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Student Media Body of IIT Kharagpur

IIT Kharagpur was closed due to Covid-19 spread

Dept. of Mech.Eng. developed hand sanitizers as per guidelines by (WHO)

2020

March

IIT Kharagpur has donated 1 Crore to the PM Cares Fund

Disinfection tunnel made for supplementing sanitization for visitors

IIT Kharagpur had set up research funding for R&D work related to COVID 19

2020

April

Fire in Tech-market: Shops burned to ground

IIT Kharagpur announces completion plan for Spring Sem 2019-20

Vehicle-based mechanized broom to clean the 2100 acre campus area

2020

May

Newsletter


How IIT Kharagpur handled Lockdown ?



IIT Kharagpur ranked 314th in the QS World University Rankings

Autonomous Ground Vehicle(AGV) to innovate the design for social distancing tracking device

2020
June



Dr. Seema Singh and her team raised fund for animal welfare and their daily meals in campus


2020
July




The institute asked the companies to offer online internships



Student vs Administration on concession of unjust fees



IIT Kharagpur researchers developed a novel technology for COVID-19 Rapid Test

An infographic titled "2020 Aug" set against a stylized landscape of green hills and a blue sky. A winding path leads through various scenes: a woman walking, a woman on a bicycle, a band performing, a woman walking with bags, a woman walking, and a man walking. Each scene is accompanied by a yellow speech bubble containing text about specific events. The background features rolling green hills in shades of light and dark green, with a blue sky at the top. A winding path in shades of grey and white leads through the landscape. Various icons and illustrations are scattered throughout, including a woman walking, a woman on a bicycle, a band performing, a woman walking with bags, a woman walking, and a man walking. The overall style is modern and colorful.

First ever online
CDC internships
begin

2020
Aug

Department
Change
results
declared

IIT Kharagpur
develops
portable
diagnostic
device for
COVID-19

The alumni
batches
(1980-2020) of
Azad Hall organize
a global musical
concert

IIT Kharagpur
alumnus
Ajit Kumar
develops Corona
Yodha UV Sanitiser
Robot

Prof. Ajay Kumar
Singh
appointed as
the President
of TSG

IIT Kharagpur
celebrates 70th
foundation day

Nehru Hall
collected 12.7
lakhs to donate
it to 64 families
associated with
the hall



Online Placement Season began

2020
Dec



Spring Fest and Kshitij organised in online mode



2021
Jan



First Ever Online Convocation was organised virtually streaming live on Youtube

2021
Feb



2021
March



Students protested against the Online Semester and demanded reopening of campus

Inter IIT Tech Meet 2021 was organised by IIT Guwahati IIT KGP grabbed bronze in overall standing.

2021
April

IIT Kharagpur Successfully Commercialized COVIRAP covid-19 Testing kit.



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- COVIRAP
- SARS COV-2 ALTERS LUNG MECHANISM



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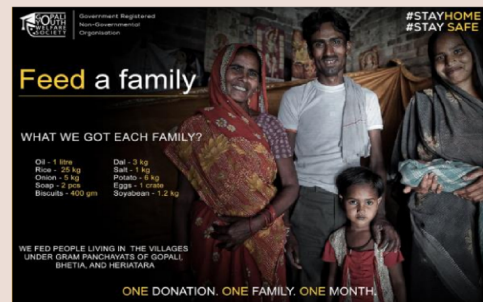
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SPECTACLE

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- CARTOON KONA (BASED ON ONLINE SEM)

TIMELINE ARTICLE

Administrative Notification released by the Institute on 2nd April, 2020, notified all stakeholders regarding the continuation of accommodation and related services in the Halls and on campus. Further, the administration clarified that the mess and other facilities in the Halls and on Campus will continue during the summer vacation or till the normalcy of the COVID-19 situation, whichever is earlier.

The Institute also released a notice on 15th April 2020, for the resumption of all Academic Activities for Spring Semester 2019-20 through online mode. IIT Kharagpur made arrangements with many organizations such as Swayam, Swayam Prabha and NPTEL which was offered by the Ministry of Human Resource Development - Government of India and e-classes through WebEx, zoom.us etc.

The released notice also contained the Re-Revised Academic Calendar in which the deadline for completion of all teaching activities for Spring 2019-20 was scheduled on 10th May 2020 after which, a formal vacation was introduced till 26th June 2020. Later End Semester Exams were scheduled from 6th to 14th July. The administration also planned systematic deadline dates in the calendar for Results(PG and UG), Supplementary Exams and Branch Change.

Finally, after presenting a structured plan for the conclusion of Spring 2019-20, the Institute also announced the commencement of Autumn 2020-21 from 26th August 2020, on a completely online platform.

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THE TELEMEDICINE
SOFTWARE WILL
ALSO BE
INTEGRATED AT
THE DR B.C. ROY
TECHNOLOGY
HOSPITAL

I-MEDIX : TELEMEDICINE TO FIGHT THE VIRAL PANDEMIC

The i-MediX application was proposed in the year 2010 and later found its usage at a massive scale in the times of pandemic COVID-19, though the idea of telemedicine was appreciated by a group of faculty members in the year 1999. With the availability of a medical advisor for the patients' remotely, the KGP Community look forward to adapting it soon. The project has been led by Prof. Jayanta Mukhopadhyay from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, launched on October 2, 2020 by the Director Prof. V K Tewari. The team of researchers is in touch with healthcare MSMEs for commercialization of the copyright version of the technology. The telemedicine software will also be integrated at the Dr B.C. Roy Technology Hospital at the IIT campus which offers emergency healthcare services for the employees and campus residents of the institute.

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COVIRAP: COMMERCIALIZATION OF KGP'S FLAGSHIP HEALTHCARE PRODUCT

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IIT Kharagpur has successfully commercialized its flagship healthcare product – COVIRAP – the novel diagnostic technology for infectious diseases including COVID-19 and beyond. The product developed by lead researchers Professor Suman Chakraborty, Dr Arindam Mondal and their research group has been licensed for commercialization to the Rapid Diagnostic Group of Companies, India and Bramerton Holdings LLC, USA.

