

This mail was received on 23rd February, 2015 at 1:23 AM, explaining the issue-

Dear Chairperson, Students' Senate & President, Students' Gymkhana,

Please refer the below mail, the concerned general body member wants me to raise the issue in senate.

Please let me whether this needs to be raised as agenda.

cc: concerned general body member

Regards,
Arun Karthik B.
PhD Senator

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: [Fwd: Re: [pg] Call for Participation: Spiritual Retreat in Almora in March 2015]
Date: Mon, 23 Feb 2015 01:18:50 +0530
From: aravind@iitk.ac.in
To: arunkb@iitk.ac.in

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: [pg] Call for Participation: Spiritual Retreat in Almora in March 2015
From: aravind@iitk.ac.in
Date: Sun, February 22, 2015 11:08 pm
To: smitr@iitk.ac.in
Cc: pg@lists.iitk.ac.in

Dear All,

I don't want to receive Vivekananda Samiti mails. Initially there were individual mails to those who were subscribed to it. After lot of haggling I somehow got my mail removed from it.

Now it is being broadcast to PG list. I don't want my mail box to be clogged with mails that I don't find relevant.

Please do not arbitrarily spam mail boxes of people like me who are least interested in this affair.

Hope you folks understand!

Thanks,
Aravind.M
9793452233

>>>> Dear friends,
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>>>> As you might be aware that Vivekananda Samiti IITK is organizing a
>>>> spiritual retreat in Almora, Uttarakhand during the Midsem recess. The
>>>> Call for participation is attached herewith. Due to cancellation of
>>>> few
>>>> members, we are once again inviting your participation in the retreat.

>>>> For
>>>> queries, please call me at 9935600145. For confirming your
>>>> participation,
>>>> please register at the earliest, and have a call/interaction with me.
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>>>> Thanks,
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>>>> Do you aspire to take a break from the regular worldly life, and spend
>>>> some quality time in the Himalayas, with self-introspection,
>>>> meditation,
>>>> reading, discussion and come out with a better understanding of your
>>>> self?
>>>> Vivekananda Samiti IIT Kanpur offers you this wonderful opportunity.
>>>> During the next Midsemester recess, i.e., Feb.28- Mar.8, 2015, we plan
>>>> to
>>>> organize a spiritual retreat at the Ramakrishna Kutir, Almora, the
>>>> place
>>>> thrice visited by Swami Vivekananda. This retreat will comprise of
>>>> study
>>>> and discussion sessions on spirituality and Vedanta, works of Swami
>>>> Vivekananda, meditation, personality development sessions,
>>>> self-analysis
>>>> and counseling, nature walks and site-seeing around Almora. Swami
>>>> Narasimhananda, Editor of Prabuddha Bharata magazine, residing at the
>>>> Advaita Ashrama, Mayawati , Uttarakhand is likely to be our guide
>>>> during
>>>> the retreat. A brief history and description about the ashrama in
>>>> Almora
>>>> is
>>>> available at: <http://goo.gl/JyU0h1>.
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>>>> We have made bookings for 12 persons in the ashrama. We invite your
>>>> participation for this retreat. The expected cost per head may range
>>>> between 5000-7000 INR. If you are interested to join us, kindly
>>>> register
>>>> yourself at: <http://goo.gl/xIIXEU>
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>>>> For any queries, you may call
>>>> Shubhadip Mitra at 9935600145, or drop a mail at smitr@iitk.ac.in.
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>>>> Vivekananda Samiti IIT Kanpur organized a similar spiritual retreat at
>>>> the
>>>> Advaita ashrama, Mayawati, Uttarakhand, during Mar.17-23, 2014. A
>>>> travelogue of this retreat is available at: <http://goo.gl/VoIleV>, and
>>>> the
>>>> pictures are available at: <http://goo.gl/Aq7zm5>
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>>>> Few videos of Swami Narasimhananda, who visited IITK twice, are
>>>> available
>>>> at the following links:
>>>> <http://goo.gl/FgSsMg>
>>>> <http://goo.gl/xD9y4W>
>>>> <http://goo.gl/SJL1lV>
>>>> <http://goo.gl/JC5iQ8>
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>>>> Looking forward to your enthusiastic responses!!
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>>>> Thanks and Regards,
>>>> Coordinators,
>>>> Vivekananda Samiti,
>>>> IIT Kanpur
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>>>> vsamiti@iitk.ac.in
>>>> www.iitk.ac.in/vs
>>>> <https://www.facebook.com/vsiitk>
>>>> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vsiitk/>
>>>> <http://www.youtube.com/user/vsiitk>
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>>>> "Each soul is potentially Divine. The goal is to manifest this
>>>> divinity
>>>> within by controlling nature external and internal"- Swami Vivekananda
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>>>> To manage your subscription to Vivekananda Samiti Mailing List, please
>>>> click: <http://www.iitk.ac.in/vs/?page=subscription/manage>
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This reply was sent on 23rd February 2015, at 1:57 AM-

Dear Arun,

It is unclear to me from the mail what the exact issue is. Is it only Vivekanand Samiti mails, or is it mails in general?

I would also appreciate if there was a little bit more context to the issue. Is the referred General Body Member being harassed from the Vivekanand Samiti webmail ID, or is he merely expressing irritation?

Please submit an agenda item to the desired effect.

Sincerely,
Anurag

Another mail was received on 23rd February 2015 at 3:09 PM, giving more details about the issues-

Dear Anurag,

If I may choose to reply you directly, here is my concern. Arun, I hope it is ok.

