



# Students' Gymkhana IIT Kanpur



Presidential Council  
2014-15

End-Term Report

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WE ADD TO THE ABUNDANCE OF THOSE WHO HAVE MUCH;  
IT IS WHETHER WE PROVIDE ENOUGH FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TOO LITTLE."  
-Franklin D. Roosevelt*

# 1. Prayas

Coordinators: Kapil Krishna Gupta, Monika Mahto, Rutvij Bhavsar

## 1.1. Events Conducted

- **Spread Smiles**

Prayas and Alumni Contact Program have started a monetary donation drive for giving winter clothes to the kids of Prayas. The kids would be provided with inners and winter caps with this money. The event for the clothes donation was organized on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The first image below is of Spread Smiles.



- **Hobby Classes**

Dance and painting classes were conducted in summers (May 2014-June 2014) in which they were taught sketching, water color painting and free style dance by some of the volunteers of Prayas. The second image above is of Hobby Classes.

- **English Classes**

Prayas also conducted English classes for the students in the summers (May 2014 – June 2014). The volunteers mainly focused on reading and speaking skills of the kids.

- **Appearance in Scholarship exams**

Class 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> students appeared in Atul Maheshwari Scholarship exam on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 which was conducted by Amar Ujala in Kanpur city. Apart from this, some of the Class 11<sup>th</sup> students appeared in the KVPY examination conducted on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2014.

- **Health Session**

A health session for the kids and the parents was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. In this event, we had shown the parents a short video on balanced diet which was followed by the discussion of the food habits of the kids. We also collaborated with the Techkriti team for getting free dental checkup of the kids.

- **Annual function**

Prayas organized the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual function on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2014. The event witnessed a large number of audience. There was dance, drama , music and fine arts. The theme this year was “Eve teasing” and “Dreams and Risks”. The first image below is that of the annual function.



- **Participation in Junoon**

20 of the Prayas students performed a group dance in the event Junoon 2014 organized in the city. The event was held on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2014. They were appreciated by the parents, faculty of IITK and all the audiences in the show. The second image above is that of Junoon.

- **Udaan '15**

The annual event 'Udaan' was organized from 9<sup>th</sup> January to 11<sup>th</sup> January. All the kids of Prayas were divided into 4 pools and different competitions were organized ranging from Extempore, Turn Quote to Painting, Rangoli, etc. The winners of all the events were given prizes and there was a trophy for the winning pool. The first image below is that of Udaan'15.



- **Tree Plantation**

Tree plantation was organized in Prayas on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 to inculcate the idea of preserving the nature among the kids. Around 40 saplings were planted in New SAC. The saplings were provided by the Nursery and the gardeners of the New SAC helped in the plantation. The second image above is of tree plantation drive.



- **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 2014 was conducted with the same spirit from 21 May -31 May 2014. There were four teams comprising of the kids and the volunteers. PPL concluded successfully with 13 matches. The first image below is that of PPL.



- **Rakshabandhan Celebration**

Rakshabandhan was celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm on 11<sup>th</sup> of August in Prayas. Girls tied Rakhi on the wrist of boys. And as this was a festival, we had sweet distribution. The second image above shows the Rakshabandhan Celebration.

- **Diwali Celebration**

Diwali was celebrated in Prayas on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014. The kids and the volunteers decorated the OAT with candles. They also made Rangoli. This event concluded with aarti and sweets distribution. The image below is that of Diwali celebration.



- **Christmas and New Year Celebration**

Christmas and New Year was celebrated in Prayas on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2015. We had distribution of chocolates by Santa Claus which was further accompanied by snacks distribution. The fun was further doubled with Antakshari.

- **Republic Day Celebration**

Republic Day was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm as it was the 'Birthday' of Prayas. In this event we had screened an inspirational movie for the kids. It was followed by cutting of cake and distribution of pens. The first image below shows the republic day celebration.



- **Holi Celebration**

Holi was celebrated in Prayas on 4<sup>th</sup> March. We used only dry colors for this festival trying to completely avoid the use of water giving a message of water conservation to the kids. We also had sweets distribution to enhance the enjoyment. The second image above is that of the Holi Celebration.

## 1.2. New Initiatives

- **Computer classes**

Prayas has collaborated with some of enthusiastic bunch of students of the campus to organize computer classes for the kids of Classes 5-10. These classes are being conducted daily from 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm.

