



FILMS AND MEDIA COUNCIL

MID-TERM REPORT 2016-17

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Major Initiatives

Infrastructure Development

- The instructions for the usage of the green room have been prepared, further the room have been installed with a permanent desktop making it easier for screenings
- A 5.1 surround system has been installed in the FMC room for editing purposes making it easier for editing as well as opening newer horizon for the newly restructured Sound Club

Future Plans

- We are planning to add new lenses to the council inventory from the budget savings that we have made
- Soon proper guidelines for the issue of equipment from FMC shall be circulated for the ease of campus community

Workshops and Sessions

- As promised in my manifesto, we organised a talk by Mr. Tanmaya Shekhar who is an Alumni of IIT Kanpur and right now working as an independent filmmaker in NY. The talk saw a very good participation from the campus community.
- Mr. Amitesh Maheshwari, Y9 Batch also took a session on Travel and Solo Photography
- Two talks specifically targeted at Effective Communication and Presentation Skills were organized alongside spectrum for the campus community. The talks laid foundations for students as to what goes into an effective communication both verbally as well as visually.

Future Plans

- As and when the opportunities come we will be inviting more alumni for sessions of these kind for sharing their experiences probably in Montage'17 itself

Premier Screening

- A Premier screening was organised a 28th April 2016 where Mr. Vivek Agnihotri , an esteemed movie director graced us with his presence and screened his upcoming movie "Buddha in a Traffic Jam" and shared his views as to why he decided to make the movie and engaged in active discussion with the campus community regarding the movie.

Fashion show

The Fashion Show was organised as a part of fresher's night the details of which have already available in the post conduction report of the Fresher's Night

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Major Events

Spectrum

- The number of competitions were reduced even after introduction of a new hobby group under the council to promote learning and quality participation from the students
- Competitions were be broadly divided into two categories
 - focussing on more number pf participation specifically designed for the first year students
 - Focusing on better quality Participation for learning
- Specific Importance was given to publicity of the event via teasers, posters and website for better participation
- The results are pending because some of the events are yet to be judged as the judges are not responding to my mails neither my phone calls hence the delay has come up. I will be trying to release the results post the election period

MONTAGE Film Festival

Montage'16

- Montage'16 was organised from 31st March to 3rd April where a whole plethora of movies were screened spread across various countries, genres and languages to cater to the needs of everyone in the campus
- Montage'16 marked the return of Montage film festival after it was organised for the last time during the golden jubilee celebrations
- Competitions were organised for the first time as a part of montage alongside various workshops taken by various cubs under the council.
- The website was released well under time and can be found at: students.iitk.ac.in/fmc/montage

Future Plans

- With Monatge'17 coming up, we are planning a wider range of movies alongside popular movies
- We are currently in talks with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for several short movies from various small directors across nations
- We are also contacting eminent directors, cinematographers for talks during Montage'17

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Clubs and Hobby Groups

Animation Hobby Group

- For a major part due to lack of coordinators, the hobby group was inactive however in the recent time we have organised two sessions and workshops dealing with basics of animation over 3Ds Max.
- The summer workshop could not be organised as the expense for the workshop was too high making it practically impossible for us to organise any professional workshop for the same

Future Plans

- We are planning to have more workshops and sessions as a part of montage
- Post Montage, The hobby group is planning to start certain short projects where students can have a hands on session to test their skills

Anime Society

Screenings

Detective Conan Movie 01: The Timed Skyscraper (1997) | 16th March

Our first movie was a huge success with a turnout of 200 people from almost every age group

Anime weekend | 9th – 10th April

The recently aired anime series ERASED (Boku Dake Ga Inai Machi) was screened as per requests from campus junta. There was a turnout of about hundred people on both days of the screening.

Spirited Away (2001) | 27th May

This summer we screened Ghilbi's classic spirited away which brought a huge crowd of 250 at the night of screening.

The Boy and the Beast (Bakemono no ko) | 17th June

Another movie which was screened in the summers which was highly appreciated by the campus junta gathering over 200 people

Akatsuki | Summer project group

A project for writing our very own Manga was started this summer. The team comprised of 7 members from both UG and PG wrote the screenplay for 3 chapters and did character design. The project is currently on hiatus due to some issues.