The research team has now developed a more advanced version of COVIRAP using a step-wise isothermal nucleic acid testing technology for the rapid diagnostics of pathogenic infections including SARS-CoV-2 in individuals. The COVID-19 diagnostic test can be conducted directly from human swab samples in the portable device developed by the team, without requiring any separate facility for RNA extraction.

The results can be made available within 45 minutes of obtaining the patient sample. Patents centered around this innovation have been filed in the India, USA, several other countries, in the name of IIT Kharagpur. The foreign filing license has been granted recently. Commercialization and use in the USA and Europe under the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) process are currently underway.

Both the Rapid Diagnostic Group in India and Bramerton Holdings in the USA, in association with IIT Kharagpur, have already identified the key resources towards establishing the reagent supply chain, kit and device manufacturing in entirety under a 'Make in India' initiative with complete import substitution. In addition to licensing COVIRAP to these companies, the inventors at IIT Kharagpur will receive further support via industrial consultancy project mode for further advancement of the product. Moreover, the commercialization of COVIRAP will initiate complete indigenization and availability of a large range of affordable healthcare products in the Indian market as well as deep trenches of a large global market. COVIRAP promises its reach to the grass-roots level in catering to the needs. [\[Read more...\]](#)

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KNOW YOUR PROFESSOR

1 PROFESSOR CHANDRA SEKHAR TIWARY

Dr. Chandra Sekhar Tiwary, Assistant Professor, Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, has recently been selected for NASI-Young Scientist Platinum Jubilee Award (2020), and the INSA Young Scientist Medal for his contributions in developing the new classes of nano-structured engineering materials that can exhibit superior properties.

[\[Read more...\]](#)

"TECHNOLOGY IS CHANGING RAPIDLY, AND IF YOU WANT TO CATCH UP WITH THE CURRENT TREND. YOU HAVE TO BE IN CONTACT WITH CURRENT PEOPLE"



PROFESSOR DILIP KUMAR PRATI HAR

Professor Pratih ar, Department of Mechanical Engineering, who has been doing research in the field of Robotics, Soft Computing, and Manufacturing Science. Recently, he got a certificate of Special Mention for a paper at EAIT-2006 Conference, Kolkata; and a certificate of merit from the Institution of Engineers.

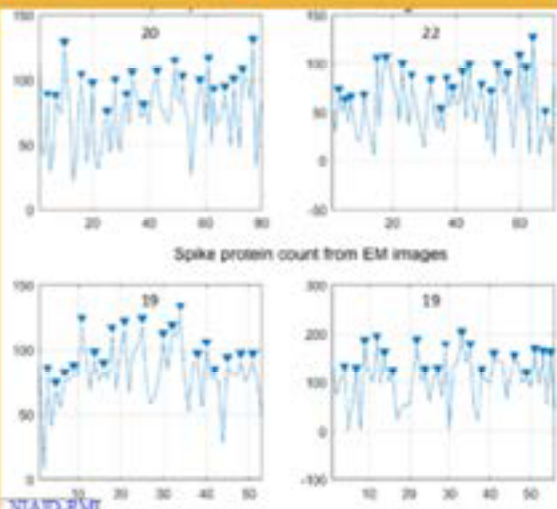
Dr. Pratih ar was awarded the INSA Teachers' Award in 2020."I took advice from Prof. P.K.Chattarai (an INSA fellow); after seeing my CV, he told me to prepare for it. Fortunately, I got it, and the success is all yours, my students, teachers, colleagues", he said. [\[Read more...\]](#)



2 SARS-CoV-2 ALTERS LUNG CELL METABOLISM

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

IIT Kharagpur researchers have devised a model to help us fight the COVID-19 pandemic. This model helps in predicting alteration in the reaction rates of lung cell post COVID-19 infection. It is based on genome-scale differential flux analysis (GS-DFA). The model will allow researchers to understand the virus better and will help to design more efficient therapeutics COVID-19 treatment. We congratulate Dr. Amit Ghosh, Piyush Nanda and his team for this achievement.



INTERNSHIP ANALYSIS 2020-21

The exciting journey of learning and tinkering is never complete without proper work experience. Internships are such an opportunity that gives your hard-earned degrees a final touch. They make our learning complete and consistent with professional and industrial exposure.

One of the advantages of such a learning model is that it is an effective alternative to gain the required experience without committing yourself to full-time. With almost 1500 students competing through the structured procedure of CDC Internships, very few are able to achieve this experience in light of intense competition.

As it is said that Information and awareness is the greatest tool for success, we at Awaaz, IIT Kharagpur understands the student need.

BRANCH WISE ANALYSIS

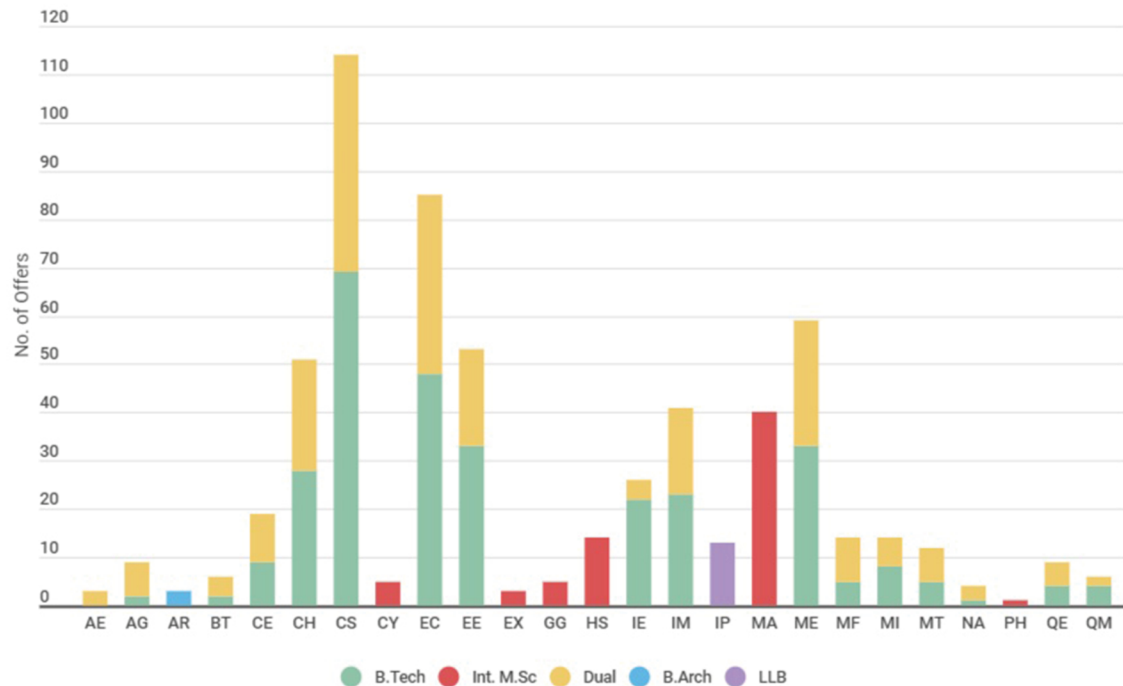
Despite the constraints of COVID-19, a significant number of recruits were made by companies from all branches. The CSE branch bagged the highest number of offers this year, i.e. 114. It was followed by E&ECE (85) and ME (59).

