

Are city colleges playing party-pooper?



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Recently students of a leading design institute of the city were barred from organising a pre convocation party on the campus after an alumnus was caught with four cans of beer at the gate. “Students did not take this decision of banning party sportingly, but we have to adhere to the strict prohibition rules here as the reason behind curbing the gathering,” says Samir More, communication officer of National Institute of Design.

Students from diverse cultural backgrounds make an institute an interesting place to study, interact and grow. Along with academics, the fests and campus parties make up for those series of lectures that one attends whole day. But,

what if the disciplinary committee decides to halt your decision of organising parties within the campus premises? City colleges have a mixed opinion.

BANNING NO SOLUTION

Many believe banning is no solution to the problem and students of other city colleges have voiced their protests on social media. “We respect the laws of the land. Keeping in mind the sensitivity of this issue, instead of banning the campus parties completely, we have decided to tighten the security at the gate. No outsiders will be allowed to park their vehicles inside from now on and everyone’s luggage will be checked closely to keep a check on the rules,”

says Kartik Mishra, student activity cell, GNLU.

MAKING CAMPUS PARTIES OFFICIAL

Parties happen in all colleges, but how many of them are open about it? “Initially, campus parties were looked upon with a lot of suspicion, but gradually the college formed a committee to organise it officially. We have five to six parties in a year now,” says Mansi Trivedi, final year law student, Nirma University. Now they organise masquerade parties, couple parties and many such events quite often. The main reason to make it official is so that we have enough funds from the university to organise it as well as to engage and involve the faculty

members too for that check and balance element.

STUDENTS’ SAFETY

Though Ahmedabad has got itself placed in the safe city list for women, girls who do not happen to be from the city feel safer at the campus parties. “I am from Bhopal. Though I feel safe in the campus, I don’t wish to be out for late as the area out of the campus is isolated. I usually never miss any of our campus parties and fests,” says Rakhi Bhojnani, first year engineering student, PDPU.

HOSTEL PARTIES

“We organise get-togethers in the hostel premises once in a month,” says Jyoti Shah, hostel warden, IIT-Gn. They first collect money from all the students who are willing to pitch in and organize it accordingly. “There is no scope of nuisance as everything happens in front of us,” adds Shah. Also, when parties happen within the campus, parents of the students who are away from home feel safe. “If I say I am going out to party, my parents don’t sleep until I reach back and call them, but if it’s a campus party they are not much worried,” says Anup Mishra, a second year student of IIT-Gn.