season ends.

Timeline: The blogs will be published weekly in May and June.



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- **Online courses and test series for internships:**
Description and Progress: We collaborated with ProxyPrep to conduct mock interviews and coding test series during the summers.

- **Remote Internships:**
Description: NGOs and StartUps were contacted to offer remote internships to the students on the application portal in the summers.

- **Intern Prep sessions/workshops (Mock interviews, GDs, resume making session - live session, external companies)**
PrepLeaf, GDs, Alpha Derivatives
Description: We conducted Mock GDs, PrepLeaf for a course on aptitude, probability, and statistics as well as a resume making session, Alphaderivates conducted a finance workshop and offered a Live project in the summers.

- **IAESTE:**
Successfully collaborated and started the membership drive for IAESTE IITK MD September 2021, getting over 140 students registered. Started releasing offers.
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- **Placement Fundae: Preparatory Placement Blog Series**
Introduction: We intend to release a placement preparatory blog series starting from the month of August which will have a detailed account of the preparation journey of Y17s. Blogs will be aimed at documenting preparation strategies and interview experiences of Y17s. These blogs will aim to cover some key points that are important to keep in mind while preparing for a particular role and things that should be kept in mind while preparing for the interviews. Also, the blogs will try and aim to instill a sense of motivation among students and learn from others' experiences.



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- **InterviewBuddy Mock Interviews (Placements)**

Description: Conducted 95 coding and 65 data science mock interviews with detailed feedback reports.

- **Coding Ninjas Test Series (Placements)**

Description: Conducted coding test series for placement preparation.

- **Consulting Prep**

Introduction: Preparation for MBB for final year students. Conducted one-on-one mock interviews with the help of alumni after a first round of shortlisting by Y17s after a session on introduction to consulting prep by Y17 McKinsey recruits.

- **Sophomore Summers**

There is an increasing number of opportunities for second-year students during the summer break. It is important that we pass on the knowledge of such opportunities and the experience to the junior batches. Total 9 blogs were released.

- **Career Connect**

Career Development wing organized a two-day event, Career Connect, on 29th-30th January 2022, for all the undergraduate and postgraduate students. The primary intent behind this event was to encourage students to explore and equip them better to make informed and wise choices in their professional, social and personal endeavors. This event consisted of numerous sessions, hackathons, and workshops.

Events conducted:

Public Speaking and Communication Skills -

Speaker: Mr. Deepak Pareek

This session aimed to tell the students the importance of soft skills, as well as talk about the different practices that they can use to improve on these skills.



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Stress Management -

Speaker: Dr. Siddharth Warriar

This session aimed at talking about how stress affects you and understanding why it is important to incorporate practices that help you to manage it properly so that it doesn't affect you in your daily life.

Venture Capitalist event-

Speakers: Nitisha Bansal, Matrix and Sunint Khurana, Sequoia Capital.

The motivation of the event was to make the students aware of what really happens in the venture capitalist space, what sort of work is involved in the daily life of a venture capitalist, and also provide students to clarify any doubts that you have with respect to making a career in this domain.

The format of the event was interview-based, followed by QnA at the end.

Women in Tech-

This session was an hour-long panel discussion, with women in different fields of technology. It covered various topics, focussing on the difficulties and opportunities for women.

Career Counselling-

Speaker: Rohit Jha -Co-Founder Vikings Career Strategists

This interactive session intends to inform people on a large scale why planning early for their career is important; what lies in store if they choose a career in a different domain; how they should proceed about deciding a career path suitable to them.

Unconventional Career Paths-

It consisted of 2 sessions in which the speakers shared their personal journey about choosing their career path which is conventionally different from normal jobs, guidance will be provided for aspiring students on how to pursue these paths.

1. The Road Not Taken: Managing an NGO
2. The Road Not Taken: A career in designing

Networking: Why and How

Speaker: Ms. Shraddha Shrivastava



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Networking help one develops and improve their skillset and stay on top of the latest trends in the industry and the job market. It helps advance careers and can open access to more/lesser-known job opportunities.