Cosplay | Fresher's Night

For the first time, a cosplay event was organized as a part of Fashion show in Fresher's Night. The cosplay was on the theme of Pokémon which was also the theme for Fresher's Night. 13 Y16 students dressed as various characters from the Pokémon series.

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Design Club

Despite several attempts made, there have not been significant work in the club majorly due to lack of coordinators for the first half and fall in the number of students interested in designing as a whole. The summer workshop could not be organised at all as there was no coordinator for the club who could take up the responsibility for the workshop, Prof. Satyaki Roy has been active help in guiding us how to go about reviving the club and following that we have started the club from scratch all over again and we will be testing whether this works out for us, If the current structure does not work then I shall be presenting a proposal as to what steps do we need to take now.

Workshops and sessions

- A session on designing was conducted as a part of spectrum for the students to have a better idea of basic design aesthetics
- One more session on effective presentation making was conducted as a part of spectrum which was appreciated by the students who attended the session

Other Activities

- Currently, we are working on new set of logos for the Students' Gymkhana which upon approval by the respective general secretaries shall be presented in the senate.
- Apart from the Gymkhana council logos, the club is currently working on the logos of various clubs which exist under the Films and Media Council
- The Club is also working on the convocation gown design, however there are no volunteers and no one in the current team has a good idea about dress designing hence the process is too slow

Film Club

Workshops and sessions

- Summer Workshop was conducted covering different realms of film making like- screenplay and script writing, video editing, compositions, DSLR handling and basic knowledge about different film making equipment. Mr. Atul Tiwari, a renowned scriptwriter and actor was invited to take a one day workshop on script writing and screenplay.
- Workshops were organised for the fresher's batch which provided insights into the art that is film making.

Video Productions

- Batch Video – Y12 Batch for the outgoing batch
- Orientation Video was made by club secretaries and showcased on the fresher's night.
- A Short video was made on occasion of Teachers Day which was appreciated by all the faculty members

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Photography Club

Summer Workshop

The annual summer workshop by Photography Club was held from 18 May to 6 June 2016. The workshop witnessed participation of 75+ participants from the campus community. Workshop consisted of 5 lectures, 3 photowalks and professional workshop by Padma Shri Sudharak Olwe and Helena Schaetzle. The professional workshop was oriented towards documentary photography and introduced the concepts of photo stories to the community.

- Photo-walk to Bithoor
- Photo-walk to Nankari
- Photo-walk in Lucknow

Exhibitions

Exhibition is platform through which we showcase clubs work to outside as well as inside community. Photography Club held the following exhibitions:

- **Freshers Exhibition:**

The Club organised its first exhibition of the year during the orientation programme to introduce the incoming batch to the club and the work that it does

- **Antaragni Exhibition:**

The club organised its second exhibition 'Echoes' during Antaragni'16 and received huge applause from the attendees, alongside this year's exhibition we also showcased photographs by Mr. Amitesh Maheshwari from all across India which he clicked during his travels all across India

Coverage

Photography club overtook the coverage of various events:

- Fresher's Night
- Antaragni
- Inter-IIT Sports Meet

Hall Level Workshops and Hands-on session

Photography Club organized hall-level workshops to introduce photography and DSLR handling to Y16 batch. The workshops witnessed a total participation of 150+ members. Workshops were also organized before Spectrum to revise the concepts taught in Hall level workshops and discuss each concept in more details.

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Open House Sessions

Institute level open house sessions and photo discussion sessions were held. The major aim of these sessions was to expose people to classical and current work of photographers across the world.

New Projects

- **Yearly Gymkhana Calendar:**
Photography Club has come up with gymkhana calendar 2017.
- **Online Photo Exhibition:**
Photography exhibitions were published online via the FMC Page.

