



Election Commission
Students' Gymkhana, 2018-19
Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur



Post Conduction Report

Midterm and By- Elections

Students' Gymkhana
2019-20

A) Schedule
15th August 2019 (Thursday)

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Time	Event	Venue
00:00 Hrs	Code of Conduct begins	
	Call for nominations	Via Mail
	Nomination filing begins	Nomination Portal
20:00 Hrs	Nomination filing ends	Nomination Portal
20:00-22:00 Hrs	Verification of nominations (Senators Only)	Senate Hall
22:00-23:00 Hrs	Verification of nominations (Executives Only)	Senate Hall
23:00 Hrs	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall

16th August 2019 (Friday) (Working Day)

Time	Event	Venue
11:00 Hrs	Deadline for withdrawal of nominations	Via Mail
12:00 Hrs	Call for re nominations	Via Mail
	Re Nomination filing begins	Nomination Portal
21:00 Hrs	Re Nomination filing ends	Nomination Portal
21:00-22:00 Hrs	Verification of re nominations	Senate Hall
22:00-23:00 Hrs	Submission of list of campaigners	Senate Hall
23:00 Hrs	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall

17th August 2019 (Saturday)

Time	Event	Venue
00:00 Hrs	Announcement of list of candidates	Via Mail
12:00 Hrs	Deadline for submission of manifestos	
14:00 Hrs	Manifesto Ratification	Senate Hall
23:00 Hrs	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall

18th August 2019 (Sunday)

Time	Event	Venue
08:00 Hrs-21:00 Hrs	Call for re nominations for Women Representative PG	Via Mail
08:00-23:59 Hrs	Campaigning allowed	Door to Door only
22:00-23:00 Hrs	Verification of nominations for Women Representative PG	Senate Hall



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22:00-23:00 Hrs	Submission of list of campaigners and Manifesto verification for Women Representative PG	Senate Hall
23:00 Hrs	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall

19th August 2019 (Monday)

Time	Event	Venue
08:00-23:59 Hrs	Campaigning allowed	Door to Door only
23:00 Hrs	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall

20th August 2019 (Tuesday)

Time	Event	Venue
08:00-23:59 Hrs	Campaigning allowed	Door to Door only
21:00-23:00 Hrs	Executive Dialogue	Fb Live
23:00 Hrs	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall

21st August 2019 (Wednesday)

Time	Event	Venue
08:00-23:59 Hrs	Campaigning allowed	Door to Door only
23:00 Hrs	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall

22nd August 2019 (Thursday)

Time	Event	Venue
08:00-23:59 Hrs	Campaigning allowed	Door to Door only
12:00-23:00 Hrs	Envelope Voting	Senate Hall
23:00 Hrs	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall

23rd August 2019 (Friday)

Time	Event	Venue
08:00-19:00 Hrs	Campaigning allowed	Door to Door only
19:00 Hrs	Campaigning ends Submission of campaigning material	Senate Hall
20:00 Hrs	SOP Box – Y19 Senators	Senate Hall
12:00-23:00 Hrs	Envelope Voting	Senate Hall

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23:00 Hrs	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall
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24th August 2019 (Saturday)

Time	Event	Venue
00:00 Hrs	Silence Period begins	
22:00 Hrs	SOP Box - Executives	Senate Hall
23:00 Hrs	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall

25th August 2019 (Sunday)

Time	Event	Venue
10:00-18:00 Hrs	Polling Period	Hall common rooms

26th August 2019 (Monday)

Time	Event	Venue
22:00 Hrs	Counting of Votes	Senate Hall
23:59 Hrs	Results Declaration	Via Mail
23:59 Hrs	Code of Conduct ends	-

*Campaigning shall strictly end before EC Meeting with Candidates

(NOTE: The EC meeting with candidates is mandatory for all the contestants to attend)

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B) Execution:

- **Posts for which nominations were called:**

Positions	Seats	Electorate
Executive:		
President, Students' Gymkhana	1	All registered students of IITK
General Secretary, Media and Culture	1	All registered students of IITK
PG Secretary, Academics and Career	1	All Students of IITK in courses governed by the PG Manual
Senators:		
BT/BS Y19	7	All registered students of the batch
BT/BS Y18	2	do
BT/BS Y16	1	do
BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y15	2	do
MTech (2-year) Y19	4	do
MTech (2-year) Y18	2	do
MSc (2-year) Y19 (including MSc-PhD Y19)	1	do
MSc (2-year) Y19 (including MSc-PhD Y18)	1	do
MBA and MDes and other two year programmes Y19	1	do
PhD Y17 and earlier batches (including MSc-PhD Y16)	7	do
PhD Y19 (including MSc-PhD Y19)	2	do

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● **Nominations received:**

EXECUTIVES:

Post	Name of Candidate	Roll No.
President, Students' Gymkhana	Rhythm Pathak	160565
General Secretary, Media & Culture	Chitral Gupta	160214

SENATORS:

Post	Name of Candidate	Roll No.
BT/BS Y18	Vedaant Sikka	180885
	Kartikeya Dhakad	180347
BT/BS Y19	Naiza Singla	190523
	Pakshal Secretry	190581
	Sheikh Shefnaan Fahad	190799
	Devansh Parmar	190273
	Ankit Yogi	190148
	Yatish Goel	191180
	Abhimanyu Sethia	190023
	Avinash Bansal	190205
	Ankit Yadav	190151
	Rishi Prakash	190706
	Vishrant Chirag Dave	190982
MBA, MDes & other 2 year programmes Y19	Sitanshu Nandan	19125044
MTech 2 year Y19	Vivek Prajapat	19114019
	Monark Prakashchandra	19105066

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	Sutariya	
MTech 2 year Y18	Motilal Meher	18114015
	Ashish Ubana	18114005

There was **one** withdrawal of nomination of Vishrant Chirag Dave from the post of Senator BT/BS Y19.
Re Nominations were called for the following posts:

Positions	Seats	Electorate
Executives:		
PG Secretary, Academics and Career	1	All Students of IITK in courses governed by the PG Manual
Senators:		
BT/BS Y16	2	All registered students of the batch
BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y15	2	do
MTech (2-year) Y19	2	do
MSc (2-year) Y19 (including MSc-PhD Y19)	1	do
MSc (2-year) Y18 (including MSc-PhD Y18)	1	do
PhD Y17 and earlier batches (including MSc-PhD Y16)	7	do
PhD Y19 (including MSc-PhD Y19)	2	do

Following Re Nominations were received:

Post	Name of Candidate	Roll No.
PG Secretary, Academics & Career	Shivam Kumar Gautam	16102279
BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y15	Bhanupratap Niranjana	15807182
BT/BS Y16	Abhinav Arora	160017

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ENVELOPE VOTING

Votes received: 0

POLLING:

Polling was conducted on 25th August 2019 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The voting process was on schedule and was under the due vigilance of the election commission and SIS Guards at the polling booths. Booths were set up at the following locations:

Hall 1: Reading Room
Hall 2: Computer Room
Hall 3: Reading Room
Hall 4: Conference Room, Near Hall Office
Hall 5: Reading Room
Hall 6: Conference Room, Ground Floor(Beside warden Office)
GH1 : Reading Room
Hall 7: Reading Room
Hall 8: Reading Room
Hall 9: Reading Room, First Floor
Hall 10: TV Room, Hall 10
Hall 11: Reading Room, Hall 11
Hall 12: Conference Room, Ground Floor, Near Hall Office
Hall 13: Conference Room, Ground Floor
New SBRA, RA Tower: Common room, Old SBRA : Hall Office, Old SBRA

COUNTING OF VOTES:

Counting of votes commenced at 10:00 PM, in the Senate Hall, New SAC. All the candidates (for the posts for which elections were being held) were informed to send one nominee to witness the counting procedure.

Counting was done under the supervision of the members from the Grievance Redressal Committee (or their nominees).