- **Experiments**

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

- **One-on-one mentoring**

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

- **Animation classes**

Basic animation classes are organized for 5 students of Prayas. These classes are conducted every Sunday. It was started from 8<sup>th</sup> February.

- **Special sessions for mothers' of Prayas kids**

Special sessions are being organized every Sunday for the mothers' of kids of Prayas in which we screen a small documentary and discuss the problems being faced by them at home and surroundings.

### 1.3. Expenditure

S. No.	Purpose	Amount
1.	Rakshabandhan	2168/-
2.	Junoon	2100/-
3.	PPL	1652/-
4.	Books and Stationery	29050/-
5.	Annual function*	20,000/-
6.	Diwali	3,600/-
7.	New Year	534/-
8.	Udaan**	11,900/-
9.	Republic Day**	1200/-
10.	Holi**	2320/-
11.	Medicines**	1560/-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>76,084/-</b>

## 2. Vivekanand Samiti

Coordinators: Ashish Singla, Raghunandan B. Iyer, Koustuv Ray

### 2.1. Activities Undertaken:

- **Talk on Character Building by Swami Satyamayanada**

Strong character is the most valuable treasure that one can acquire, and utilize throughout one's life." Vivekananda Samiti, IIT Kanpur is organized a talk on "Steps to build strong Character" by Swami Satyamayanandaji Maharaj, a great scholarly monk from the Ramakrishna Order, who is currently serving as Secretary in Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Kanpur. The schedule of the talk was as follows:

Topic: STEPS TO BUILD STRONG CHARACTER

Speaker: Swami Satyamayananda

Day: Sunday, Aug 10, 2014

Time: 4:30 PM

Venue: L-13, Lecture Hall Complex

- **Talk on Mind Management and Who am I? by Swami Vimalananda**

Throughout our lives, we put lot of efforts to prepare our body though all the problems of life are faced by the mind. In the mind lie all the problems and its solutions. In the present world where illusions of competition are propagated, it is essential to prepare the mind to keep it strong. Finding it relevant to the problems of students, Vivekananda Samiti organised a talk on the topic "Mind Management and Who am I." The talk will dealt with mind related problems faced by students. The schedule of the talk was as follows:

Topic: Mind Management

Date: 26.09.2014 (Friday)

Time: 6.30 PM

Venue: L1, LHC

Informal Q&A session

Date: 27.09.2014 (Saturday)

Time: 10:30 AM

Venue: FB470

Topic: Mind Management & Who am I?

Date: 27.09.2014 (Saturday)

Time: 6.30 PM

Venue: L1, LHC

Lecture Topic: Mind Management

Date: 28.09.2014 (Sunday)

Time: 4 PM

Venue: L1, LHC

- **Lectures on Astronomy, Mathematics and Vedanta**

Talk 1: Modeling the Motion of Celestial objects

Date: 1st, November, 2014 (Saturday)

Time: 4 PM

Schedule: L2, LHC

Talk 2: A Beautiful blend of Poetry, Arithmetic and Geometry

Date: 1st, November, 2014 (Saturday)

Time: 5 PM

Schedule: L2, LHC

Talk 3: Self as the source of sublime happiness

Date: 2nd, November, 2014 (Saturday)

Time: 11 AM

Schedule: L2, LHC

- **Samkrita Classes (Weekly activity)**

Vivekananda Samiti in collaboration with Samskrita Bharati Kanpur organized weekly Samskrit classes and various levels of examinations. The examinations were scheduled as follows:

Date: 31st August, 2014 (Sunday)

Time: 3PM

Venue: FB470

- **General Health Camp at Lodhar Aug. 3, 2014**

A general health camp was organized by Vivekananda Samiti and Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama Kanpur at Swami Vivekananda Vidyalaya in Lodhar village, near IIT Kanpur. The doctors who rendered their service included Dr. Chandrani Luthra, Dr. Mohita Gulati, and Dr. R M Gupta. We examined over 320 students that included all the students of the school, students of Prayas, and some local residents. Free consultation and medicine were given to one and all. Most of the students suffered from malnutrition. We felt blessed to get the opportunity to serve them, in whatever little way we could. We thank the school authorities, RKM hospital and its doctors, and all the volunteers who participated in this camp.

