BSW

Board for Student Welfare
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

2020-21

Annual Report

20-21

OPERATIONS

BOARD FOR STUDENT WELFARE

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Tour Of Stalls

Motivation - Guiding the freshers about the functioning of the BRCA clubs, Technical clubs under CAIC and the various Boards.

Event details - A 3 day event wherein the freshers were introduced to the clubs and boards in IITD and their functioning. The representatives from the clubs and boards introduced themselves and explained their functioning to their freshers.

Impact - Helped freshers in choosing the clubs they wish to be a part of and familiarizing them with the culture at IIT Delhi.

Office of Accessible Education

This initiative was started to cater the needs of differently abled persons. Special assistance varying from academics to infrastructure requirements are taken care of by the department. Students with permanent/temporary disability were registered with the office and appropriate support was provided. OAE provides various support to the students of IIT Delhi. Some of them are listed below -

1. Assistive technology resources (Hardware and Software)
2. Study material in accessible format
3. Scribe and compensatory time provision during the examination
4. eRikshaw for moving across the IITD campus
5. Training of various assistive technologies

MBA Mock Interviews and Session

We started with providing assistance to MBA aspirants this year by mapping them with IIM scholars who graduated from IITD. 20 students with 99+ percentile were provided help relating to their application and interview through this initiative.
We also conducted a session "What after CAT" which was taken by Chhavi Gupta, an IIT graduate who scored 100 percentile in CAT and now runs an organization to provide mentorship to CAT aspirants.

Forex ke Fundae

Motivation - To help students seeking guidance regarding the procedure and interviews for Forex
Event details - This session helped the sophomores by providing them insightful experiences of their seniors from various departments. It also enhanced their understanding about the Forex application and interview procedure
Impact - Enhanced understanding of the Forex programme and clarity on why applicants should consider Forex. The event was attended by 200 students.

Foreign Intern ke Fundae

Motivation - Fundae" shared by experienced seniors to help their juniors seek a foreign intern
Event details - Panelists shared their stories and memories with the students and helped them understand the way to bag an intern by guiding them with the mailing procedure and salient points to be considered when applying for an intern.
Impact - This event impacted more than 500 students and helped them apply for interns.

SPERANZA '21

A SOJOURN IN VIRTUALITY

Motivation – Exposing students to the thrilling side of IITD by organizing a plethora of events. Evenings filled with fun and joy and building memories that they will cherish for lifetime.

Campus Hack

Organized in collaboration with DevClub, this was a virtual campus wide hackathon where people battled in a competition to develop a bot. The competition saw entries from across the years with people submitting their demos for the final round.

La Grace

A modeling competition in which we invited entries of girls and guys who walked the imaginary ramps and gave short introductions. The entries were judged on the metrics of confidence, grace and creativity.

Quizzing

A quiz conducted for all the freshers in collaboration with the Quizzing club of IITD. The quiz was focused on being highly inclusive so that majority students can participate and enjoy.

IPL Auction

Organised the simulation of IPL auction as a competition between different teams with really interesting twists. A Cricket quiz was conducted initially where teams were shortlisted for the final round – the auction.

Meme Fest

Memes were invited on specific themes for 3 days with a final showdown on the final day of the fest. The second category was about meme video rendition where participants submitted their own rendition of the trending meme videos.

Comedy Night

This was the final event of the fest with one of our alumni performing. The final performance was by Devesh Dixit which saw a participation of more than 500 students.

Mr. and Ms. Fresher

Round 1 saw Selection of entries of Freshers on the basis of forms filled by them. Round 2 was an interview to test their mettle followed by Round 3 where they were asked to showcase their talent and a girl and guy were crowned as Mr. and Ms. Fresher 2021.

Case-o-Mania

This was a business case competition where participants were supposed to submit their solutions to a case which was ideated by the team members. The finalists presented their solutions in front of a panel which included consultants from McKinsey.

Valorant Gaming

Gaming competition for all the gamers with exciting prizes for the final winners. This saw participation from 20 teams and nail biting games were streamed on youtube for the student community anchored by a professional valorant player.

2021

MENTORSHIP

BOARD FOR STUDENT WELFARE

MENTORSHIP

1 Mentor Orientation

It was organised to explain to the mentors what was expected of them. A mentor orientation of 500-600 potential applicants was conducted and a mentor video was created from experiences of past mentors which was then shared with freshers and upcoming mentors.

