22. **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

For overall development of the students’ personality, the University facilitates them thru University-wide as well as departmental societies/clubs/chapters. These societies provide forum for innovative minds to give expressions to their creative vision and to improve their technical skills:

**UNIVERSITY SOCIETIES/CLUBS/CHAPTERS**

**ADVENTURE CLUB**
A University Level Club ‘Adventure Club’ started in 2011. In a year, 15 Mountaineers, 49 Skiers and Alpinists, 12 Adventure Course Cadets. Over the year, Adventure Club gained a member of over 300 students from the university. Started modestly by organizing regular trekking excursions to various weekend destinations. Adventure Club has been to Prashar Lake, Triund, Solang-Nalla with rising participation in every trek. They were mostly organized on one weekend per month. Basic Mountaineering Course at Directorate of Mountaineering and Allied Sports, Manali during the summer vacation. Adventure Club also organized Skiing and Adventure Courses during winter vacation in Gulmarg, J.K. It serves as a perfect catalyst to rejuvenate after a long academic year for the students.

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEATING REFRIGERATION AND AIR-CONDITIONING ENGINEERS (ASHRAE).**

**BUSINESS ACUMEN FOR STUDENTS OF ENGINEERING (BASE)**
To apprise students of business operations and to create in them business acumen with emphasis on Marketing & Finance.

**CREATIVE COMPUTING SOCIETY (CCS)**
For encouraging students to actively participate in computer and computing related activities over and above their curriculum.

**DANCE CLUB ‘NOX’**
To hone the dancing and social skills of the students, that contributes to their overall personality development. NOX club regularly invites professional choreographers on various Indian traditional and western dance forms to train the interested students.

**FINE ARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY (FAPS)**
Fine Arts and Painting Society provides a forum to the young budding engineers to give an expression to their varied talents in the field of Fine Arts, Painting,
Sketching, Photography, Rangoli making etc., various FAPS workshops take place throughout the year.

**FROSH WEEK**
The University understands the difficulties that a fresher student faces in moving from school life to professional university life. To combat these problems, a special society has been formed in 2011 – Frosh Week Society, with the objective to welcome the Freshers and introduce the University to them in a friendlier but systematic way. The work of society starts by welcoming the prospective students and their parents, providing them with desired details and information. Later, for one week the society conducts interactive events and activities with a goal to make sure that first-year students have a warm welcome, and start out with effective introductions to fellow students and new academic pursuits. The unique series of events will introduce them to the university environment including their faculty, peers, various places, shops, and university life in general.

**GAMES & SPORTS**
The University has adequate facilities and avenues and encourages students to take part in different games and sports such as Cricket, Hockey, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Lawn Tennis and Badminton as well as athletics and yoga/meditation practices etc.

Note: It is mandatory for all the students of the University to get themselves registered in any one of the notified sports activities in each semester.

**INDIAN SOCIETY OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ISTE)**

**INDIAN YOUTH CLIMATE NETWORK (IYCN)**
Thapar University has created another University Level Society ‘**Indian Youth Climate Network (IYCN)**’ in 2011 with the aim to work for the cause of protecting the climate. Strongly motivated about the environment especially climate Change, Thapar IYCN launched its flagship zero garbage campaign. The campaign aims at converting the University into India’s very few zero waste campuses. In 2011, British Council selected 17 Climate Champions from India from nearly 4000 entries based on their green project and their leadership skills. Mr. Saket Dave, a student of Chemical Engineering was selected on the basis of IYCN Thapar University Chapter. **International Climate Champions** is a youth-oriented programme run by the British Council in partnership with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI).