- **Eye Camp at Kurshauli Aug. 31, 2014**

An Eye camp was organized by Vivekananda Samiti and Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama Kanpur at Purva Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Kurshauli village, near IIT Kanpur. There was an eye specialist Dr. Anju Mishra who rendered her service along with her own team. Almost 120 people were examined involving cases of poor eyesight and issue like cataract was identified for few of them. The free medicine and spectacles were provided according to the cases. We felt blessed to get the opportunity to serve them, in whatever little way we could. We thank the school authorities, RKM hospital and its doctor, and all the volunteers who participated in this camp.

- **Kanpur City Heritage Tour Aug. 24, 2014**

Kanpur city hosts some wonderful heritage sites, some of which are of the times of Ramayana and Mahabharata, and situated on the banks of Ganges. Vivekananda Samiti organized a city heritage tour in and around Kanpur city on Sunday, 24th Aug., 2014. The visited sites include Mahakaleswar Temple, Khereshwar Temple, Ban Khandeshwar Temple, Valmiki Ashrama, Shudhanshu Maharaj Temple, PhoolBagh Ground, Tapeshwari Devi Temple, Jain Kaanch Temple, Dwarkadheesh Temple, Anandeshwar Temple, J K Temple. Almost 60 students participated in this heritage trip.

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- **Sanskrit Workshop**

An interactive Samskrita Sambhashana Shibiram was conducted in IIT Kanpur campus.

Date: 30.12.2014 to 08.01.2015

Time: 6:15 PM - 7:45 PM

Venue: L-14 and L-15

- **Invited Talk series on Issue of Declassification in the Context of Netaji's Alleged Death**

Vivekananda Samiti, IIT Kanpur was privileged to organize an exciting Lecture series on the "Issue of Declassification in the Context of Netaji's Alleged Death" by Scholar Mr. Anuj Dhar. He is the founder-trustee of New Delhi based not for profit organization Mission Netaji. The schedule of the talk was as follows:

Talk 1:

Date: Monday, 23rd Feb., 2015

Time: 5:00 pm

Venue: RM-101 (New CSE Building), IIT Kanpur

Talk 2:

Date: Tuesday, 24th Feb., 2015

Time: 6:15 pm

Venue: L-1(Lecture Hall Complex), IIT Kanpur

- **Invited Lecture Series on Vedanta**

Vivekananda Samiti, IIT Kanpur was privileged to organize a 3-day Lecture Series on Vedanta by Swami Sarvapriyanandaji Maharaj, an eminent speaker and monk from the Ramakrishna Order, on Mar.13-15, 2015, as per the following schedule.

13th Mar. 2015, Friday, 6:15 pm, L-3, Lecture Hall Complex, IIT Kanpur

Topic: Happiness: Vedanta and Positive Psychology

14th Mar. 2015, Saturday, 6:15 pm, L-4, Lecture Hall Complex, IIT Kanpur

Topic: The Eternal Witness (based on Panchadashi chapter 1)

15th Mar., 2015, Sunday, 5:15 pm, L-3, Lecture Hall Complex, IIT Kanpur

Topic: Defining God (based on Taittiriya Upanishad 2.1)

- **Vaccination Camp on Feb. 8, 2015**

The Community Health Service (CHS) initiative of Vivekananda Samiti, IITK, in association with Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Gumti No.5, Kanpur had organized a free Vaccination Camp for school students (from Play Group to Class V) in Swami Vivekananda Vidyalaya at Lodhar Village on 8th February.

The tentative schedule for the camp was as follows:

8:45 AM: All Volunteers gathered on cycles near the Health Centre and headed for Swami Vivekananda Vidyalaya on cycles for the camp.

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9:15 AM: Reached venue

9:30 AM: Camp started

9:30 AM-1:00 PM: Duration of the camp (approximately)[Refreshments was served to all volunteers]

2:00 pm: All Volunteers returned to Campus.

Medical Team: Dr. (MRS) Chandreyee Luthra and her assistants a well-known Paediatrician & Neonatologist from Kanpur had graciously agreed to provide their valuable services in the vaccination camp.

- **Health Camp on Feb. 22, 2015**

The Community Health Service (CHS) initiative of Vivekananda Samiti, IITK, in association with Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Gumti No.5, Kanpur and Sankara Eye Hospital, Kanpur had organized a free Health Camp under five different section, such as: (1) General Health Check-up (2) Eye care (3) Orthopaedics (4) Paediatrics (5) Gynaecology at Navsrijan Vidyalaya, Ratanpur Village on Sunday, 22 February from 10 AM to 1:30 PM.