Sound Club

The recently restructured sound club has seen quite a good participation in the first set of workshops organised as a part of Spectrum. The first set of workshops laid the foundation stones for the club to streamline its flow of work. Two Professional Radio Workshops have been organised during summers and winters 2016 however they didn't see a lot of participation from the student community

Future Plans

- We shall be inviting originals from the campus community to be aired online
- More sessions targeted on sound mixing and designing to be organised as a part of montage

Students' Film Society

The club has been actively organising several movie and match screenings over the year, apart from this the club has seen some major changes over the past few months

New Initiatives

- The Online Polling system has been started on the FB group and soon shall be integrated with the website as well as and when we have the website ready with all the details
- The FB group also serves the purpose of an online forum where active discussions on movies have started
- Movie Marathons were organised like star wars trilogy
- The club also organised a 6 day long film gala where we showcased sports related movies for the entire inter IIT Aquatics Meet

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Vox Populi

Vox Populi, the campus journalism body, after having a revamp in 2014 and practically starting from scratch has come a long way and has successfully established itself as a campus media body which is trusted and looked up to. With strong 40 member core-group comprising writers, correspondents, video jockeys, video editors, photographics, cartoon creators and designers, vox is poised. With an exuberant team and a buoyant vision, Vox looks at the coming term as one full of opportunities.

- Vox published two print editions after a hiatus of 2 years
- Interviews of eminent personalities coming to Techkriti including widely acclaimed video interview of TVF Pitchers team.
- A campaign in was organised in association with Twitter to celebrate campus life where tweets were invited from students, professors and alumni on a topic which was announced for each of the five days for which the campaign was run

Coverage of Protest

- Daily factual and unbiased reporting of all new updates and happenings
- Editorial- Tragic Demise of Mr. Alok: Looking back to move ahead ([First editorial by Vox Populi](#))

Inter-IIT Aquatics Meet and Main Meet Coverage

- Preview Report of Aquatics meet before the opening ceremony
- Daily Reports covering almost everything (Results, Standings with no. of medals, new records etc.)
- Daily coverage of the Inter IIT Main meet alongside results and insights into what transpired across various events

Vox Walks

- **2 Videos**- Interaction with IITK Swimming team; Small video interview of IITK Aquatics Coach
- Video interview of Ms. Bula Choudhary and written interview of Ms. Trishla Singh

Internship Series

Captured the summer internship experiences of Y13 and Y12 students to help current students seating for internships make an informed choice

Alumni Connect

Shared the experiences of Mr. Akshat Singhal (co-authored the phenomenal paper "Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Merger) and Aarav unmanned system founder with the junta Regularly shared the achievements of our beloved alumni from Facebook page

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Pertinent campus issues raised

- Problems faced by physically disabled students (Print Edition)
- Food Wastage (Print Edition)
- Difficult times ahead for BS programs
- Problems with the Branch Change form leading to incorrect branch change

Salient Features

- **Instant Reporting** e.g. Protest coverage, Inter-IIT Aquatics meet coverage, Reporting the cases of bushfire, Flipped classrooms, CCD renovation post, Mid-sem copies on time, CC password change request, Distinguished faculty awards, Sharing of news articles related to IITK etc
- **Design:** 3 upcoming print edition posters, Vox's birthday (celebrated Vox's 2nd birthday on 2nd August), poster for telling that CCD will be open 24 hours during exams, freshers' competition poster, Wishing Teacher's Day poster etc. ; First ever doodle by Vox on mid-sems fever ; Comic in print edition

Recommendations

- My first recommendation is in regard to the website of students' gymkhana which is the primary source of information for any outsider about our activities in the campus, however the current website reflects very poorly of us and after many attempts from my side I haven't been able to do it alone without volunteers. Hence my recommendation is that we move a letter from the Students' Senate to Head, CC for allocating a person who will be responsible for maintaining the students' server and gymkhana website
- The summer workshop for the animation hobby group could not be organised due to financial issues however with the new team I am positive that we will be able to revive the hobby group, however if the hobby group doesn't perform it should be dissolved
- Any number of structures for the design cub have failed successively over the years, If the club doesn't work well till the end of this semester, then we should consider the option of dissolving the club. It is not really good that I have to say this but if the campus community are not interested, then keeping a club alive only on papers is completely useless
- Another recommendation is regarding the sound system room, the room is required during several events of the students' gymkhana and it continually hinders the work of the general secretary as it takes a lot of his/her time, hence I recommend that all the councils appoint an executive as a part of their core team who will be taught how to use the sound system room and he/she shall be operating the system during respective council events

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