**INSTITUTE OF ELECTRONICS & TELECOMMUNICATION ENGINEERS (IETE) – STUDENT FORUM**
**INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (IET) CHAPTER**
**INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (IE) INDIA CHAPTER**
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS IN ECONOMICS & BUSINESS MGMT (AIESEC) CHAPTER
AIESEC in Thapar University started in 2011 with the intent of developing leaders for tomorrow. Leaders who are aware, tech-savvy, confident, humble, hard working and innovative via its various internship opportunities abroad. The opportunity to work in the most diverse conditions brought the best out of the students. Global projects for internships usually revolve around social causes with teams comprising of many nationalities. AIESEC has been active through the year with events like Global Village aimed at developing understanding and tolerance among students about different ethnicities and culture by learning about them. School of languages, which aimed at developing international professional skills among the students by teaching them with foreign languages and social culture. AIESEC has sent 16 students from the university on various Global Community Development Programs internationally.

LITERARY SOCIETY
Its objective is to inculcate literacy tastes, to improve oratorical, communication and sublime skills. This Society conducts series of events throughout the year and also brings out the Instituted magazine.

MICROSOFT .NET STUDENT CLUB

MUDRA (MUSIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY)
Its objective is to hone the extra-curricular skills of students in the area of Music, Dramatics etc. and developing creative skills contributing towards their overall personality; to organize several functions such as Izhaar an inter-year student competition.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)
To develop personality of the students through community service, the University also has national level activity under the National Service Scheme (NSS). The objective of NSS is to seek to raise social consciousness and provide students with opportunities to work with people in and around the educational campus creatively and constructively and put education to social use. NSS conducts various activities on Tree plantation, Health Checkups, Blood Donation Camps etc.

PRATIGYA SOCIETY (PS)
Started in 2005 as a student society to provide education and vocational training to underprivileged children in and around the campus. Pratigya is a unique model where students of Thapar university are main teaching recourses. They volunteer to teach after their class hours, maximum two hours a day. Classes are held in university classrooms earmarked for this purpose, between 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Currently around 70 students volunteers render
their free services to society at large through pratigya. University provides all infrastructural support free of cost. Administration and faculty provide administrative and supervisory support. About 100+ kids, in the age group of 8 – 17 years, come to Pratigya every year. The subjects taught include English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Science, Moral Science, Hindi and Computers (in English, Hindi and Punjabi medium). Other than course curriculum, other activities carried out mainly during weekends include computer classes, drawing, painting and rangoli competitions, music and dance events, library visits, health and hygiene camps etc.

REDEFINING ENGINEERING (REDEE) SOCIETY
A new initiative started in 2011 to reach the students at a faster pace with higher speed using newer techniques. Sending sms for informing about any new activity/information has been one of the initiative of REDEE.

ROBOTICS SOCIETY
To provide a platform to all the technical minds to come up and share their ideas to metamorph their dream ‘robots’ to reality. The prime principle of working would be learning and sharing.

‘SANSKRITI’ SOCIETY
‘Sanskriti’ – a society for learning Indian Classical Music-Instrumental, with the aim to revive the fast depleting Indian Culture and our rich tradition by motivating the Thapar University students as well as the faculty, staff and their children to learn musical instruments.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC AND CULTURE AMONGST YOUTH (SPIC MACAY) – THAPAR CHAPTER
This society organizes functions through out the country in which great artists give performances and demonstrate to students/youth the values of our culture. SPIC MACAY organised a cultural evening by Ms. Aliya Rasheed, an eminent vocalist from Lahore (Pakistan), a musical Concert by Pandit Tejendra Mazumdar who is a famous Sarod Vadak and Akram khan ji who is famous Tabla player, a play called ‘Buhe Baarian’ enacted by veteran actor and Sangeet Natak Academy Award winner, Ms. Neeta Mohindra, North Zone Convention dedicated to world renowned vocalist Smt. Gangubai Hangal, from 1st – 4th October, 2009. The inauguration was graced by photographer Padmashree Raghu Rai as the Chief Guest and performance on Mohan Veena by Padmashree and grammy award winner Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt. The 4-day convention beautified with performances by many other maestros including vocal by Padma Bhushan Sh. Chunnulal Mishra, sufiana by Padmashree Puran Chand Wadali and Pyare Lal Wadali, puppetry by Sangeet Natak Academy winner Sh. Dadi Pudumjee, sarangi by Sh. Kamal Sabri, dhrupad by F. Wasifuddin Daggar, theatre by Sh. M.K. Raina, tabla by Sh. Sudhir Pandey, kathak by Rani Khanam and flute by Pt. Ronu Majumdar.

