

# Manifesto



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*Contesting for the post of*

***DUGC Students Nominee***  
*ME Department, 2013-14*

# Introduction & Vision

I am Gaurav Saraf (11279) and I am contesting for the post of DUGC Student Nominee,ME Department, 2013-2014.

IIT Kanpur is one of the premier institutes of education in Science and Technology of our country. We have among the best faculty, very competent students and world class facilities. The department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Kanpur is known for the quality of education it provides to the students by dividing the whole of Btech syllabus in an organised manner for the four years of the degree. However, the faculty members have a major role in framing the course structures and all other department related issues. As a result, many a times the new frame work tends not to be in the interests of the students . A major reason for such inconvenience is that the decisions lack the perspective and interests of the students.

I believe that any department related issue will always have a better solution pertaining to students interests if the view points of the students are also taken into consideration. A suitable student representative always plays an important role in this regard. If elected, my mission and vision shall be to put forth the views of the students in every department related matter, so the decisions are in the interests of the students.

# Credentials & Experience

In my time on campus, I have held the following positions of responsibility:

1. Student Guide, Counselling Service (2012-13)
2. Secretary, POWER (2012-2013)
3. Secretary, Radio Cell (2012-2013)
4. Executive, Marketing, Antaragni' 12
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6. Secretary, Hindi Literary Events, Antaragni' 12

Barring these posts, I have also been an active debater ( Represented IITK in the Hindi debate competition in Rendezvous'11). I have actively participated in Hall activities, and I have been involved in the Hindi Literary Society and the Alumini Contact Program since my first year.

# Mission

If elected, I shall try to achieve the following during my tenure, and shall base my work along these lines :

- Being a student representative, my basic responsibility is to put forth the collective views of the departmental student community in the DUGC on any academic matter. At the same time, it is also my duty to keep informing the students regarding the various matters discussed in the DUGC. In other words, I will try to act as conveyer of information between the DUGC and the students community.
- In cases of terminations, I would ensure that the concerned student's plea is taken into appropriate consideration.
- Some of the departmental courses ME 453, SE 381 have not yet been offered with the new credit system. I propose to put forth the matter in the DUGC so that the students can opt these courses too as their open elective.
- A number of courses such as MSO 201A (Probability and Statistics) are a pre-requisite for quite a number of advanced courses which students opt for open elective. But, ME department doesn't offer this course as a compulsory MSO course in the department template unlike Civil and EE departments. So, I propose to raise this issue in the DUGC meeting.
- Till 2010, the first year students used to have a zero credit course where the students were given a brief idea regarding their respective department. However, I believe that it would be of much help if such a course can be re-introduced whereby students can get information regarding the various fields of the department and the related courses.
- In a quite a number of termination cases, the terminated students do not get a proper guidance for mercy appealing. I (on a personal level) would try to contact them through mails and guide them to apply for mercy appeal.