As per the usual trend, the percentage of branch wise recruits vs total registered peaked for CSE (88.98%) followed by MA (80%), IM (65.08%), and EC (62.02%), despite COVID-19, which shows some positive trend.

CDC Internship 2020-21 Branch Wise Analysis

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EVEN SPECIALIZED BRANCHES SUCH AS QE (56.25%) AND IE (56.52%) MANAGED TO BAG A DECENT NUMBER OF RECRUITMENTS...



INTERNSHIP ANALYSIS 2020-21

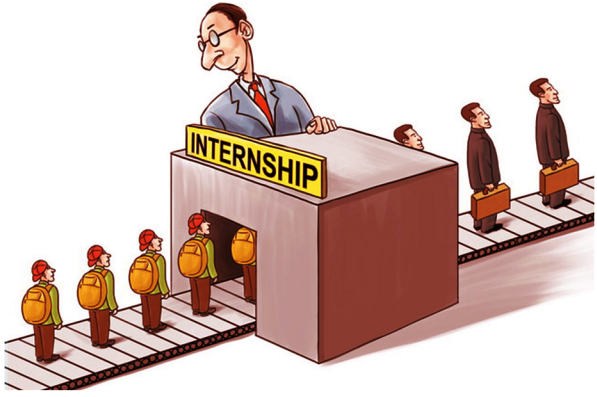
PROFILE WISE ANALYSIS

A detailed analysis of the profile-wise recruitment showed that the highest no. of offers were made in the Software profile (54.02%), consistent with the yearly trend. This was followed by the sectors in Core Engineering (14.78%), Finance (5.91%), Analytics (4.59%) and Investment Banking (4.43%). With the closing of the Academic Year 2020-21, we are also approaching the conclusion of CDC Internships 2020-21 soon.

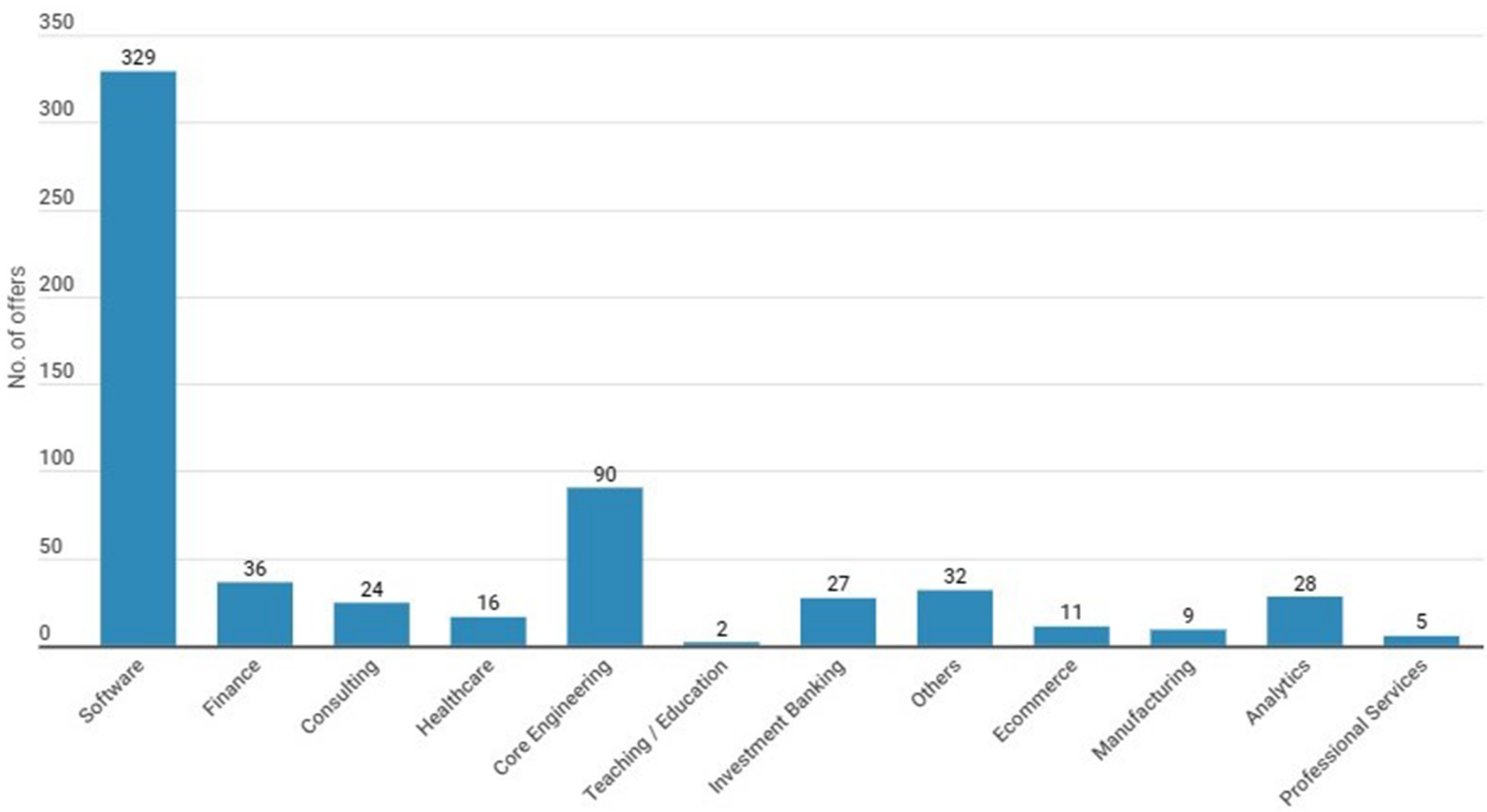
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Profile wise analysis