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3 Psychological First Aid Kit

To guide mentors even further, a special module in collaboration with YourDost was made which included training videos and short quizzes. This module was shared with the 240 mentors for better assessment of their skills.

MENTORSHIP

4 Department Head Mentor

Freshers come with a series of doubts about the department they are enrolled in. So, this year a new division was introduced including the best mentors for each department (total 11). The department head mentors were responsible to assist freshers with department-related queries, bringing new ideas and problems faced by fellow mentors. This helped freshers understand what the department offers and also helped us to know problems faced by mentors.

5 Know your Mentors

Due to online semester, students had minimal idea about their hostel seniors. To avoid unwanted tips by random seniors, we organised a series where we introduced the students to all the mentors of their respective hostels. This ensured that they have a fair idea of trustable seniors who they could interact with whenever they wanted to ask doubts or queries. The series included posters with photos of each mentor and a brief description about the same.

MENTORSHIP

6 Mid-Term Mentor Review

To know whether freshers are doing well with their mentors and are satisfied with them, mentor feedback was taken during NLN sessions. From the feedback, only 0.02% of mentor change requests were made and Mentors were removed/changed based on demand. This helped us in keeping the mentorship program more efficient.

7 24 Hour Mentor Feedback system

A 24X7 mentor feedback system was launched in the form of a Google form which was made available on the BSW website whose responses were constantly checked throughout the year. Requests were served as they were filed with around 10 requests made through this application. This helped us to keep a check on the problems faced by any fresher with their mentors throughout the year.

MENTORSHIP

8 Mentor Training Session

Mentoring a set of students at the start can be tough and few mentors may not know quite well how to guide their mentees. For this, 14 best mentors and 5 members of the core team were trained by Mr. Lekh Bajaj, and these students then conducted the mentor training sessions for the rest of the 230 mentors. These sessions went pretty well and feedbacks of these sessions were really positive.

9 SBI Event

Students at IITD generally don't have much info about the benefits they could avail or the subsidy or loans they can get for various needs. So, we organised a session in collaboration with the Branch Manager of SBI, IITD to inform the students about the various benefits and loans that they can avail from the institute. This helped them financially and provided them with the required resources.

MENTORSHIP

10 Mentor Series

This year, a Mentor series covering over 15-18 mentors consisting of student mentors, language mentors, and academic mentors from 2019-20 tenure was initiated. The aim of the series was to spread positivity and enthusiasm through the experiences of fellow co-mentors. The series was highly appreciated and responded to and achieved its motive.

11 Course Information Sessions

Once the first year is over, students in IITD are supposed to pick courses themselves such as DC, DE, OE, HUL, etc. Since first-year courses are pre-selected by the institute, freshers have very little idea about what to select. To help freshers out, a Course information session was conducted for each branch. In the session, the courses of study was explained, the recommended course chart of the department was briefed, course load was informed, selecting the right HUL course, details about minor degree, pre-requisites and the chain-linked with the courses were discussed. The session received a great response.

Mental Health

Mental health during COVID-19 Coping Together:

It was the first online webinar (conducted on zoom) related to lockdown induced mental health issues. The speaker, Nivida Chandra, motivated us to have hope and to not give up during these tough times. The event saw huge participation with 100+ attendees, thanks to good publicity via video teasers released on our social media handles and whatsapp groups of all years. Forms for asking questions to the speaker were floated prior to the event. The session was quite interactive since it was opened to one to one Q/A round towards the end with many people coming forward to narrate their stories which fulfilled the aim of the event.

Monday Musings

Weekly posts were uploaded on our social media handles to act as a constant reminder to everyone about different aspects of mental health and keeping ourselves happy mentally. We got good feedback from the student community and other followers of the page about these posts as they were spreading positivity in their life.

Mental Health

World Mental Health Day 2020

Many students were facing a lot of issues during the online semester which increased the burden on everyone. So, we collaborated with the World Federation Of Mental Health to organise Global Mental Health Fest 2020. This was a 3 day extravaganza of diverse events and performances. We strategically planned and organised interactive activities on our Instagram page where people were answering how they are dealing to keep themselves mentally well. We published interactive and informative posts on our instagram page in order to sensitize people. We also organised a social media campaign where we asked everyone to show gratitude towards anyone or anything which is making them happy and their life smoother. This was quite successful as we got over 190 comments on our social media posts.