A team of renowned doctors from SANKARA Eye Hospital, Kanpur and Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Gumti, Kanpur had accepted our invitation and offered "seva" to the under privileged villagers.

This type of camp was the first of its kind and about 110 patients were benefited from the camp.

The schedule for the camp was as following:

- \* 8:45 AM: All Volunteers gathered on cycles near the Health Centre.
- \* 9:00 AM: Volunteers headed to Ratanpur Village on cycles for the camp.
- \* The Camp started from 10:00 AM (Refreshments was served).
- \* 2:00 PM: All Volunteers returned to Campus.

## 2.2. New Initiative

Vivekananda Samiti Library has started to function from 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2014.

### 3. GE3

Coordinators: Alok Ranjan, Shivam Agarwal

#### 3.1. Activities Conducted

- **Open House Session and Documentary Screening**

An open house was conducted in order to publicize and make aware the new campus residents about GE-3. In the open house a brief talk was conducted on the issues of global warming and climate change. Rest of the session involved informal discussions.

A documentary (Do the Math - 350.org) screening was also organized to gain more attention from the campus. Another documentary on People's Climate March was screened in the month of September.

- **Green Opus Phase I - Electricity wastage reduction**

Phase 1 of Green Opus is being conducted in the month of October- November. Electricity usage readings of the student living areas of hostel have been collected at the beginning of the period and will be collected at the end of the month.

- **Green Opus Phase II –Food wastage reduction & Miscellaneous Events**

Phase II of Green Opus kick started from March 10<sup>th</sup> and is still ongoing. In this phase, Mess Food Wastage and various miscellaneous events are being conducted. This phase II will go on till March 24<sup>th</sup> 2015.

- **Earth Hour 2015**

Earth Hour 2015 is scheduled to be organized internationally on March 28 2015. It would be organized in the campus as well on the same day and time. A documentary would also be screened after that.

- **Other Club Activities**

Club meetings are organized from time to time, to keep the group active.

Various projects are being pursued by the members. Work is ongoing in the following projects:

Waste segregation

Increasing energy efficiency of library

#### 3.2. Plans:

GE-3 is planning to introduce events like tree-plantation drive inside the campus and "Adopt-a-Tree" kind of program.

**3.3. Notes/Suggestions:**

No clear instructions or protocol exist for noting the electricity readings of halls. A document with detailed instructions is to be made and passed on so that there are no discrepancies in the readings noted every year.

**3.4. Expenditure Details:**

In the academic year 2014-15, so far, no money from Gymkhana fund or from SSF has been spent by GE-3 till date. However, Green Opus Phase II is being conducted and the Earth Hour is scheduled to be organized in March. Thus final details of the expenditure would be submitted after these events are over.

**3.5. Recommendations for the new coordinators:**

- More project proposals should be floated.
- Water wastage should be included in Green Opus.
- "Adopt-a-Tree" kind of thing should be organized at time of orientation
- Budget should be allotted for celebrating different days for environmental awareness.

## 4. Book Club

Coordinators: Ayush Agrawal, Jay Mehta, Nilay Jain

### 4.1. Activities Undertaken

- On 6th September, the book club organised a talk by Mr. Kartik Srivastava, an alumnus of our institute who had recently launched a book titled "Game of Chess". He gave a brief talk about his book and his experience as a writer, which was followed by an informal chat and a Q&A session.
- A poll was conducted in August to know the magazines that the campus junta would like to see in the Club. On the basis of the responses, we subscribed to nine magazines from different genres.
- According to the requests made by the members, 15 new books worth Rs. 4018/- were purchased.
- Online Write-up Competition was held during the winter break. Professor Suchitra Mathur and Professor AK Sharma had agreed to judge this competition. However, due to poor response from the student community, we cancelled this event.

### 4.2. New Initiatives

- **Cash free registration:** This semester we tried out a new money collection system. Now we don't collect any money during the registration and issuing of books. Instead, all slot fees and dues are collected at the end of the semester. This was done to reduce the hassle during opening of slots at the Club.

### 4.3. Expenditure

Books Purchased	14577/-
Magazine subscriptions	12126/-
Stationary/miscellaneous cost	200/-
Total	26903/-

### 4.4. Possible Events and Future Plans

- **LitBuzz quiz:** A literary quizzing event shall be organized for the campus junta. Tentatively in March or April.
- A further set will be ordered soon.