PLACEMENT ANALYSIS, PHASE 1 2020-21

Campus placements provide the students with a foot-in-the-door opportunity, enabling them to start their careers right after they complete their courses. Despite the pandemic situation, a considerable increase has been observed in the median salary offered to the final year students. The placements were carried out through virtual mode for the first time due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

A total of 838 offers (excluding PPOs) were made by different companies through the CDC. ICICI topped the list with 29 offers, followed by EXL Services (26), HCL (19), Honeywell (19), Microsoft (18), Accenture Japan (16), and Fractal Analytics (15). There were 29 offers (3.46%) from foreign companies.

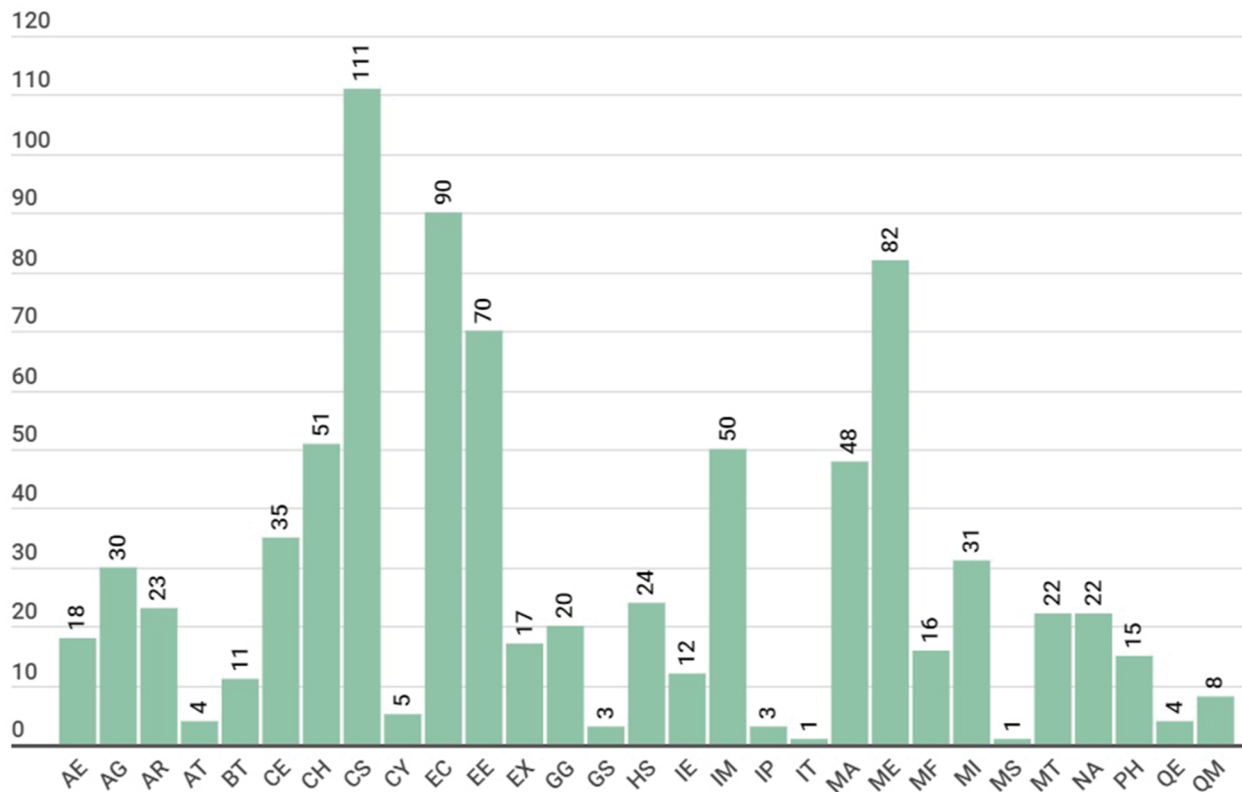
BRANCH WISE ANALYSIS

The Covid-19 crisis had a negative impact on the campus placement in fewer offers resulting compared to last year, Like every year, the graphs are peaking for CSE, ECE and EE branches in terms of percentage placed (32.77% of all the students placed) as well as the pay packages.

This year the highest CTC (80 LPA) was offered to a student from the ECE branch. Median CTC was highest for the QE branch (18.5 LPA).