My Tryst With Mental Health

This series was aimed to inspire people to accept that it's okay if everything is not okay and normalize taking help, which is sometimes a very difficult thing for many. This series brings stories from our own peers and alumni who went through immense hardships and misery only to rise and grow from that phase. Interviews were released, sharing experiences of people's journey through mental health problems and their encounter with the SCS service.

Mental Health

Session with SCS counsellors

We introduced SCS counsellors to every hostel, so that everyone gets to know about the professionals available for students. Often, people are uncomfortable with sharing their problems with anyone and going to a professional seems too much hassle. So, a session by SCS counsellors was organized where they talked about mental health and explained how to use the SCS services. The turn out in those sessions was fairly nice and students got clarification of their doubts and felt free to ask the questions towards the end

She said, He said, They said

'She said, He said, They said' was a webinar aimed at talking about the common doubts, unpopular opinions and questions on gender. Speaker - Surabhi Yadav is a gender and rural development practitioner. In these modern times, this session was a step in making ourselves free from the clutches of doubts and common misconceptions. The sessions turnout was fairly good and was quite interactive. Surbhi ma'am shared some stories and solved a lot of doubts that were asked towards the end.

Mental Health

How to be resilient in the Virtual Era

This was conducted in collaboration with NSS. This webinar was aimed at discussing the various facets of 'new normal'. It took us through the challenges and opportunities in the virtual era and acquainted us with the coping skills required to be honed for a better quality of life. The speaker, Dr. Minal K Abhilashi, is a mental health professional who brought over 9 years of experience working across various settings.

Darpan

An IGTV Video series in collaboration with Hindi Samiti IITD. Here, poems were released which were meant to let people know happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light. The poems focused on uplifting and encouraging the students who were feeling low due to various reasons. We got a combined 2500+ views on these videos and a lot of thankful comments. Special thing about this series was that poems were written and narrated by students of IITD.

Mental Health

Session with professors

Much needed session organized for the doctors chaired by a doctor from AIIMS. This was organized keeping in mind that there's a huge communication gap between students and professors about general student problems. The aim was to create awareness among professors about the problems that every other student faces. The session was quite good with a lot of discussion on the problems and the best possible solutions for them.

Gatekeeper Workshop

This session was organised for students mentors, but due to budget restrictions only 10 of them could participate in the event. This was a suicide prevention workshop organised in collaboration with SPIF which was conducted in two parts. Mentors were taught on how to understand if someone is having suicidal thoughts and if they identify them, what should be their next steps to approach this. The mentors who had the budget restriction were provided with detailed content for self-viewing.

Mental Health

International Thank You Day

A social media campaign to spread positivity all around. We asked students to show gratitude to people who add value in any way to their life. There were a huge number of responses which were posted on social media handles as stories. There were also several responses received where students tagged their friends in different cards curated by YourDost