THAPAR ALUMNI STUDENT COMMITTEE (TASC)
To apprise the students of their role in the development of the Institute, Promote/enhance campus placement projecting TU appropriately. Establish
rapport among the students, faculty and alumni in an effort to make the students feel proud of their Institute.

THAPAR MOVIE CLUB (TMC)
To help motivate, involve and promote appreciation (artistic, commercial and overall theme) of quality international and national films and foster an independent spirit of film criticism by the students and encourage them for critical writing on Indian and International cinema from the perspective of science, technology, technical education art and culture. The Thapar Movie Club was constituted with special powers and christened as a society thereafter. Few short films were screened and more will be screened in the coming weeks (Saturdays only). Besides, a short film on psychological effects of youth is being made. The movie is slated for upcoming GOA film festival. Down its years of inception TMC has won accolades for producing short documentaries (“Hazaron Kwashiyae Aise” on female feticide) which was honored both at national and international levels (UN first citizen award). All films produced will be subsequently screened for students once it completes the censoring process. This year TMS has showcased CINE- Youth, two day long festival specially to nurture and promote movie making and related skills among youths.

THAPAR MODEL UNITED NATIONS (TUMUN)
Thapar University has created a new University Level Society THAPAR MODEL UNITED NATIONS (TUMUN) in 2011 with the opportunity of representing specific countries on major international bodies of the UN.

Under TUMUN, TMUN Nations Conference was held on February 12, 16 hours of debate and discussion by 130 participants from across the nation.

WORLD ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT (WAYE) CLUB CHAPTER
The WAYE Club has been formed with an aim to channelize the potential of the youth by creating a drug-free, violence free society and attaching
the youth with a social cause. WAYE (World Alliance for Youth Empowerment) is a youth wing of the Art Of Living Organization, founded by H. H. Sri Sri Ravishankar, which has its presence in 157 countries today. In the Share-a-skill category, Vedic Mathematics workshop was organized by WAYE club which combined the ancient wisdom with the modern mathematical problems making calculations much faster and easier. Besides that a 30 day Guitar Class workshop also took place and the funds generated were donated to another project of the Art Of Living organization- GIFT A SMILE (providing free education to a poor child). With its focus of providing a healthier and an effective academic environment, the club successfully organized two Basic Part-1 and four YES!+ courses and an Advanced meditation Course of the Art Of Living, for the faculty and students. A major feature of these courses was Sudarshan Kriya - A scientific breathing technique which when practiced regularly can eliminate stress leading to a more focused and peaceful state of mind.

YOUTH UNITED (YU) THAPAR CHAPTER
The chapter aims in creating Social Awareness, Youth Empowerment and Social welfare.

YOUTH WELFARE CLUB (YWC)
This society develops students’ personality through their exposure to the outer/adventurous activities, like: Inter-state site-seeing; Hiking and Trekking; Inter- state Cycling; Yoga; Talent-Hunt; painting, photography, public speaking, etc. YWC has maximum students enrolment and one of the very vibrant societies.

DEPARTMENTAL SOCIETIES
Departmental Societies cater to specific needs of related engineering / science / management stream.

1. ARETHA, LMT School of Management
2. Association of Chemical Intellectual and Developers (ACID), Department of Chemical Engineering
3. Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers (IICHE), Department of Chemical Engineering
4. Materials and Physics Society (MAPS), School of Physics and Material Sciences.
5. Renewable Energy Club (REC), Department of Mechanical Engineering
6. Society of Mechanical and Industrial Engineers (SOMIE), Department of Mechanical Engineering
7. Thapar Society of Civil Engineers (TSCE), Department of Civil Engineering
8. Society of Chemists for Promotion of Research & Education (SCORE),
School of Chemistry & Biochemistry