Through this session, we tried to spread awareness among newbies and to make all aware of better-optimized networking techniques. We will focus more on LinkedIn profile optimization.

MBA Abroad-

Speaker: Mr. Piyush Ranjan founder of Management Master.

The aim of this session was to provide students with the information(eligibility, application procedure) required for getting into top business schools. It will also help them make informed decisions, all the aspiring MBA aspirants would get a chance to resolve their doubts directly from an experienced professional.

Game Development Workshop

A workshop dedicated to game development in which, "Career Path in Game Development" was fully covered.

Conducted by Coding Ninja's

Financial Wellness session

A webinar was conducted by Finsafe covering personal finance and financial habits to have in one's life.

STEP BY STEP: Building your startup in college

The session was conducted by the founders of Desklamp who discussed how to go forward with making an idea into reality.

Competition- Stock Portfolio Making Competition conducted by Mahogha

- **Placement Guide (Part 2)**

Introduction: It will follow the footsteps of its predecessor. We will aim to get data and experiences for the companies not included in part 1. It will mainly consist of preparation resources/tips, interview questions, the selection process, eligibility criteria, senior resumes, and personal suggestions.

Timeline: To be released next week.



- **Alumni Mentorship Program:**

Description: It aims to allot alumni as mentors for the pre-final year students for career guidance.

Research Wing

- Student Interest Groups
 - Wing surveyed the response of the campus community for SIG and received an enthusiastic response from the PGs to become mentors of SIG groups, the initiative will be taken ahead by organizing a meeting with all interested applicants.
 - The top 4-5 SIG groups will be formed and opened to the UG community for registration.
 - The work is currently in progress.
- Re-Scholar
 - A database has been prepared to consist of a list of relevant scholarships and programs.
 - The database can be released publicly to the student community from the next term.

Database link -

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nh6dKOfi3tY_e3EPogLfMQEDCtz4sSC7PKCPfwKpG5s/edit?usp=sharing

- Research Project Portal
 - The research portal is under construction right now by the web division, and we are working on increasing the currently available features in the portal.
 - The portal is built to host the projects offered by the professors at IITK. Its making is in progress in collaboration with the web division of the ANC council.
- Alumni Connect
 - Alumni are invited to conduct a panel discussion where they discuss their current life, either as a



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- Successfully conducted 3 sessions
- **Spotlight**
 - Exemplary UG research work is highlighted and given public promotion. This serves the purpose of motivating younger batches about the research work done at IIT Kanpur at the UG level.
 - Integrated within SRC to increase the reach of SRC.
- **Newsletter**
 - Newsletter initiating some important topics under the domain of AnC such as UG ARC Feedback, Technopark, SRC, words from DORD, new departments, etc.
 - Emails have been drafted and need to be sent, following curation of content and design of newsletter.
- **Career Flowchart**
 - Basic flowchart describing the life of a UG interested in research. The motive was to highlight major milestones in the career and help provide a trajectory to students.
 - The basic structure of the flowchart is ready.
 - The medium of communication shall be an engaging pdf document.
- **SURGE Introductory Session**
 - The Research wing conducted an introductory session for the potential participants of SURGE 2022 to clear their doubts and queries as well as to provide them with the required knowledge and experience for making a successful application.

Students' Research Convention 2022

- SRC'22 was held on 4th-6th March 2022 in a hybrid mode.
- Major highlights:
 - The conference received an enthusiastic response from the campus community as well as participants from around the nation.
 - 76 participants presented their work and received feedback recognition for their work.
 - The documentary "A life on our planet" was screened in L19 during SRC.



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- The major event of SRC: “Am I On the Right Track” was conducted in L19 (hybrid) with Prof. Manindra Agrawal and Prof. Avinash Agrawal as the panelist.
- The conference hosted 5 workshops on Paper Writing and IP Knowledge.
- A total of 9 talks were conducted in an online mode based on the 4 pillars of SRC'22.
- Various new initiatives such as Students' Spotlight, Debate (in collaboration with DebSoc), and ResQ (in collaboration with Quiz Club) were successfully organized as part of SRC'22.