Revamping Webpage

 Webpage was redesigned to help the whole student community in these tough times. There were additions made to the webpage like a mental health test curated by YourDost. Usually people find their problems small and avoid taking professional help. So, we created a new webpage for stress management tips and better management of their academics in the virtual era. Concrete methods and action plans were comprehensively added in the webpage to clear the confusions and apprehensions of the students. We tried to provide assistance in coping up with academics and clearing misconceptions about academics for the freshers.
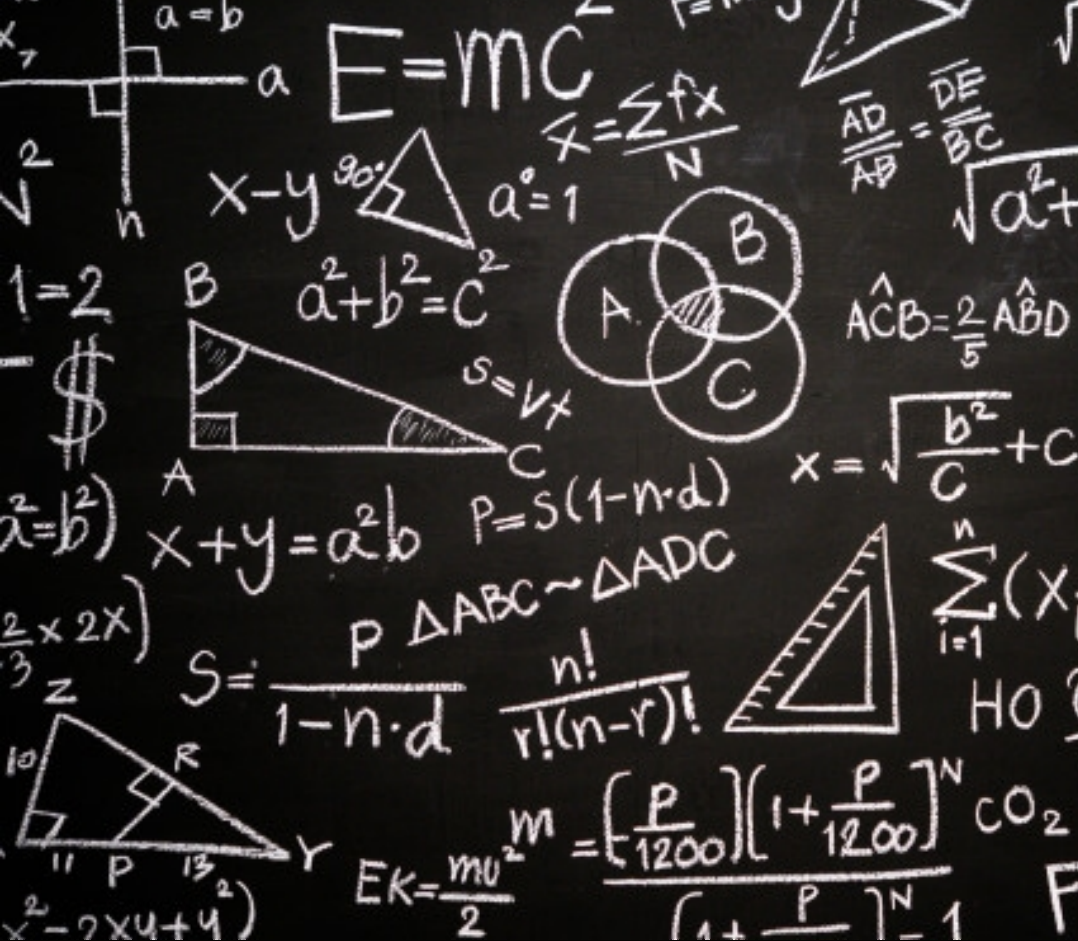
Academic Mentorship

1. Clusterwise Allotment of Mentors

For academic mentorship sessions, all the hostels were divided into three clusters with mentors taking sessions in each hostel's channel. The mentors were shifted among clusters instead of allotting them one particular hostel. This ensured uniformity since every mentor was able to teach students from different hostels.
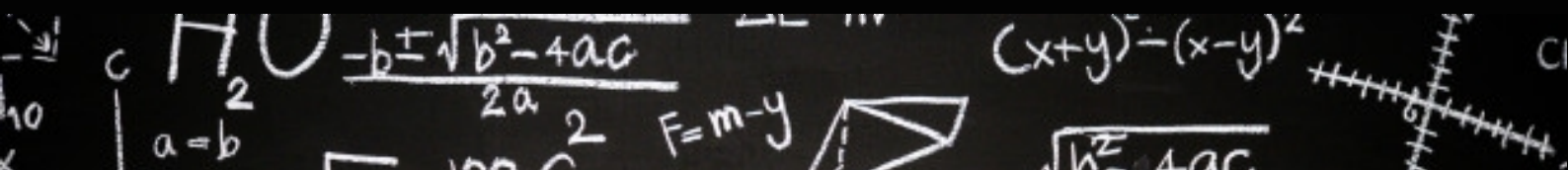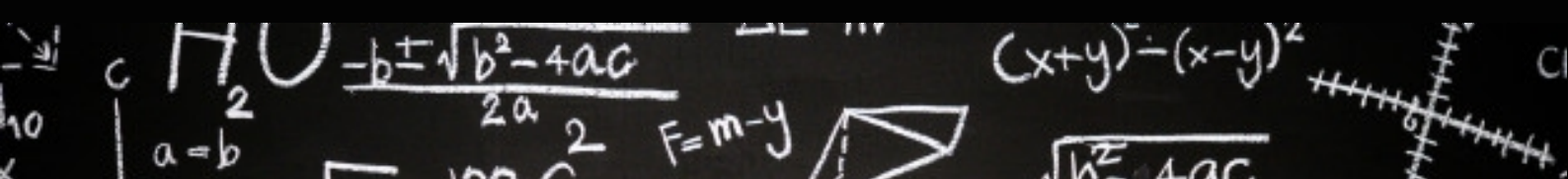
Academic Mentorship

2. Piazza

Piazza was introduced as a discussion forum to ease the doubt-clearing process. It could be accessed from MS Teams, thus ensuring that all academic mentorship related activities were in one-place. Different mentors were allotted to manage Piazza each week and clear the pending doubts.