CDC Placements 2020-21 Branch Wise Analysis



PLACEMENT ANALYSIS, PHASE 1

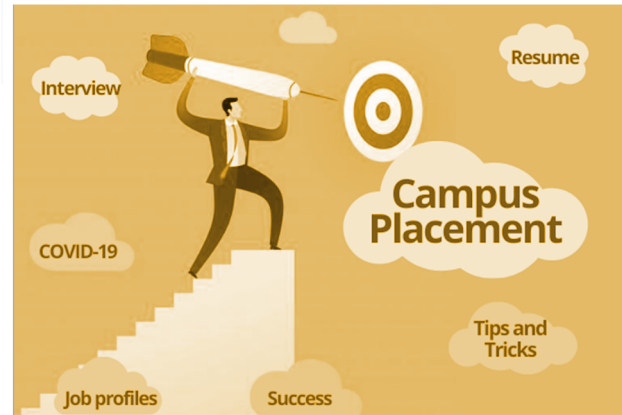
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COURSE WISE ANALYSIS

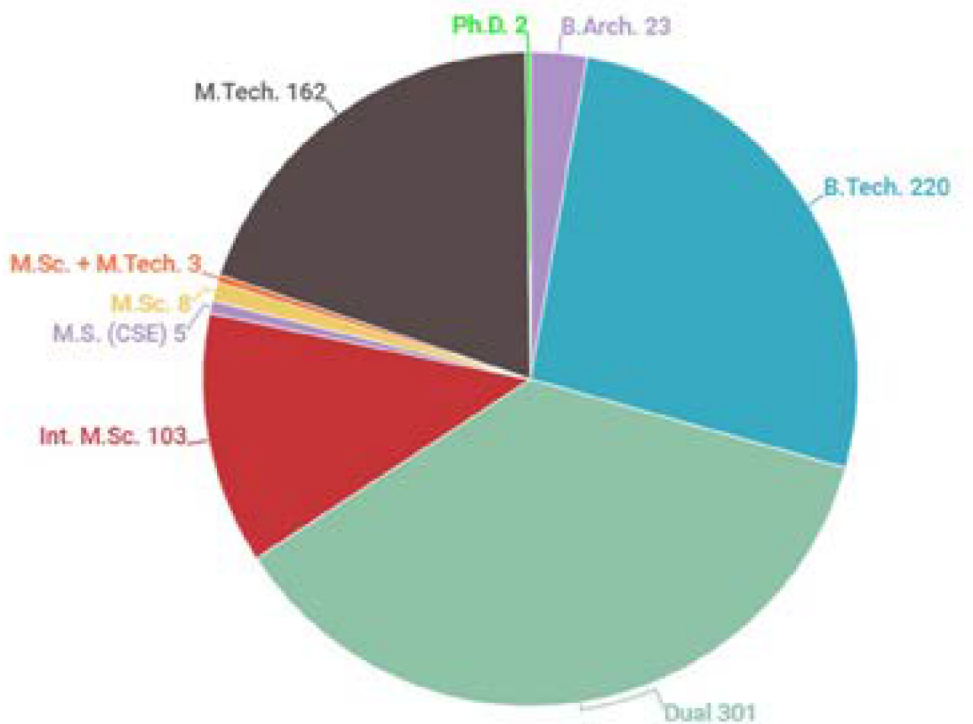
Among all the courses, students registered in the Dual degree courses bagged the highest number of offers (301), followed by B.Tech. (220) and M.Tech. (162). The Dual Degree students were also offered the highest median CTC of 15 LPA, closely followed by B.Tech. students with a median CTC 14.7 LPA. Among the UG students, it was seen that Dual Degree students were favoured probably because they have an additional degree.

To know further analysis of Placements 2020-21 you can visit our website or click the link given below-

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Course Wise Analysis



66TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 66th annual convocation marked its successful accomplishment on the 23rd of February 2021, amidst all these unprecedented times. The program was graced with the most celebrated presence of Hon. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Dr R. P. Nishank (HRD Minister, Govt. of India) and Mr. Sanjay Dhotre. The program commenced sharp at 10 AM with Director, Prof. V K Tewari addressing each and everyone to be felicitated. In this unique Convocation event, 75 students including 9 Institute Gold Medal winners and 66 Institute Silver Medal winners were invited to receive the prestigious medals in person.

DSC(Honoris causa) was awarded to honour exemplary contribution to IIT and Society. The prominent names amongst the same were Vinod Gupta, distinguished alumnus, and US-based entrepreneur, Swami A. Maharaj, a monk of the Ramakrishna Order and former vice-chancellor of RKMVERI, Dr Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS, New Delhi and Dr E. Sreedharan, former managing director of DMRC. This award was given as per approval by the President on the recommendation of the institute.

The institute also conferred upon the Life Fellow award of IIT Kharagpur on Ranbir Singh Gupta, renowned architect, distinguished alumnus, US-based entrepreneur and philanthropist, and Prof Mahan Mj (Swami Vidyanathananda), a monk of the Ramakrishna Order and eminent mathematician and professor at the TIFR, Mumbai in acknowledgement of their contribution to academics, social and public welfare in addition to 21 esteemed alumni of the institute. The HODs/Deans took the honour to call upon the graduating students of the respective departments/schools. This was followed by the most awaited speech by the chief guest Shri Narendra Modi who addressed the KGP community through video conference.



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UNPRECEDENTED TIMES.**

JEWELS OF KGP

T.Y.S.S. SANTOSH

Alumnus 2020, Department of Computer Science-
and Engineering

Tyss had won the Dr. Jnan Chandra Ghosh Memorial Gold Medal for being the best outgoing all-rounder and Kirttan B. Behera Best All-Rounder Award for three consecutive years. Throughout his undergraduate studies, he was involved in various academic and extracurricular activities. Being the UG representative and Inter IIT Captain at the same time, Tyss has brought his IIT experience to the fullest. He truly is a "Jewel of KGP."

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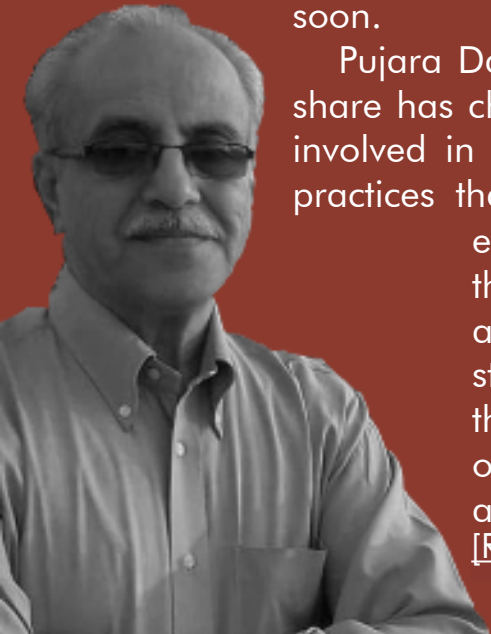
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HUMANS OF KGP

PUJARA DA

Sri. Pravin Pujara, or Pujara Da as we have known him, is the owner of RK Stores, a general store in Radhakrishnan Hall of Residence. He has been there for over 42 years and has seen the hall grow and change. He was once younger than the boarders, then in the same age group, so he has been called Bhaiya, Dada, Uncle over the years and he loves his job so much that he looks forward to being back and running the stores till he transitions to 'Grandpa' soon.