## 5. E-Cell

Overall Coordinators: Ravish, Shantanu

### 5.1. Campus Activities:

- **E-Summit:**

We have successfully conducted this year's E Summit which was held from 22-24 August. During the summit we held many talks, workshops and competitions. Especially the talk of the Advitya Sharma, IITB Alumni and Co-Founder of housing.com and that of Ashutosh, former Journalist and Political activist were a great success.

We held talk of many other known personalities also like Akshay Saxena, Co-Founder, Avanti Fellows, Aakif Merchant, Dasra and Anand Kumar, founder of Super-30 group. We also conducted the talk of Padma Shree Winner Prof. K. Vijay Raghavan.

We also conducted many workshops like IDEAS generation workshop which aims to introduce a few new concepts that the participants could Learn, Practice and finally implement too. Hence, the workshop hence takes an approach of introducing concepts, allowing participants to “munch over it” – and then pick out whatever they deem is relevant / workable for them as a practical path on their way to entrepreneurship.

We also concluded the NEN workshop with the session which provides a comprehensive sense of a set of tools which have increasingly become the got framework used by high potential startups, with examples of real-life case studies of successes such as PayPal and Fab and how they pivoted along the path to success. The speakers were Anand Vemuri and Apurva Agarwal.

We also conducted the Lets Venture workshop with the aim of learning Startup Funding Made Easy in association with Helion Ventures.

We also conducted competitions like Mind Your Business which gives exposure to the real scenario of a startup. It gives experience to the players in raising capital for their firm in a very competitive environment. As entrepreneurs would be trying to raise money to fulfill their objectives, investors will be trying to maximize their profit and make more money. It would be very interesting and challenging for everyone to compete with one another and emerge as the best entrepreneur and investor.

Pitch Your Product was organized with an aim to provide the participants with an opportunity which can transform their innovation in the form of as simple and small scale an initiative as their summer project or any other such research works into actual entrepreneurial ideas. This event examines the ability of the participants to evaluate the market or the customer needs or their distribution strategy. Long story short, this event requires the participant to be a full-fledged entrepreneur in the theoretical sense.

Decrypt is the good old case study competition. It is all about reading the situation and taking decisions – sometimes obvious and sometimes tough. It is about solving problems that are critical to answer for an entrepreneur at some stage.

E-Cell & GDG IIT Kanpur hosted a Hackathon. Each team was required to form a team of 2-4 in Hackathon and was encouraged to work on a product idea that solves a problem.

- **PRIME'83:**  
Promoting Research, Innovation, Motivation and Entrepreneurship (PRIME83) is an initiative generously supported by the alumni of 83' batch. This programme aims to develop a culture of creative ideas with focus on technology within the students of IITK. The PRIME83 INNOVATION AWARD is E- Cell's flagship event launched to develop technological entrepreneurship in the campus. This year also we are conducting prime smoothly. We have already selected top ten projects and are in the process of allocating them with the mentors which will help them through the remaining of the year for their projects.
- **New Website:**  
Launch of a completely revamped website of E-Cell and its new logo as a part of offering better access to E-Cell facilities and creating awareness about the activities of E-Cell.
- **TEDx IIT Kanpur:**  
It is an independently organised TED event to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2015. It comprises of talk series by 5 distinguished speakers from the fields of Technology, Entertainment and Design. The speakers include Niranjan Goswami, Anand Patwardhan, Abhijit Avasthi, Aabit Suri, Dipendra Manocha, Amit Deshwal and Irfan Alam. Approximately, an audience of 200 people has been targeted.
- **Start-up 101 Lecture Series:**  
A series of lectures on basics of entrepreneurship and business has been held. There have been 4 lectures held till now in L7 with an audience of nearly 100 students.
- **Start-up Weekend:**  
The E-Cell, in association with Techkriti, is organising the start-up Weekend to be held during 20-22 March 2015.
- **Start-up Weekend Bootcamp:**  
There have been two sessions organised on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 on 'How to Pitch your Start-up' and 'Reducing Technical Costs of Start-ups'. The Session aims to teach you how and how cheaply you run your website, webapp and exploit the web effectively to manage your startup.
- **Lecture at GLA University, Mathura:**  
As part of extending our reach outside IITK, we organised lecture sessions for the students of GLAU Mathura for promotion and exchange of ideas on entrepreneurship.
- **SIP opening:**  
As a part of Start-up Internship Program, there have been 70 companies invited to take 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate students for internships. Around 10 of them have been opened while the rest will be opening soon in different slots.