3. Revision Sessions Before Exams

Mentors were incorporated from Semester-2, 2019-20 who had incomplete hours. They were made to take the revision sessions before minors and majors to ensure that their hours are completed. This also ensured that students don't face any problems nearing their examinations.

4. First Year Course Directory

A central directory was created in this academic session to keep all the academic materials necessary for first-year courses. We ensured that it was maintained by the academic mentors and kept it up-to-date. It helped the students by having a one-stop portal for any resource required during the semester.

Academic Mentorship

5. Introductory Sessions

A new initiative that was taken up under academic mentorship was introductory sessions of individual courses. These were organised during the first week of the semester to make the students comfortable with their courses by providing them an overview of the course, suggesting them reference books, conveying to them the approach to follow to perform well in the course and sharing some tips for the examinations.

6. BSW Question Paper Directory

Another initiative of academic mentorship, the BSW question paper directory was made to be up-to-date. It was made sure that all the question papers were regularly uploaded to the directory on the website with the help of BSW representatives and CAIC convenors.
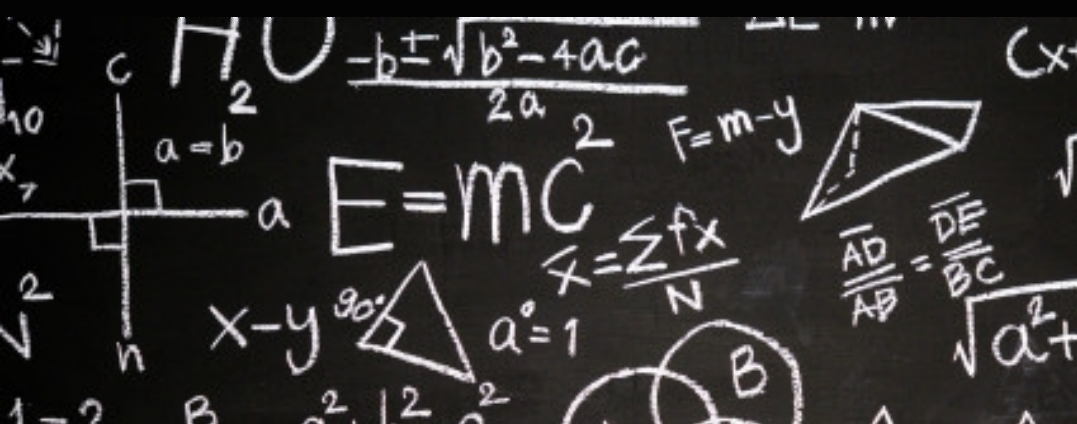
Academic Mentorship

7. Involvement of Professors and TAs

A lucrative initiative introduced this year was incorporating a synergy between the academic curriculum and academic mentorship. A regular feedback mechanism was proposed to ensure that the professors and TAs know which topics the students are facing difficulties with. This would increase the accountability of the academic mentors in addition to its benefit to the students. However, the initiative did not get a lot of traction from the course coordinators even after receiving the approval of the Deans.

LANGUAGE MENTORSHIP

Revamping the Website

Being the pandemic-stricken times we moulded accordingly. With the incorporation of initiatives taken in the language mentorship program on the webpage and along with making it more user-friendly, the Language Mentorship website was renovated.

Video of seniors on importance

Being fluent with English is a basic requirement as it has been the language of international communication. We along with the assistance of our seniors created the videos highlighting the importance of communication skills, specifically the listening and speaking capabilities, directed towards making freshers realise the importance of English Language.

LANGUAGE MENTORSHIP

Student Language Mentors

Introduced the enhanced teaching methodology, we specified the topics to each mentor and performed the rotation of mentees covering the entire domain of fundamentals in a total of 3 phases.