Pujara Da speaks about how the bond that hall boarders share has changed over the years, how the students are less involved in cultural and group activities and many fulfilling practices that almost don't exist anymore. He cherishes the early days when he would live the college life with the students, taking treats, celebrating occasions, and enjoying TV in the Common Room with all the students. Apart from being the business owner and the fun Pujara Da, he mentions he has taken care of boarders too. Due to all these, he gets calls from alumni and meets them when they visit the campus. [\[Read more...\]](#)



RMSOEE INCUBATION PROGRAM FOR STARTUPS

INTERVIEW WITH PROF. MRIGANK SHARAD

Rajendra Mishra School of Engineering Entrepreneurship (RMSoEE) founded at IIT Kharagpur in the year 2010 aims to incubate the start-ups from the student community by getting them the infrastructure and technical expertise to develop their product and business plan while guiding them through the route from lab to market. We talked to Professor Mrigank Sharad, a faculty from RMSoEE about the entrepreneurial landscape available for the students, how their value and demands transformed during the pandemic and how should a student proceed towards fully running business with a proper thrust in the right direction. Prof. Sharad is an alumnus of KGP graduating with a Dual Degree from EECE Department in 2010 and later went to pursue a PhD in Purdue University in the interdisciplinary areas of microelectronics and VLSI. Returning to KGP as a faculty in EECE Department in 2015 he beautifully taught many courses that are still remembered and written about by the students from different branches who attended those (especially the course Analog Electronics). He co-founded an AI-IoT based agri-bussiness startup called AgNext while at KGP and later became a faculty at RMSoEE. In the interview he talks in detail about the space of problem statements available for the Indian entrepreneurs to solve, why technical diversification is the need and the greatest fuel today, how should the undergrads at KGP build their base and how is RMSoEE contributing to it.

[\[Read more...\]](#)



SMART INDIA HACKATHON

Smart India Hackathon is an annual nationwide innovation-driven competition for college students held by the Government of India. Numerous ministries, institutions and PSUs under the GoI, private corporations from India and various state governments participate in this hackathon to propose problem statements relevant to their institution. This hackathon takes place in 2 separate editions: hardware and software. And for SIH 2020, 145 hardware problems and 344 software problems were proposed by various institutions and companies for the young scientific minds to work out and innovate. The winning team from each problem statement is given prize money of Rs. 1 Lac along with the opportunity and support to propel their innovation into a startup. The winning team, if they choose to proceed with a startup, is incubated by the team YUKTI, which works under the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell. This year 2 teams have brought laurels to our institute. Team O.S.C.A.R. won in the problem statement proposed by National Mission



for Clean Ganga, building an automated robot to detect garbage and clean the river Ganga and Team Numero Uno won in the problem statement proposed by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs focusing on software-based disaster management solutions for smart cities. We talked to both the teams about their journey from ideation to victory and about their projects' future plan. Their stories can potentially spark many KGPians to go forward with their idea, build a team and probably get into business. [\[Read more...\]](#)

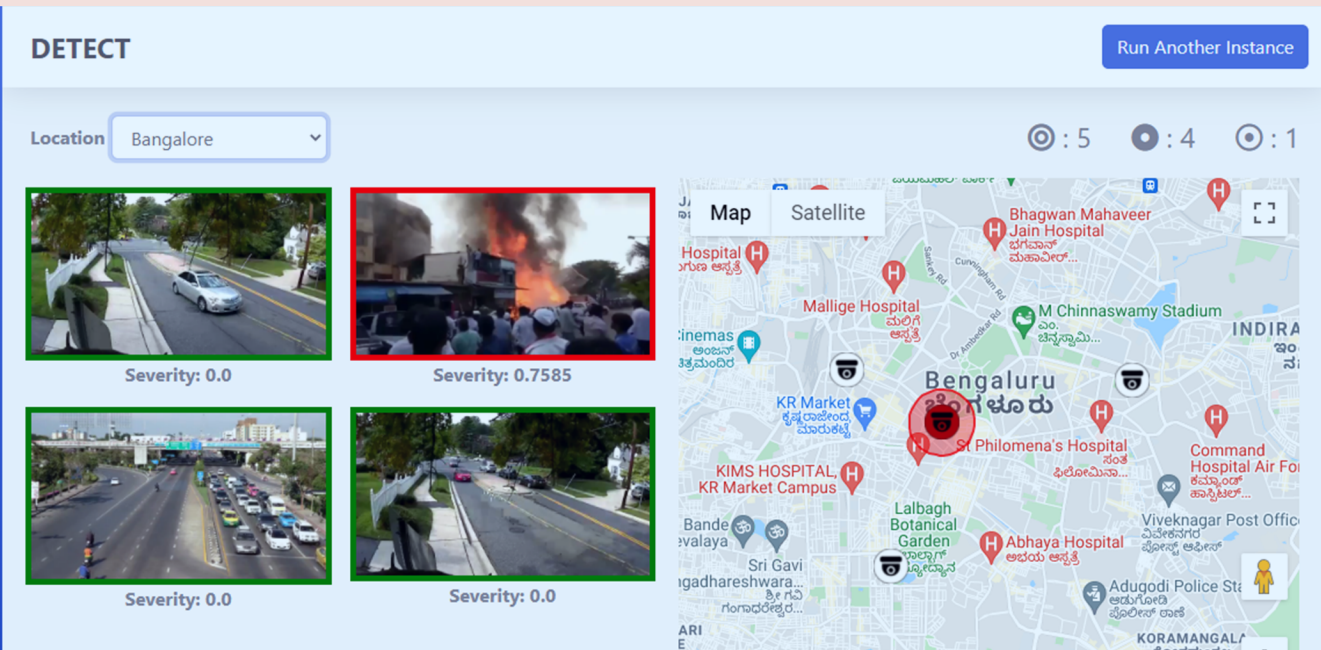
DRAMS

- Detect
- Alert
- Relief
- Feedback
- Support

DETECT Run Another Instance

Location:

