

## PeerPal Annual Report 2023-24

- PeerPal head : Kanishka Desai
  - PeerPal coordinators :
1. BA – Ishita Birwatkar, Preisha Jain, Anaruella Pereira, Kelly Perez, Navya Khulbe, Tanisha Agrawal
  2. BASCJ – Yamini Yadav
  3. BSc – Afida Idrisi
  4. BScIT – Daniya Shaikh
  5. Creative Co-ordinator – Saniya Thakur

### PeerPal Interviews for Co-ordinators

The interviews for all the course coordinators were taken by the PeerPal Head between 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023 online through a zoom meeting. The interviews were taken in slots of 2 people at a time. Amidst the process of interviews for course coordinators, forms for graphic designers were also circulated and a few extra questions were asked about the usage of respective apps and methods used for designing.

Following are the questions asked to them –

- Subject combination and extra-curriculars involved in
- Ideas for mixers within and across cohorts
- Adjectives describing themselves
- Their knowledge about hierarchy, structure and functioning of peerpal
- Strengths and weaknesses
- Role plays in situations where in members are not actively participating, cohorts not gelling well together, malfunction in the midst of events etc.

Based on the performance in the interviews, coordinators were chosen.

BA requires 4 to 6 coordinators for a huge strength of students,

BASCJ, BSc and BScIT can have 1 coordinator each.

### Interviews for cohort and assistant cohort leaders

Online registration forms were circulated for the interviews of cohort leaders and assistant cohort leaders for Peerpal. Walk-in interviews were also entertained. The interviews for cohort leaders and assistant cohort leaders were taken by the course coordinators in slots of 2. The interviews were taken in the span of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 8th August 2023. Interviews were taken at the triangular terrace. A grade out of 10 scoring system was used for all the people who interviewed. Following are the questions asked to them –

- Introduce yourself.
- Subject combinations + year/major
- Have you ever been given a leadership position?
- 3 words to describe yourself.
- Can you list the extracurriculars Sophia has to offer? Are you a part of any?
- If you are a part of any other club or teams how are you going to manage time?
- Do you know the format of the PeerPal initiative?
- What qualities of yours make you fit for this role?
- Situations:
  1. What will you do if your cohort is being unresponsive?

2. Asst cohort leader is being unresponsive.
3. Asst cohort leader is struggling with duties.
4. Coordinator is unresponsive

➤ Roleplay ideas:

1. With the leader/asst and a shy member of the cohort.
2. With an unresponsive member
3. With another cohort leader with whom you were supposed to have a collab cohort event.

➤ Any questions you have for us.

### **Glimpses**

Glimpses took place on 22th July 2023 at the Bhabha hall. The FYs were explained that PeerPal is a student led initiative to help the FYs assimilate into college life smoothly through a video. Students are divided into cohorts which are led by SYs and TYs who provide academic, non-academic help in any form and solves all of their college and noncollege related life to make their lives easier. There was a performance in the form of a solo musical by PeerPal Head – Kanishka Desai. After glimpses, the students were informed about the digital maps of the college made by the coordinators posted all over the college. These were in the form of scanners, which on scanning showed maps of the overview of the college, the BA building, Anderson annexe, Science building, Admin etc.

### **BSc & BScIT Mixer**

The PeerPaL Mixer, held on 27th September was held in the AV Hall ,it was spearheaded by PeerPal Head Kanishka Desai and organized by BSc and BScIT coordinators Daniya Shaikh and Afida Idrisi, it was photographed by BA coordinator Tanisha Agrawal and cohort leaders which brought together all the friends and all the team members for the moment of networking, socializing, and entertainment. Games were played like charades, guess the film through emojis and dance offs. The event aimed to foster a sense of community and camaraderie among attendees, providing an opportunity for interaction outside the academic environment.

Event Highlights:-

- Attendance: The event saw a significant turnout, with 30 attendees, including students from the different field and the team members .
- Networking Opportunities: Attendees had the chance to connect with peers and team members from different departments, facilitating interdisciplinary interactions and the exchange of ideas.
- Entertainment: The event featured live music performances, interactive games, and activities, ensuring an engaging and enjoyable experience for all .
- Peer to peer engagement:- The event demonstrated the importance of student engagement initiatives in enhancing the overall college experience and promoting the peer to peer well being