

## **Report: Fact-Finding Committee regarding Hall XI HEC elections**

In the 2015-16/7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Students' Senate held on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, a fact-finding committee was constituted to look into the involvement of Mr. Samyak Jain in the elections of the Hall Executive Committee of the Hall of Residence XI, and to ascertain its effect on the General Elections'16. The constitution of the committee was as follows:

- Mr. Anurag Sahay, General Body Member (Chairperson)
- Mr. Ishant Rao, Senator, MTech Y15
- Mr. Sabyasachi Verma, Senator, UG Y12
- Chairperson, Students' Senate (*ex-officio*)
- President, Students' Gymkhana (*ex-officio*)

The Chairperson of the committee interviewed Prof. J. Ramkumar (Warden-in-charge, Hall XI) and Mr. Aman Singhal (Chief Election Officer, Hall XI) on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2016. The committee met at 8:00 PM on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 in the Café Coffee Day, Academic Area. The meeting was attended by Mr. Anurag Sahay, Mr. Sabyasachi Verma, Mr. Shubham Atreja and Mr. Gautam Pratap Singh.

The committee established the following facts:

- Mr. Samyak Jain was appointed by the Warden-in-charge, Hall XI as the Chief Election Officer for the election in Hall XI.
- Mr. Samyak Jain has propagated his intention to contest for President, Students' Gymkhana in the upcoming General Elections'16.
- While Prof. Ramkumar wrote in the e-mail that Mr. Samyak Jain was nominated to the post by the Students' Gymkhana. However, he later admitted that this was a misconception, and that no formal nomination had been received from the Students' Gymkhana or its representatives.
- When Mr. Samyak Jain realized that he had been appointed as CEO, he approached Prof. Ramkumar and requested that he be relieved from the duty due to his "involvement in the upcoming General Elections'16".
- Mr. Samyak Jain then sent an e-mail to the residents of Hall XI through Prof. Ramkumar "appointing" Mr. Aman Singhal as the Chief Election Officer "on his behalf". The mail has been appended as Annexure I of this report.
- Mr. Samyak Jain specifically wrote the following in the mail:

I am busy with the upcoming General Elections so Mr. Aman Singal will be CEO on my behalf, his details are as follows:  
Ph. No. 8953446804, email: [saman@iitk.ac.in](mailto:saman@iitk.ac.in)

To file send the following details and attachments to [saman@iitk.ac.in](mailto:saman@iitk.ac.in) and cc it to [samyakj@iitk.ac.in](mailto:samyakj@iitk.ac.in)

- Mr. Samyak Jain continued to be involved in the elections in various capacities despite the appointment of Mr. Aman Singhal, and was observed as participating in the process, including at the time of voting and counting.
- Mr. Aman Singhal when interviewed said that he conducted the election “with Samyak”. He further said that Mr. Samyak Jain helped in various aspects of the election, including providing volunteers for the election.

### **Recommendations of the Committee**

The committee notes that the actions of the Mr. Samyak Jain amount to misuse of the position of In-Charge, Hostel Affairs/Convener, COSHA and circumstantial evidence points towards a deliberate attempt to impact the upcoming General Elections’16 of the Students’ Gymkhana. In particular, the fact that a mail has been sent to the Hall 11 residents, in which Mr. Samyak Jain has perpetuated his intention to contest for the upcoming General Elections is a direct violation of both the letter and the spirit of the Code of Conduct of the Elections before the Elections have even commenced. In this regard, the committee recommends that at least one of the following actions be taken:

- Mr. Samyak Jain be removed from the post of In-Charge, Hostel Affairs/Convener, COSHA.
- Mr. Samyak Jain be referred to the SSAC for disciplinary action.

(Anurag Sahay)  
Chairperson, Fact Finding Committee,  
Hall XI Elections

## **ANNEXURE I**

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Samyak Jain <[samyakj@iitk.ac.in](mailto:samyakj@iitk.ac.in)>  
Date: Thu, Dec 31, 2015 at 2:56 PM  
Subject: HEC Elections Hall 11 Details  
To: [jrkumar@iitk.ac.in](mailto:jrkumar@iitk.ac.in)  
Cc: [saman@iitk.ac.in](mailto:saman@iitk.ac.in)

Dear Sir,

Please forward this mail to the Hall 11 residents.

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Dear Hall 11 Residents,

Nominations are invited for the following posts in the HEC for Hall 11 (2016-17):

- 1) President (1 post)
- 2) Mess & Canteen Secretary (2 post)
- 3) Maintenance Secretary (1 post)
- 4) Sports Secretary (1 post)
- 5) Cultural Secretary (1 post)
- 6) Accounts Secretary (1 post)
- 7) Garden Secretary (1 post)
- 8) Reading Room and Guest Room Secretary (1 post)

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Subject: "Contestant Name" "Post name" Hall 11

- 1) Institute ID CARD Photocopy
- 2) Your Name, Roll No., Dept., Program
- 3) Transcript scan or screenshot

Guidelines for Elections

- 1) No Campaigning after 12 in the night or before 6 in the morning.
- 2) No Campaigning at public gatherings.
- 3) No Campaigning outside Hall 11.
- 4) No Hooting or Slogan Shouting Allowed.
- 5) No pamphlets or posters allowed, only campaigning through manifesto.

If any candidate is found violating the same his candidature will be cancelled.

Regards  
Samyak

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