Severity: 0.0 Severity: 0.7585 Severity: 0.0 Severity: 0.0





IIT Kharagpur Contributes

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Towards PM cares Fund

PMCARES FUND

The Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund was made on 28 March 2020, following the COVID-19 pandemic situation in India. The fund will be utilized for fighting, containment and relief efforts against the COVID-19 and similar pandemic like circumstances later on.

IIT Kharagpur launched a campaign amongst its faculty and staff members to donate their one day's earnings towards this fund. The Institute has raised USD 135504.01 from the faculty, staff and other sources of the Institute which has already been transferred to the PM Cares Fund of GOI following a call by Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi in support of initiatives to combat COVID-19.

IIT KGP also urged our esteemed Alumni to donate for this cause by circulating an email with a donation link, to all the previous batches. They also added a provision to donate in foreign currencies for Alumni outside India.

"A KGPIan
in need,
is a KGPIan
indeed."

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HALL FUNDRAISER

"This lockdown witnessed a blend of an indebted values and an unabated unity that the rich legacy of our global alumni has passed on from generations to generations. The alumni bases of all halls made rigorous efforts for a charity drive to ensure that the people back in KGP are well-taken care off.

The fundraiser started by Azad hall of residence generated an amount of more than 17 lakhs which enabled the organizing team to provide monthly amounts to the unpaid temporary workers of Azad hall for at least 6 months. The drive was led by Himanshu, Saurav and Ksheera as well Shubendu Mandal, Neeraj Mendiratta and many other alumni. The fight for the drive over 2 weeks concluded with a melodious ending where Azad hall residents across 4 decades performed to express gratitude to all the workers and donors.

A similar initiative was taken by Nehru Hall of residence where a collection of Rs. 12.7 lakhs was made by over 104 residents. On August 26, the money was transferred directly into the accounts of the 64 workers of Nehru hall. A special mention to prof. Sanjeev Srivastava who was associated with the hall president, Raj Tulshan and Pinaki Mishra, the second senate member whose groundwork to bring this all together was indeed commendable.

RK hall of residence also received a great response in this charity drive. The collected amount was said to be INR 3+ lakhs over the original goal of 10.65 lakhs and 2+ lakhs over the updated goal of 11.5 lakhs. Around 140 RK hall residents participated and donated generously in the drive and brought back a gleam of hope and smile in around 72 families.

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THE DONORS FOR THE FOUNDATION INCLUDED RANBIR GUPTA, ARJUN MALHOTRA, R.N. MUKHIJA, RAKESH GUPTA ALONG WITH 100 OTHERS FROM 1957-2017 BATCHES...

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Vinod Gupta, an alumnus of IIT Kgp (1967 batch), came forward and created a fund to help the workers and the people residing near campus who lost their jobs in lockdown. This phase was very difficult for those people. Mr. Gupta donated \$1,00,000 to the fund. The campaign was completed in USA by IITKGP foundation under the leadership of President Ranbir Gupta. The donors for the foundation included Ranbir Gupta, Arjun Malhotra, R.N. Mukhija, Rakesh Gupta along with 100 others from 1957 to 2017 batches. To celebrate this noble initiative, the institute distributed protective equipment, ration, toiletries among the needy people by following required protocols on the 20th of April. The second and third phases involved distribution of ration, face masks, relief materials to daily wage workers working in different eateries, halls, dhobi etc.



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GYWS INITIATIVE

Gopali Youth Welfare Society is an NGO run by a team of students and professors of IITKGP, with assistance from local social enthusiasts. To help the families in the lockdown period, GYWS started an initiative in which they provided food and other basic amenities to rural households.

Firstly on 12-13 April, GYWS collaborated with Gram Panchayat and created a team of 15-20 volunteers and distributed items like potato, rice, onion, flour, soyabean and sanitizers. Further, they

Government Registered Non-Governmental Organisation

Feed a family

WHAT WE GOT EACH FAMILY?

Oil - 1 litre	Dal - 3 kg
Rice - 25 kg	Salt - 1 kg
Onion - 5 kg	Potato - 8 kg
Soap - 2 pcs	Eggs - 1 crate
Biscuits - 400 gm	Soyabean - 1.2 kg

WE FED PEOPLE LIVING IN THE VILLAGES UNDER GRAM PANCHAYATS OF GOPALI, BHETIA, AND HERIATARA

ONE DONATION. ONE FAMILY. ONE MONTH.

#STAYHOME #STAYSAFE

distributed food kits among 450 families in two phases. GYWS also conducted proper surveys to ensure help to the needy and get the NOC signed by the G-Panchayat. The funds for this initiative were arranged with the help of Mrs. Mausami DasGupta.

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THE FUNDS FOR THIS INITIATIVE WERE ARRANGED BY THE HELP OF MRS. MAUSAMI DASGUPTA; A FUNDRAISER WAS RAISED BY GYWS FB PAGE AND PROFESSORS ALSO HELPED IN HUGE AMOUNTS.

