



Students' Gymkhana (2015-16)
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
Vedant Goenka | Chairperson



Minutes: 1st General Body Meeting, 2016-17

The 2016-17/1st Meeting of the General Body was held on Saturday, 13th August, 2016 in Lecture Hall - 7. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 6:05 PM.

The following agenda item was taken up for consideration.

Item No. 1	To discuss the recent incidents following the sad demise of Late Mr. Alok Kumar Pandey and the action to be taken thereof
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate opened the meeting by putting forward some points of discussion around which the meeting would continue. Suggestions were taken from the members present and the following points were finalised:

- To identify the root cause and trigger for the agitation
- To Consider what should not have happened during the agitation
- To lay down a plan of action for conducting the Health Centre Review

The points were taken up for discussion one by one.

	To identify the root cause and trigger for the agitation
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The various points raised by the members have been clubbed into exclusive issues. The following issues thus came out:

- a) Students could relate themselves to the incident, A lot of students have been victims of mis-diagnosis by the health centre and it added to the agitation.
- b) Students pointed out that it is not the first time that something unfortunate happened in the Health centre. This incident made students feel that it was high time they stood up on the issue and make their opinions count. "Things are over the head now", "Things will not improve until you protest" was the driving force of the agitation.
- c) Students felt that the administration could not convince them. The initial mail from the Director was seen as a cover-up to the entire incident. There was a general feeling in the crowd that the authorities wanted to diffuse the situation and dilute the matter, further multiplying their anger. Added to this, the administration did not seem to offer condolence to the deceased, nor any assuring statement was made. Some basic questions were not answered, giving a feel that the administration was trying to cover up the mishap.
- d) A student pointed out that the supervisor of Late Mr. Alok Pandey instructed his lab-mates to go back to their labs.
- e) A student pointed out that there was no official statement from the health centre and that the CMO was absent from the entire incident. This also led to a lot of rumours



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spreading up within the students. The doctor was still practicing, which agitated the students even more.

- f) There were some other triggers pointed out too, like the press being not allowed initially and police not being informed on time.

	To Consider what should not have happened during the agitation
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The concerns raised have been grouped together into exclusive points. A faculty member raised a point that the house should not only discuss what went wrong but also what went right in the agitation. Thus in all, the following points were raised by the members present:

- a) A faculty started by pointing out that a lot less students were present here than there were to pelt stones outside. Another faculty pointed out that administrators were also not here, cementing their alleged unwillingness to listen. Another point raised was that now when the demands have been met, there are same no. of faculty and students present here, and that all present are apathetic, they aren't here to improve the Health Centre.
- b) Quite a few faculty raised questions regarding cutting of the power supply and expressed that it was not justified. Members opined that the power-cut turned people against the agitation, people like faculty wives and others who cared for the cause. A student pointed out that she came out because of power-cut and she doesn't condone it. A faculty pointed out that it took 2 days for most faculty to come out and they came because of the power cut.
- c) A faculty opined that classes could've been attended and protest done in rotation, but disruption wasn't required. Another faculty pointed out that she allowed students to leave for the protest.
- d) A faculty opined that only students can shake up the system – they are the agents of change. However, they should have taken a different approach. A student pointed out that such things go up recursively, from talking to shouting, cursing, shoving and finally an agitation.
- e) A faculty member suggested to use student representatives for taking up issues, iterating that constant follow-up is important. Another faculty member expressed discontent with the student leadership and asked why Students' Senate doesn't own up to disciplinary actions while a faculty stated that students have always helped out in administration and took responsibility wherever asked. Yet another faculty asked which leader has managed a young crowd of 6000 so well, iterating that they stopped students from going to block GT Road and that many students spoke against power cut too, even while it was being discussed and carried out.
- f) A faculty pointed out that the students showed restraint and had anyone been there, they would feel proud of the kind of control exercised by the mob.
- g) A faculty member said that students should not have shown apathy towards their own, who suffered due the agitation.
- h) A faculty also pointed out that the decisions should've been taken in an emergency meeting on the first night itself and not let it drag on.



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- i) A student pointed out that fellow students were being asked their names, their supervisor's names and being individualised. He expressed concern over what then happens to student representatives in the various institute committees.

	To lay down a plan of action for conducting the Health Centre Review
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The members present had various suggestions on what all should be taken care of in terms of the Health Centre. At the onset, a faculty member pointed out that the Chief Medical Officer and Chairman, HCUC were not present in the meeting when they should have been to listen to concerns.

The following points were presented as comments or suggestions:

- a) Provision of written complaints should be there as students route their complaint thorough the DOSA or other indirect authorities.
- b) The Health Centre Review should be done involving a bigger committee than HCUC.
- c) Few people expressed concerns that since it is a very serious issue, a meeting should be reconvened at the right time to discuss further on this issue. Few people were of the thought that a large committee won't help, having an oversight would.
- d) Primary check-up practices should come into play immediately. There is no record maintained by doctor of the previous treatments/illness of the patient.
- e) Complete diagnosis should be written on the Health booklet. A case history can be maintained on Office Automation.
- f) During registration, a medical case history can be filled up.
- g) Doctors should be made more accountable, answerable and their behaviour should be appropriate. Punitive action should be taken when needed.
- h) Informed consent should be taken before injecting or administering anything.
- i) Emergency no. should be made available widely.
- j) Drivers of Ambulance should be well versed with local routes, hospitals and places.
- k) HC should be well equipped in cases of emergencies. A model similar to that of IIT Kgp can be followed.
- l) Central Govt. Health Scheme (CGHS) can be adopted.
- m) Regular health check-up should be conducted with good doctors.
- n) It was suggested that students do a cost analysis and come up with a model that fits with HC financial plans.
- o) Why HC is only a primary health care centre. Secondary health care centre is needed now.
- p) In cases of emergency, a patient needs to report to HC first then he is referred. This process should be replaced with a better model.



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- q) Selection procedure of doctors and paramedics should be more transparent.
- r) Doctor's profile should be maintained online with their review and records.
- s) Report of 30 November should be implemented.

These points shall be taken up by the Students' Senate in its subsequent meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM by the Chairperson, Student's Senate.