International Relations Wing

- **MoUs with Potential Partners:** The International Relations wing has a compiled database of potential institutes with which the institute can collaborate for the benefit of IITK students (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vUTbHmWuCarxFL3S5TekvXsDOc1NShFupZwMpx4g1e4/edit?usp=sharing>)

The future initiative would be to act on this database and contact the institutes through the Office of International Relations to reach an agreement.

Along with this, we will need to contact universities with which MoUs have recently expired for an extension of the contract.

Status: Database being expanded gradually.

- **Invite Organizations for test series and webinars:** It involves approaching organizations like Jamboree, Manya, Magoosh, etc, for availing a package on preparation resources, for example, test series, study materials, etc. for GRE, GMAT, TOEFL, IELTS, and other entrances for admission to foreign universities, specifically for IITK students at a subsidized cost. The faculty members of that organization can also deliver talks on how to approach the exams.

Status: Gradeway responded positively for the same and we expect them to continue providing services in the next tenure too.



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- **Higher studies session:** These sessions will aim to discuss the aspects of both opportunities, logistics of the application procedure, and educational and future prospects pertaining to MS/Ph.D. abroad. It will be conducted by the graduating batch seniors and/or recently graduated seniors who have finalized that they're pursuing higher studies. The session will mainly target Y19s.

Status: Session delayed till next tenure due to availability and scheduling conflicts.

- **IR Handbook:** The IR Handbook will be prepared as a global document for insight into both undergraduate and postgraduate opportunities. It will be divided into various sections which will be released as they are prepared under the umbrella of the handbook.

The handbook will broadly cover:

- Scholarships
- Internship Opportunities and Exchange Programs
- Conferences, Competitions, and Events
- Summer and Winter Schools/Programs
- Exam Preparation Resources and Tips

Status: Released in January 2022.

- **Foreign intern session:** A detailed analysis on the process of foreign interns to be covered via a session in order to increase the awareness and knowledge of the campus community regarding the same and clear misconceptions and doubts. This involved contacting Y19s who have had experience in this field and inviting them for the sessions. The session is mainly targeted towards 2nd year students (Y20s).

Status: Session conducted in December 2021 with over 400 attendees.

- **International programs for Exchange Programs and Internship Opportunities:** We will contact international programs and organizations which offer internship opportunities and exchange programs in international



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institutes like DAAD, MITACS, Erasmus, ASEAN, etc. The institute is already associated with the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute in exchange programs and internship opportunities. The prospective programs will be contacted through OIR and the associations through this will have to be promoted thoroughly by social media and emails.

- **Application guide:** GRAD and Apping Guide were released in the previous tenure corresponding to Graduate School Admissions and Foreign Internship opportunities. The following developments will be taken up pertaining to Application Guides:
 - A guide for the procedure of applying for exchange opportunities will be formulated
 - The current guides will be updated with the help of experiences of other batches
 - Visual Posters highlighting the gist of certain sections of the guides will be circulated in a periodic manner

Status: 7 Posters covering all of the major headings of the GRAD have been prepared which we have planned to release weekly starting from 4th Oct, 21. The procedure of applying for exchange opportunities has been covered in the Handbook that we prepared.

- **IR Orientation Session:** It has been observed that students become aware of the plethora of international opportunities available to them quite late in their degree and as a result may either miss out on crucial prospects or simply start to plan and work at a later point in time. Thus an orientation session will be conducted by the Managers, IR on the international opportunities that are available at IITK sometime near the end of the 2nd semester of the fresher students.

Status: Conducted a successful session for the Y20 and Y21 batch with over 100 attendees.

- **Alumni Connect and Foreign Training Program:** This initiative will be undertaken with the association of the Research Wing, AnC Council. It aims



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to connect the council with distinguished alumni working in a spectrum of fields. The first goal would be to invite these alumni to conduct sessions for the campus community, which can be department or domain of work specific. Gradually, requests for projects from alumni in foreign universities (working in labs or their own initiatives) provide students here at the campus with good international exposure. A portal will be developed where projects can be hosted and students can apply.