भाट

कोरोना काल का suffer

13 मार्च की शाम थी। मौसम कितना खुशनुमा सा था। मैं 2.2 का चक्कर लगा रहा था। तभी वह पैगाम आया। अंदर खुशी की लहर दौड़ गयी। जी हाँ, होली के रंग अभी हाथों से उतरे भी नहीं थे और इस खबर ने सब कुछ और रंगीन कर दिया। होली से कॉलेज वापस आके end sem फोड़ने और gym जाने के दृढ़ निश्चय को तोड़, मैंने अपने मित्रों के साथ "जय कोरोना" के नारे लगाए। मैं घर आने को बहुत उत्सुक था, फिर भी अपना लैपटॉप वहां नहीं भुला। कुछ और भी उतावले थे और भूल आये। कुछ उतने खुश नहीं थे। उन्हें लगा 15 दिन के लिए क्या ही घर जाना। मैंने उन्हें समझाया 30 दिन से कम की छुट्टी नहीं होगी। मैं सही निकला। 30 दिन? हाहा।

घर पहुँच कर ताली-थाली से कोरोना को डराया। मगर उसने 25 दिन में छुट्टी डबल करके अपना जौहर दिखलाया। मैंने इस समय को आपदा से अवसर में बदला। रोज़ चित्र, पकवान, और LinkedIn पर कनेक्शन बनता था। दुनिया को दिखता था। फिटनेस-फ्रीक भी बन गया था। फिर हुई दो चीज़े। छुट्टी फिर दुगुनी। जी, वह स्कीम 25 की जगह 14 दिन में छुट्टी डबल करने लगी थी। और दूसरा, इस बार मैं अपनी बोरियत पर रोने के बजाए उस मित्र की बेबसी पर हँस रहा था जिसने मेरी कही मानी। मगर हाँ कहीं न कहीं कॉलेज खुले और इम्तिहान देना पड़ जाए इसका डर सता रहा था। अब तक जो भी पढ़ा था कोरोना के भेंट चढ़ा चुका था। इसलिए हर जगह लिखा की स्वास्थ्य की कितनी फ़िक्र है मुझे। परीक्षा न हो हर जगह चीखता था। अंत में परीक्षाएं रद्द हो गयी। मेरे अंदर के nostalgia को भी इसी बात का इंतज़ार था। जी हाँ, दोस्तों के प्रेम के चक्कर में फक्का लगवा मैं प्रतिष्ठा और प्राण दोनों नहीं गवाने वाला था।

Online class बड़े बेमन से किया। Net की व्यवस्था नहीं थी मेरे पास। केवल Netflix और Prime ही चला पाता था बेचारा मैं। Test में बहुत दिक्कतें आईं। Whatsapp समूहों में समय पर न सम्मिलित हो पाना, बहुत दुखद रहा। अपनी गिरती CG को Corona का नाम देने का बहाना मिला यही अच्छा हुआ। सब से फ़ोन कर पूछता था आगे क्या करूँ। सबने कहा, सब का सुना, और किया कुछ भी नहीं। Coursera पर सारे course चिन्हित कर दिए। ज़ब्त ऐसा की सब कुछ सीख लेंगे। फिर क्या..कुछ नहीं..हफ़्तों बाद Cousera पर जाता हूँ और उसे गरम करके ठंडा ही छोड़ने के अलावा कुछ नहीं कर पाता हूँ। वहां वह अपनापन सा महसूस नहीं होता...Andrew Ng ये कैसा नाम है? "बिनोद" होता तो दिन भर उनसे पढ़ता, दिन भर उनका नाम जपता।

फिर वह भी समय आया जब कॉलेज ने पूरी फीस मांगी, मेरे अंदर एक क्रांतिकारी जागा, मैंने सबसे बड़ा दाव खेला, जी हाँ एडमिन को मेल किया। वह भी facebook से छाप कर। वैसे तो मैं हर किसी को बिना काम किए भी सही तन्खवाह मिले जैसी आदर्शवादी बातें करने लगा, मगर online class लेकर भी फीस देने में बौखला गया। पहले सबके बारे में सोचता था, मगर अब मेस कर्मियों को भुला देना ही सही समझा। लगा था यह आंदोलन लम्बा चलेगा। मेरे क्रांतिकारी जीवन की नींव रखी जायेगी। न्यूज़ रूम में जाने का मौका

मिलेगा। एडमिन ने फिर निराश किया। एक हफ्ते में ही फीस कम हो गयी मेरे सपने फिर चकना-चूर हो गए। वातानुकूलित न्यूज़-रूम में ज्ञान देने के स्वर्णिम ख्याल से मैं घर में झाड़ू मारने पर आ गया। सपने और भी टूटे थे। पहले वर्ष में इंटर्न लगने का सपना, पढ़ाई में अच्छा कर नाग-राज की संज्ञा पाने का सपना। अब तो वापस इतनी Online Class शुरू हो गए। हाय रे दुःख! इस दुःख को कम करने के लिए मैं लैपटॉप पर क्लास कर मोबाइल में PUBG खेलता था। मेरा मित्र जो लैपटॉप वहीं छोड़ आया ऐसा नहीं कर पाता था। वह सिर्फ PUBG खेलता था, बेचारा।



Semester शुरू होने के एक हफ्ते के अंदर ही हम समझ गए थे कि ये ढाई महीने की छमाही, साल भर की मजदूरी कराई गई, फिर भी मैंने अपने ऊपर तीन Additional विषय और लादे। नादानी नहीं थी, भरोसा था, साथियों के सहारे सब पार लग जाएगा। अच्छी CG और उसके कारण आने वाले "आत्मविश्वास" के लिए, मेरे जैसे बहुतों ने "आत्मनिर्भर" होने के विचार को त्याग दिया। इस सब के बाद मैं सफल हुआ क्या? मत पूछिए। Semester खत्म हुआ इस बात की खुशी मनाईए।

अगली बार भी ऐसा ना हो इसकी दुआएं रात - दिन करता हूँ। मगर सच्चाई का सामना होने पर दिल बैठ सा जाता है। अब और कितना इंतजार? अब तो PUBG बंद होकर वापस भी आने वाला है। पहले वैक्सीन आएगी या PUBG, यही सोच कर मेरे सब्र का बाँध भी टूट रहा है। मैं भगवान से विनती करता हूँ, हमे माफ़ कीजिये, इस बीमारी को साफ़ कीजिये, "जय कोरोना" के नारे लगाए थे, अब "Go कोरोना" की गुहार सुनिए!

कार्टून कोना

