

MANIFESTO

I, **Aditya Pandey (150040117)**, if elected to the post of **Institute Speaking Arts Secretary**, propose to do the following:

INITIATIVES

- Propose to ensure freshmen and sophomore women are given the opportunity to participate competitively at IITB Debate Open
- **NSO Debate:** Aimed at teaching freshmen advanced English communication skills like Extempore and Public Speaking
- **IIT Bombay Union Debate:** Propose to organize a debate involving institute debaters and distinguished speakers along similar lines of the Oxford Union Debate
- **Stand-up Comedy:** Provide a platform through Cultural School for individuals to learn the art of Stand-Up Comedy and organize an Open Mic event for individuals to showcase their talent

WE SPEAK

Debate

- Establish a formal mentorship program to provide newcomers ready access to experienced debaters to ensure better individual focus
- Improve outreach of the facebook page by posting updates on practices, debate videos, achievements of debaters and information about upcoming tournaments
- Create an archive of basic reading material and debate videos for beginners on the facebook page

MUN

- Propose to subsidize at least one MUN tournament for beginners to promote MUN culture
- Propose to conduct introductory workshops and a mock MUN during Freshiezza

VAANI

- **Digital Library:** Gather a collection of poems, short stories, essays and scripts written by students and alums, for collective use and distribution all over the institute
- Send entries of poems, short stories and articles to the **Hindi Cell** for **Kshitij Magazine** and ensure proper distribution of the magazine in hostels
- Organize sessions by **The Poetry Club, Mumbai** to promote a culture of poetry in the institute
- Conduct institute level **Workshops** on different kinds of Urdu poetry and Storytelling
- Ensure regular **informal meetings** themed on poetry and writing, as well as discussions over Hindi cinema, books and current affairs
- Organize **competitions** for Hindi Creative Writing and Hindi Poetry in the institute for students and staff, in collaboration with the **Hindi Cell**

PUBLICITY AND GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Establish a conduit for publishing articles in Hindi on **Insight** to enhance visibility of Vaani
- Conduct a **separate PG orientation** for **Vaani** in Hostels 12, 13 and 14 to increase outreach amongst the PG community
- **Speaking Arts Committee:** Regular bimonthly meets with Hostel Secretaries and Conveners for discussions over GC rules and expansion of hostel culture
- Upload videos on the Vaani and We Speak YouTube channels of events like General Championships, Kavi Sammelan, IIT Bombay Union Debate and Hindi Utsav

CREDENTIALS

- Convener, We Speak - English Speaking Arts Club
- Cultural Mentor, Institute Cultural Council, IIT Bombay
- Member, Organizing Committee, IIT Bombay Debate 2016