British Council - English Language

Onboarding of British Council had set in more professionalism and had a very positive impact on freshers, highly improving their communication skills. Along with the collaboration of HSS Department for logistics and other particulars, it had stepped up the impact created on freshers.

British Council - Technical Communication Skills

The British Council's assistance to PhD and MTech students in the presentation and writing down their journals and papers had a great impact on assertion of their thesis as many of them struggled on this dimension in spite of having a very solid research background.

Hindi Workbook

Directed towards fundamentally clarifying the concepts and stepping up their language skills, we drafted the Hindi WorkBook for the Freshers, which can be accessed even before the beginning of sessions and they can get started on it.

ALUMNI MENTORSHIP

Aluminiscence

One of BSW's Alumni mentorship initiatives that commenced this year is a series called Aluminescence. We invited our alumni from various career fields to join us for an interactive and informative session where they convey to the students how to enter their fields, the prerequisites necessary, the scope and future prospects in their field and how their day-to-day life goes on. They even reminisced about their lives at IITD and shared some memorable stories with us too. The event received positive feedback with good viewership on YouTube as well as on Instagram.

ALUMNI MENTORSHIP

LinkedIn profile and YouTube channel

A new page of BSW IITD was created on LinkedIn to increase corporate outreach and overall publicity. All the posts were shared there to make sure that the events received maximum traction. The existing YouTube channel of BSW was revamped for better outreach and we saw a 10 times increase in the subscribers of the channel.

Career and Placements Portal

Students are generally searching for sources to prepare for intern and placements season. They look for books, courses, videos, tips and tricks. To solve this issue, we created this portal where we have documented interviews with seniors who've been placed at top-notch companies or have secured outstanding PPOs. Now, students can refer to great advice regarding anything they want to at any time they need it.

Alumni Mentorship Clinic

In this initiative, we organised sessions for students targeted at particular fields. These sessions were held throughout the week with students attending any number of them. Sessions were moderated by a counsellor and addressed by Alumni of related fields. This led to a very fruitful discussion on the field and increased student awareness. Emphasis was also given on the students who were still unsure about their career choices by organising special sessions for them.

Alumni Mentor Allotment

To help students get streamlined and more focused towards their goals in life, BSW has initiated Alumni mentor allotment. It would be a one-on-one mentorship with an alumnus of their preferred career field who would guide and assist them with their ideas and thoughts and help them with any problems that they may have. This would even help the students have a fair knowledge of their future prospects.

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS

Loans Info. Session

There are many students who don't know the details regarding the loans and subsidies provided to them after their enrollment as an IIT Delhi student. So, to make the students aware of the loans and facilities that they can avail, we organised an SBI loans information session with the branch manager of the IIT Delhi SBI branch who gave the necessary details regarding several loans and subsidies available. Further, we shared details relating to the loans provided by Canara bank too to help the students with the process.

Laptop Donation Drive

This was organised to request students to donate their spare or used laptops It was targeted to help the freshers with a requirement of financial aid.

Resources Series

Students generally don't know the entirety of the resources they are provided at IIT, be it the softwares, the booklets, the forms, etc. To make them aware about the same, and where to find the necessary documents and resources, we held an informative posts series on Instagram conveying the required information.

Let's Meme

A meme workshop was organised in collaboration with IITD OnAir and Mement. The event was aimed to be a stress-buster and achieved its motive of working as a diversion from the hectic schedule. It saw participation in huge numbers, especially from the Freshers.

COVID-19
ASSISTANCE

CYLINDER ARRANGEMENT

An initiative taken by Prof. Deepti Sahoo, a Civil Engineering professor, in which he wanted to donate the cylinders which were present in the labs at IITD to the government so that they can be used as oxygen cylinders. BSW contacted each professor of the labs of over 10 departments and enquired about the cylinders available. A proper list was maintained related to the type of cylinders available, and then, we contacted the students who were staying in the campus and asked them to volunteer to shift these heavy cylinders from varying locations to a single location. Nearly 15-20 student volunteers across all years coordinated with us to transport over 105 cylinders over 6 hours to the designated location. The following day, they were handed over to the government.

Contacting Covid Victims

BSW contacted students present in campus who tested positive for Covid-19. They were provided with contact details of doctors for regular consultation and were inquired about any needs that the administration could fulfill. They were provided with medication wherever they needed them. A regular check was also maintained regarding the food and facilities being provided at the isolation centres. If any student's condition further deteriorated, the administration was immediately informed with doctor and medications being available on time. We also ensured their transportation, etc. after recovery.