After getting in touch with some of the alumni a rough database was prepared in the last tenure. We plan to further expand the database and proceed with the program which wasn't possible last year due to uncertainty as a result of the pandemic.

Status: Three sessions have been conducted aimed at CSE, MTH, and CHE/CHM research opportunities with the help of 3 alumni each. An extensive database of alumni to be contacted has been prepared for future sessions and they have been contacted for the same. 3 sessions aimed toward PHY, BSBE, and EE are being pursued. A rough idea of requesting projects formally has been decided and will be finalized according to portal design and response from alumni.

- **Blog Series:** We plan to continue with the blog series on foreign interns done by seniors on similar lines as covered last year 'Rise with the seniors', with the modifications of now being covered on the basis of remote internships, and accordingly making changes to the format of the blog

Status: Seniors have been approached, few have completed and uploaded on the website. Rest are on their way too.

- **Newsletter:** Quarterly newsletters, two per semester are proposed specifically from the IR wing, starting from August and December for this semester. There would be information on scholarship programs, international conferences, a list of universities one can apply for targeted departments/streams, academies, talks, workshops, and other latest news from the international side. Another part of the newsletter will be released twice a year to highlight major long-term international activities of the



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institute, new partnerships that the institute secures, competitions and workshops hosted at an international level, faculty awards and visits, and other international achievements.

Status: First edition completed and released. Next to be planned in the upcoming tenure.

- **International Programs, Consortiums, and University/ Career Fair:** In order to enhance the connections of the institute as well as to improve prospects available to students, we will work towards associating with international consortiums and organizing university/career fairs where institutes will be invited to edify the students with the programs and opportunities available in their respective disciplines and organizations. A database will be prepared for prospective consortiums and universities and they will be invited with the help of OIR.

Status: A preliminary database has been constructed based on consortiums attended by other institutes. Campus France Tour has been approached and they are interested to collaborate with the AnC council. The upcoming core team will carry forward the same.

Web Division

- **Main Website:**
 - **Introduction:** The Academics and Career Council Website and the Student's Research Convention Website have been updated in accordance with the arrival of new members, and legacy pages have been updated.
 - **Blogs:** A new blogs section has been set up and is available [here](#) to replace the old one with a new UI and features. The latest blogs section gives complete control to all wings and allows them to publish blogs without any possible delay from the web division. All previous blogs have been transferred here with the help of secretaries of respective wings.



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[<https://blogs.anciitk.in>]

- **Tools:**

- **Admin Access:** A central admin access portal has been designed to give all secretaries/managers access to all portals in a single application. This allows the council members to manage all portals effectively, unlike the previous design. The admin portal would be updated with each portal's admin access as and when they are launched.

[<https://admin.anciitk.in>]

- **Centralised Logging:** During the initial duration of the deployment of portals, it was difficult to debug several problems faced by the end-users (i.e. students). Henceforth, the team has developed a logging system that would allow us to resolve issues in any portal raised by the students quickly.
- **Content Delivery System:**
All the portals now use a central file delivery system that can be used to upload/download resources/resumes/JDs etc. CDN has been purchased, and APIs to interact with the CDN have been developed. CDN is now available to use on the resources portal and career portal.

- **Portals:**

- **Merging:** Currently, the portals have different databases, and account functionality wherein students have to register on each portal separately. This has been fixed, and appropriate servers have been set up to allow single sign-on with an "ANC ID" to all portals. All the portals have been successfully merged. [<https://accounts.anciitk.in>] (ID creation is only allowed for students available on Student Search.)
- **Career Portal:** The first version of the career portal is ready and available.

[<https://career-portal.anciitk.in>]



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The career portal allows the managers to post internships, notifications, collect data, etc. All registered students with an ANC ID can apply using this portal.

- **Resources Portal**

A new resources portal has developed to allow single sign-on, and the previous login has been removed. The new interface will enable managers to add resources dynamically (drive links, upload documents, or embed videos) using the admin portal that has been completed.