- **Resume Making Session:**

To guide the students about how to make an impressive resume, a resume making session was organized on 6<sup>th</sup> January and it witnessed a participation of around 100 students.

- **IDEAS:**

The E-Cell, in association with Techkriti, is organizing Ideas, a national-level business plan competition. It aims to nurture the entrepreneurial skills of participants and provides them a chance to interact with eminent VCs and investors, and receive funding and comprehensive mentorship for their ventures. Prizes worth INR 3 Lakh are at stake.

## 5.2. Expenditure Details:

Tarun Book Store	Pens, Markers, Pads	1035
Photocopy Hall 1	Photocopy	1000
Vishal Light System	Head Set Mic	2816
Snapdeal	Bean Bags	6184
SIS Office	Extra Security	3620
Total Paid		14655
Pending:		
SIP	Mobile bills	2500
TEDx	Hoarding	2500
Total		19655

## 6. Student Welfare Cell

Coordinators: Pratik Rath, Sarthak Chandra

### 6.1. Activities Undertaken

- **Technical Background Survey:**  
SWC organized a technical background survey for the incoming undergraduate students on the 27th of July during the Orientation Programme, where students were tested in the basics of Physics, Mathematics and their familiarity with using a computer.
- **Remedial Program**  
On the basis of this technical background survey and also data of JEE ranks of incoming students, the SWC proposed various ways to identify students who should be recommended for the remedial program that has been put forth in the UGSAC. The correlations are fairly strong and have been analyzed thoroughly.
- **Poster Presentation Competition**  
In collaboration with the Students' Placement Office the SWC organized a Poster Presentation Competition, which provided a unique opportunity to students who have done any quantifiable research in any field to showcase their work. The screening and judging was done by committees of professors. The final exhibit of posters were held in the Hall Of Fame, Outreach on the 30th and 31st of August.
- **English Proficiency Programme:**  
SWC in collaboration with Prof. Bhaskar Dasgupta started an English Proficiency Programme, which focused on learning English. The Programme did not take-off well and was later scrapped due to lack of response from the student community. A trial session was held on the 17th of August.
- **Hall Visits**  
The SWC visited all the undergraduate hostels; this was a 2-hour long session which elucidated the freshers about various academic rules and institute policies.
- **Session with Professors**  
The SWC in collaboration with the Counselling Service organized hall level mentoring sessions for all undergraduate students, in which professors were invited to come and interact with the freshers. These were organized in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August.
- **Mini-Bus Proposal**  
The SWC made an elaborate proposal to run an intra-IITK bus system that would cater to the needs of transit from different corners of the campus area. The details have been submitted to the Students' Senate.

## 7. Council Suggestions

- It is recommended that an amendment be made to the constitution to change the definition of the Presidential Council. Currently the constitution states in Article 5.09(b), "Clubs and hobby groups that do not belong in other councils shall be part of the Presidential Council." This should be changed to "Clubs and Hobby Groups in the field of Leadership Activities and Community Welfare shall be the part of Presidential Council."

This shall serve two major purposes: there will be a clear definition of the basis on which the council shall work, and bodies which are not related to the Gymkhana in spirit shall not become a part of it.

- It is recommended that the role of NGO based Hobby Groups and their place in the council should be reconsidered. If there is some clear guideline regarding interaction of NGOs and the council or the Gymkhana in general, social quotient of the value delivered by the Gymkhana can increase.
- It is recommended that in place of Green Opus there should be a consolidated event of the Council in the General Championship. This will help all the clubs under its umbrella to spread their reach. This event can be a mixture of events and sessions that will help the clubs spread their message. Green Opus shall be a part of this consolidated event then. Also the events conducted by E-cell during Takneek shall also be a part of this event.
- It is recommended that the Hobby Group SALD shall be closed due to no activity.
- It is recommended that the guidelines on which SWC works shall be reconsidered to specify a clear direction in which the club shall function.
- It is recommended that the events of E-cell shall be given a space in the Gymkhana Calendar to reduce clashes in the events conducted by other councils and E-cell.
- It is recommended to the incoming Head of the Presidential Council that the meetings of the council shall be convened more frequently and the activities of various clubs and hobby groups shall be allowed after prior permission has been taken.