Social Media Awareness

Stats and information related to Covid cases and the situation in general was often talked about in almost all our social media posts. We spread awareness related to the norms to follow and what precautions to take to stay safe. Regular posts related to mental health, physical health, society, etc. were also uploaded to maintain a positive and happy vibe among students. They were encouraged to open up and share their feelings with their close ones or their mentors or BSW representatives.

ACADEMIC MENTORSHIP

300+ Academic Mentors

750+ Hours of Sessions per Course

MENTAL HEALTH MENTORSHIP

2500+ Interactions on Social Media

250+ Attendees in Counselling Sessions

100+ Attendees in Live Events

10+ Social Media Campaigns

3 Live Events

IMPACT
2020-2021

OPERATIONS

TOUR OF STALLS
1000+ Students
20+ Clubs **10+** Hours of Live Streaming

FOREX KE FUNDAE
200+ Students in Live Event

FOREIGN INTERN KE FUNDAE
500+ Students in Live Event

CORE MENTORSHIP

EVENING GAMES
1000+ Freshers
2500+ Views on Post Event Publicity

MENTOR FEEDBACK
99.8% Mentors were Retained

COURSE INFORMATION SESSIONS
80%+ Freshers in Live Event

LANGUAGE MENTORSHIP

50+ Language Mentors

350+ Freshers Registered for the Program

ALUMNI MENTORSHIP

5000+ Views on Instagram Posts

3000+ Visits on Career and Placements Portal

350+ Subscribers on YouTube

150+ Followers on LinkedIn

SPERANZA

350+ Registrations in IPL AUCTION

200+ Entries on Social Media

120+ Participants in VALORANT GAMING

50+ Entries in LA GRACE

15 teams in CAMPUS HACK

400+ Registrations in CASE-O-MANIA

400+ Registrations in Mr. & Ms. Fresher

1000+ Attendees in COMEDY NIGHT

200+ Participants in QUIZZING

11 Events, 35K Worth Prizes, 2 Days

Meet the Team

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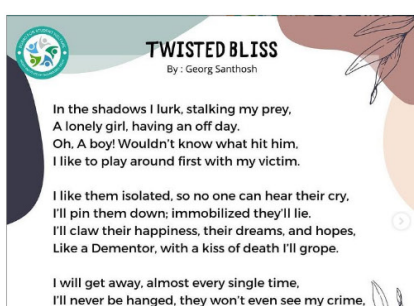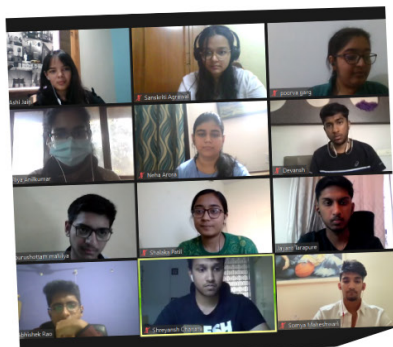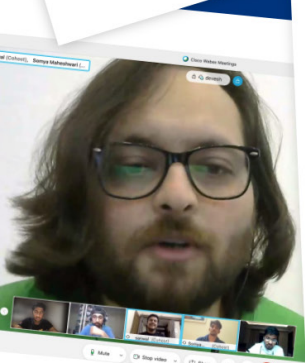
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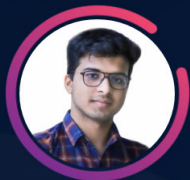
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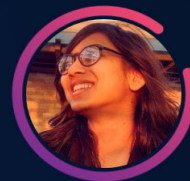PRAKHAR SHARMA

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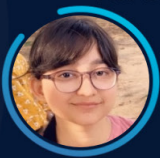## HOSTEL REPRESENTATIVES

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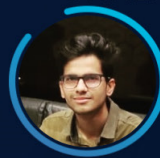ADITYA VIMAL