[<https://resources.anciitk.in>]

- **Courses Portal:** Courses Portal was further updated during the term, and we are currently waiting for relevant permission from the authorities. The courses portal has also been integrated with the single sign-on.



Recommendations

- **Revamp of the current council website:** The existing website of the council lacks in various aspects. Given the importance and utility of various resources curated by the council, it is important that they are easily accessible. Several sections of the website are not aesthetically pleasing as well. I strongly recommend the incoming General Secretary and Web team take this initiative as a priority which will help the council and student community.
- **Roles and Responsibilities of CDM and ADMs:** This year witnessed the first batch of CDM and ADMs. During this tenure, it was felt that the roles and responsibilities of these positions are very subjective making it difficult to hold mentors accountable. Along with this, it was observed that a considerable number of students are still not aware of the presence of such mentors. A way through this can be to associate the mentors with student bodies like CS or Department societies and introduce them to students early on. I recommend the incoming team to work on similar solutions and ensure that students can make the most of this resource that is available to them.
- **Accountability of DUGC Student Nominees:** The lack of responsiveness and active participation of some DUGC Nominees has come to our notice and is of grave concern to the council. I recommend the senate sync the tenure of DUGC nominees with that of the Student's Senate itself and make it mandatory for the nominees to submit a mid-term and end-term report to the UG SAC.
- **UGARC Implementation:** Future teams of UG Academia have a very important task in hand i.e. look after the implementation of UGARC changes. I strongly recommend the incoming team take the responsibility of making the student body cognizant of such major decisions.
- **External collaborations for the development of Soft Skills:** After talking to a lot of alumni and professionals in the industry throughout the tenure, one fundamental issue that I found out was the need to increase focus on soft skills from the council and institute's side. There is a need to go beyond short-term measures and come up with fundamental solutions from the very first year for the students. This can be done by looking into institute-level collaborations with organizations, but these are really costly to be supported by the council's budget. I recommend the incoming General Secretary and



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President to take this up with the Director and other relevant authorities and work actively to get this established as these kinds of collaborations are already present in institutes like IIT Bombay.

- **Collaboration with Outreach Cell:** Outreach cell has been doing a great job over the last year, kudos to the team. There are some initiatives for which the council needs to get in touch with a wide base of Alumni, if these initiatives are taken in collaboration with the Outreach cell, I think both the bodies will benefit from this. I recommend incoming teams to take cognizance of this and actively communicate with each other for initiatives that come under the mandate of both teams.
- **Collaboration with SnT Council to introduce courses:** We noticed a great response this year for the courses offered in the domain of Data Structures and Algorithms this year for the campus community. In addition to that, the introduction of Coursera also brought in great participation. Taking this into account, gymkhana should try working on courses for specialized fields, leveraging the knowledge of campus students and clubs under the SnT Council. A similar initiative is under progress at IIT Bombay under the name of Learners' space. This will reduce the cost expenditure that goes into these courses and will also make the knowledge more contextual and personalized according to the requirements of the students.
- **Collaboration with SPO:** One fallback of the internship and placement preparation sessions this semester was that participation fell consistently throughout the season. So, attempts to develop a system of incentivization through SPO should be made for the students so that the students who are in need of these sessions attend them more. For this, I would recommend that the students attending the placement preparation sessions be allowed to sit for some more companies - as there is a limit of 50 companies for the first three days of placement, so the students attending 'n' sessions be allowed to sit for these 'n' extra companies, thus incentivizing the students for preparing for placements seriously as well as getting to know about more fields and not just the field they're interested in.
- **Establishment of proper feedback mechanism:** Over the last year, senate members have tried to increase accountability among the student body but the bridge has still been a long way from completion. I think the establishment of proper feedback portals, with regular and timely emails to the student community for their suggestions, along with some new avenues



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to this should be explored and actively talked about in senate meetings. This can be done by monitoring the performance of these feedback mechanisms and making sub-committees look into this. I think by giving it part of regular discussions, improvements can be done over the coming years.

**THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY,
I'M GLAD THAT I COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE
CAMPUS COMMUNITY ;)**

-Signing Off

Shloka Patil

General Secretary,

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