VOTING PERCENTAGE:

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Post	Votes Cast	Total Voters	Voting Percentage
Senator BT/BS Y19	779	1181	65.96
Executive	1743	7000	24.9

RESULTS:

Executives

Post	Name of Candidate	Roll No.
President, Students' Gymkhana	NOTA	
General Secretary, Media & Culture	NOTA	
PG Secretary, Academics & Career	Shivam Kumar Gautam	16102279

Senators

Post	Name of Candidate	Roll No.
BT/BS Y19	Naiza Singla	190523
	Pakshal Secretry	190581
	Devansh Parmar	190273
	Ankit Yogi	190148
	Abhimanyu Sethia	190023
	Avinash Bansal	190205
	Ankit Yadav	190151
BT/BS Y18	Vedaant Sikka	180855
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C) Finances

Expenditure:

Head	Expected Expenditure	Expenditure Incurred
Security	944 (800+18% GST) * 15 = 14160	14160+472=14632
Notice Boards	25 (per day) * 5 days * 15 = 1875	0
Transport	4 Trips * 200 = 800 (Unbilled)	0
Posters	2 Posters * 30 * 15 Halls = 900	0
Stationery	500	2142+553=2695
Refreshments	60*15 polling booths = 900	2574
Flex(PhotoBooth)	6000	2360
Total	25,135	22,261

Income:

Head	Income
Fines	30,500

D) Fines

Post	Name	Roll No.	Nature	Fines (Ch = Campaigning Hours)	Clauses Violated
Candidate	Abhimanyu Sethia	190706	Level 1	₹500 + 2Ch	1-xv
Candidate	Abhimanyu Sethia	190799	Level 1	₹500 + 2Ch	5-xii

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Candidate	Ankit Yadav	190273	Level 2	7Ch	5-xii
Candidate	Chitral Gupta	190581	Level 1	2Ch	1-xv
Candidate	Devansh Parmar	160565	Level 2	₹1000	5-xii
Candidate	Pakshal Secretry	190023	Level 2	₹1000	5-iii
Candidate	Rhythm Pathak	190799	Level 2	₹1000	1-xv
Candidate	Rishi Prakash	160214	Level 2	₹1000	5-xii
Candidate	Rishi Prakash	190706	Level 1	₹500	5-xvi
Candidate	Rishi Prakash	190706	Level 2	₹1000	5-xii
Candidate	Rhythm Pathak	190151	Level 1	₹500	1-xv
Candidate	Sheikh Shefnaam Fahad	190023	Level 1	₹500	1-v
Candidate	Sheikh Shefnaan Fahad	160565	Level 1	₹500	1-xv
CEO Hall 3	Pulkit Nijhawan	170515	Level 2	₹1500	1-v
General Body Member	Meher Preetam Korukonda	12104172	Level 1	₹500	1-v
General Body Member	Yatish Sharma	180895	Level 2	₹1000	1-iii
General Body Member	Jatin Khandelwal	180325	Level 2	₹1000	1-iii
General Body Member	Vatsal Chaudhary	190951	Level 2	₹1000	1-iii, 6-v
General Body Member	Hemanga Sonowal	180288	Level 2	₹1000	1-iii
General Body Member	Mohit Gupta	180427	Level 2	₹1000	1-iii
General Body Member	Prateek Gupta	190633	Level 2	₹1000	5-xii
HEC Hall 12	Yadu Sharma	170812	Level 1	₹1000	1-v, 1-xiv
HEC Hall 12	Narendra Mathuriya	170417	Level 1	₹1000	1-v, 1-xiv
HEC Hall 3	Vivek Gupta	170807	Level 2	₹1500	1-v
HEC Hall 3	Yasharth Bajpai	170822	Level 1	₹1000	1-v
HEC Hall 3	Yash Kumar	170815	Level 1	₹1000	1-v
HEC Hall 3	Archit Agarwal	170143	Level 1	₹1000	1-v
HEC Hall 3	Ritik Pankaj	170581	Level 1	₹1000	1-v
Quiz Club Coordinators	Vatsalya Tandon	170785	Level 1	₹500	1-v
Quiz Club Coordinators	Debasish Reang	170228	Level 1	₹500	1-v
Quiz Club Coordinators	K Hari Madhavan	170330	Level 1	₹500	1-v
Senator	Ashutosh Bajpai	180153	Level 2	₹1500	1-iii
Senator	Ashutosh Bajpai	180153	Level 2	₹1500	6-v
Udghosh festival	Vaibhav Kumar	160766	Level 1	₹1000	1-v