Well, I'm annoyed by mails from Vivekanand Samiti. It is because of the below reasons:

1. Previously, I had been getting them eventhough I was not subscribed to it. It took lots of efforts and a few calls to stop it. I can provide the conversations if needed.

2. Now to call a spade a spade, what bothers me more is not the posting of these mails, I could just delete them, but the blatant efforts of these kind of vested interests in infusing these kind of information is what is stifling. Day by day it is becoming more blatant. I'm being bombarded with the same content from multiple sources. Why ?. I get it on Pg lists, then this one from student's gykhana, then in due course DOSA, DOFA or any of the upteen D's we have will send it.

3. I would have raised the same flag, if instead of vedanta studies through Vivekananda Samiti, it had been thoughts about old testament or granth or koran etc, for that matter. There are various regional communes like Tamil mandram, kannada Sanga, Teulgu and Marathi forums. If each one of these decides to be partronised, imagine if it will augur well.

See to that these mails and invitations are unicast to those who are subscribed, rather than to broadcast it to those who are not interested. Just because it is about Vivekananda, spirituality etc, let people themselves not take a moral higher plane and arbitrarily bombard others who have other views to be irked to the core. Let "rational and intellectual" sanity prevail.

Thanks,
Aravind

This is the conversion of the concerned General Body Member with the Vivekanand Samiti regarding this issue, received on 23rd February, 2015 at 3:15pm:

As an Alibi....here are the efforts that i had to make to have my name removed !.

----- Original Message -----
Subject: Re: Vednanta Session on 18th Nov Tuesday/Ignore previous mail
From: aravind@iitk.ac.in
Date: Wed, November 19, 2014 7:44 pm
To: "Vivekananda Samiti, IIT Kanpur" <vsamiti@iitk.ac.in>
Cc: aravind@iitk.ac.in

Good. Then to what list did you add my name to prevent these mails from being posted ?.

Is there anything other than this

>>>> To manage your subscription to Vivekananda Samiti Mailing List,
>>>> please
>>>> click: <http://www.iitk.ac.in/vs/?page=subscription/manage>

Just want to know if there is another list/provision which is out of bounds to the common user. If so that should be made known to them so that they could be saved of their agony !

If so, please make a statement to all the community so that they could do so !

THanks for all the help.

-Aravind

> FYC

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> Your name was not there from the very beginning I guess as I would not
> have to delete your name.

> On Tue, November 18, 2014 2:51 pm, aravind@iitk.ac.in wrote:

>> Thank you.

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>> But can you please clarify ?.

>> Was my name already not on the list or you removed it now ?.

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>> Please let me know.

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>> Thanks.

>> Aravind

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>>> Your name is not there in the mailing list. I guess you will not

>>> receive

>>> any mails further.

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>>> On Tue, November 18, 2014 8:47 am, aravind@iitk.ac.in wrote:

>>>> Dear Vivekananda samiti folks,

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>>>> A haressed poor Indian needs your help. His name is aravind (Roll no

>>>> :12119061). His mail id is aravind@iitk.ac.in. He does not want to

>>>> receive the mails/notifications from vivekananda samiti. He finds them

>>>> to

>>>> be unsolicited.

>>>> He has done the following:

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>>>> 1. He had gone to the samiti site and tried unregistering (a mail not

>>>> found pop up comes out....I presume this would prove that he w

>>>> as not registered at all). Yet he recieves mails from them !

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>>>> 2.He had sent mails to vsamiti@iitk.ac.in asking them not to send and

>>>> yet

>>>> he receives mails.

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>>>> 3.He had called the office bearers and they say they are not

>>>> responsible

>>>> for it, yet will make the concerned person know. Yet he recieves the

>>>> mail

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>>>> 4. Couple of times his mail box was close to the brim and a mail from

>>>> this

>>>> samiti with some attachment made it locked ! and this fellow had to

>>>> walk

>>>> to the CC upteen times.

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>>>> Anyways, the bottom line is aravind@iitk.ac.in does not wish

>>>> vivekandanda

>>>> samiti mails to be dropped in his mail box (at times ridiculously the

>>>> same mail gets forwarded by all and sundry who have access to this all
>>>> list). Hope that the samiti folks practice the "braveness" preached
>>>> by
>>>> Mr.Vivekananda and stop the scheme of spamming mailboxes of hapless
>>>> folks
>>>> who are least interested in Bhaja govindam or the likes of it .
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>>>> Thanks.
>>>> Aravind.M
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>>>> P.S : this was a facebook post i did on your vivekananda samiti page.
>>>> I'm
>>>> not sure you folks would publish it ..hence sending you the same !
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>>>>> Thanks and Regards,
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>>>>> Deepak Ojha (9598960597)
>>>>> Vivekananda Samiti,
>>>>> IIT Kanpur
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>>>>> Thanks and Regards,
>>>>> Coordinators,
>>>>> Vivekananda Samiti,
>>>>> IIT Kanpur
>>>>> Ashish Singla (8090255809)
>>>>> Raghunandan B. Iyer (8765674651)
>>>>> Koustuv Ray (8090829640)
>>>>> vsamiti@iitk.ac.in
>>>>> www.iitk.ac.in/vs
>>>>> <https://www.facebook.com/vsiitk>
>>>>> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vsiitk/>
>>>>> <http://www.youtube.com/user/vsiitk>
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This mail was received on 23rd February at 9:33 PM

Sure Anurag.

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On Monday 23 February 2015 07:53 PM, Chairperson, Students' Senate wrote:

> Dear Arun,

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> Are you endorsing Aravind's issue, as an agenda item to be taken up in
the

> Senate?

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> Sincerely,

> Anurag