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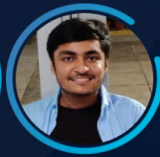
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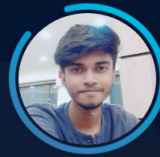
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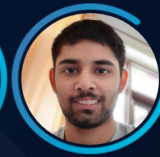
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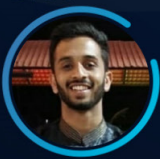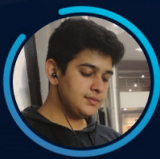### SATPURA
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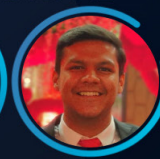DIVYAM KAUSHIK

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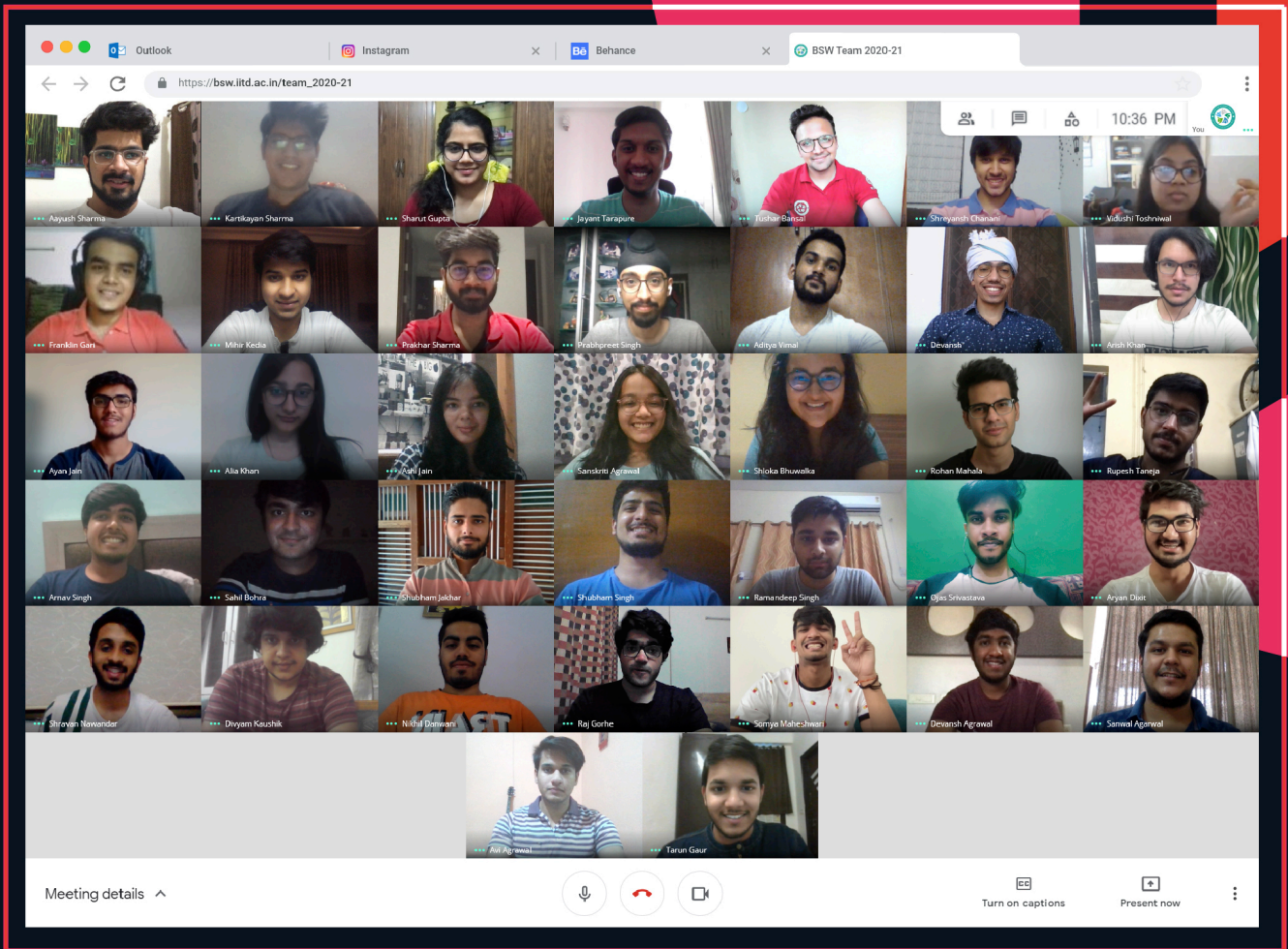Associate Dean, Student Affairs
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