

Manifesto

I, **Rishabh Agrawal**, contesting for the post of General Secretary (Hostel Affairs), if elected, propose to do the following:

INITIATIVES

- Will propose **Wi-Fi access** in hostel messes and add 24-hour LAN ports in hostel activity areas
- Will propose availability of “**Night Tum-Tum**”, running every 30 minutes till 2:00 A.M.
- Develop a centralized system to provide food packets to students travelling long distances
- Revive the “**Grey Water Harvesting**” projects, behind H5, reducing water wastage
- Install rubber leg glides for mess chairs in H12, 13 and 14; also try installing sound absorbers
- Collaborate with the railway authorities to get **railway bogies** specially booked for students going for vacations
- Will propose to set up a novel and magazine stall within the institute
- Negotiate with a computer accessories store to sell laptops/ accessories at a discounted rate to students
- Identify and disseminate new ideas/initiatives taken by hostel councils and propose to award the hostels for the same
- Organize a Country Fair with the help of exchange students to showcase cultures of various countries_

INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Will propose a **two-wheeler stand** at the main gate for students’ motorcycles
- Will put up a proposal for extra Electrical Sockets in dual-occupied rooms
- Will recommend coating of **reflective paint** on roof-tops of hostels for seepage free and cooler rooms; which has been successfully tested in Hostel-7
- Will propose to install benches and dust-bins on Tum-Tum stops in hostel area
- Will ensure beautification of the road side area from H8 to H14 by plantation and gardening
- Will recommend the option of installing manual switches along with auto-sensors in toilets to make them energy-efficient
- Will re-initiate the proposal for setting up of a photocopy and printing shop in the academic area
- Will propose to construct an Alumni room in SAC to carry out SARC activities
- Will push to connect toilet-water tanks of a block in few hostels, to compensate for water shortage
- Will propose an additional substitute air conditioner in all the three institute server rooms

ADMINISTRATION

- Will assign a separate ISHA to handle the maintenance/development issues of Hostels 15 & 16
- Involve the **student community** in the pre-design stage **for upcoming infrastructure** and redevelopment project through an Open House
- In the case of inability of the hostel council to develop certain facilities (e.g. playgrounds), hostel affairs council will co-ordinate with the hostel for the same
- Revamp the ‘Complaint Management System’, directing problems to the concerned personnel in the Hostel Maintenance Unit and the Electrical Maintenance Unit
- Will identify the bottlenecks in the system (like working of institute offices, delays by contractors) and propose solutions to reduce the implementation time
- Perform recursive statistical analysis to reduce the waiting time of students at the IIT Hospital

SERVICES

- Will propose to implement a weekly, hostel-to-hostel **dry cleaning services**
- Will propose to upgrade the PHO contract for room cleaning on both weekdays and weekends
- Will identify major mosquito breeding grounds and recommend to curb them naturally
- Will follow-up the current council's work to setup a centralized Scrap Committee to write-off the scrap dumped in hostels
- Will restructure the Tum-Tum stops/routes to meet current infrastructural developments; also put up bus schedule on Tum-Tum stops
- Coordinate with Hostel Coordinating Unit (HCU) to ensure **buffer rooms** in all hostels for students' guests once H-15, 16 get constructed
- Will push all the hostels to share projectors for Valedictory Functions (VALFI)
- Will suggest an appropriate quantity of inventory to be maintained in institute stores of Electrical Maintenance Unit (EMU) and Hostel Maintenance Unit (HMU)
- Will propose no LAN bans during peak academic periods for all students across all departments
- Will propose access to open-areas of the Student Activity Centre throughout the night; apply for opening up of a Tea-coffee shop as per students' requests
- Will coordinate with juice center to deliver **fresh fruits and juices** at the **IIT hospital**
- Will recommend the IIT Hospital to increase the variety of medicines and antibiotics available
- Will propose the IIT hospital to issue wheelchairs to needy students
- Will ensure visit of a HA council representative in every hostel twice every semester
- Will follow up the current council's work :- appointment of labor contractor for Tum-Tum's, identifying dark patches in the institute, sustainability of food outlets, increasing efficiency of cellphone networks

EATERY FACILITIES

- Will recommend the food outlets to diversify the menu catering to the **regional appetites**
- Will propose **surveillance cameras** in mess-kitchens and put LCD-display in the sitting area
- Will push for appointment of professionals to check the hygiene across all food eateries in the institute and also suggest methods to improve the food taste
- Make basic attire mandatory for staff in every food outlet/mess to ensure hygiene
- Coordinate with hostel council to make food options available during placements in nearby area

INFORMATION SYSTEM

- Compile an online database of student related rules/facilities to reduce information asymmetry
- Introduce the hostel affairs council to the freshmen through comic videos depicting basic student problems, and channel them to the relevant addressable forums
- Provide a list of useful shops/utilities near the institute to freshmen at the start of semester

CREDENTIALS

- **GENERAL SECRETARY, HOSTEL-7** for current academic year(2011-12)
- **Manager, Infrastructure, AAGOMANI** (annual EE-Department festival) for year 2011
- **PAF COLOR and Hostel Cultural COLOR** for the years 2010 and 2011