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coordinator	Agarwal				
Udghosh festival coordinator	Saubhagya Soni	160632	Level 1	₹1000	1-v
Udghosh Heads (non office bearer)	Pankaj Kumar	160470	Level 1	₹500	1-v

E) Complaints to GRC:

After receiving complaints about anti-campaigning against multiple candidates during silence period and polling day, Election Commission has conducted an on-ground investigation and submitted a detailed report consisting the violation and names of individuals who have been involved in malpractices to GRC which has forwarded the entire case along with the report to SSAC.

F) Recommendations

- 1) This time, the By-election was 12 day long which was a larger timespan than previous By-elections. This gave the candidates sufficient number of days to cover all the general body members for campaigning and making their manifestos articulated to them. This practice should continue in future.
- 2) This time, there was a serious level of awareness depreciation in between Y19 students about functioning as well as holistic concept of Students' Senate. This was realized by a decline of participation in Y19 senators compared to last year. A proper platform should be organized by Students' Gymkhana for the freshers' batch where all the concept and workings can be delivered to them.
- 3) This time, the nominations were filled on the nominations portal developed by PClub similar to last year, which turned out to be a seamless experience. Hence, this should be made a regular practice to call nominations through this portal.
- 4) SOP-BOX was introduced for Y-19 Senators for the first time. It has turned out to be a great learning platform for the Candidates to express and articulate themselves as well as this approach has given the candidates to reach out to the General Body Members. This practice should be continued in the future.
- 5) Video manifestos were allowed for Y-19 senators this time. In addition to this, the format for video manifesto was changed from a video template displaying the points of manifesto, to a video recording of candidate speaking out manifesto points within a given time limit, with the restriction being that no background, music scores, text, animations etc. should be used in it. This made the video manifestos less representative of the video editing knowledge of a candidate, and more of the ideas and articulation. This practice should be continued in the future.

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- 6) PhotoBooths were introduced for the first time. Printed posters and flex was discontinued this year as the candidates were given extra days for campaigning with compared to last year By-election. This turned out to be more sustainable and environment-friendly.
- 7) There is no Woman PG Representatives in the Senate. So Senate has to look upon to this and decide future course of action.
- 8) There was a serious lack of effort for campaigning from the candidates contesting for Executives post. Some way of mechanism should exist where campaigning should be mandatory on similar to the concept of not submitting blank manifestos.

G) Acknowledgement

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H) Epilogue

Despite the repeated efforts of various stakeholders to curb malpractices in elections, every year, the environment of elections is maligned by events which are a threat to the sanctity of the electoral process and the spirit of democracy in students' gymkhana. It is obvious that only a small fraction of these practices come to the surface, and get exposed. And even these can be curbed only to a certain limit by punitive actions. To make the electoral system of students' gymkhana free and fair in the true sense, long term efforts need to be targeted at the root causes of the said practices, and the electorate needs to be kept well aware about the expected electoral conduct of the candidates and the general body members during the election or otherwise. The election commission in particular and students' senate in general needs to take steps in this direction at the utmost priority to foster the right spirit and set the right precedences for the future stakeholders, and to make sure that these discrete set of misconducts do not develop into a populist culture that harms the credibility of elections as well as gymkhana in the future.

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APPENDIX 1: Polling times

Hall	Time Start	Time End
1	10:00	18:00
2	10:00	18:00
3	10:00	18:00
4	10:00	18:00
5	10:00	18:00
6	10:00	18:00
7	10:00	18:00
8	10:00	18:00
9	10:00	18:00
10	10:00	18:00
11	10:00	18:00
12	10:21	18:21
13	10:00	18:00
GH1	10:00	18:00
SBRA	10:00	18:00

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