



## **POST-CONDUCTION REPORT**

### **Overall Managers:**

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**Nakul Surana**

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### **Submitted by:**

**Vijeta**

**General Secretary**

**Cultural Affairs**



- Galaxy'17 was conducted from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Feb'17.
- Parade was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> Feb'17 as the flagship event of Galaxy'17.
- Initial rounds of Parliamentary debates were held due to the unavailability of adjudicators during the period.
- Veeras for the first time took part in all the events except for the Musical Band event.

Final points tally:

Serial No.	Event	Max.	Mauryans	Mughals	Marathas	Veeras
1	Parade	80	8	80	48	24
2	Pool Flag	20	12	20	6	2
3	Battle	60	6	60	36	18
4	India Quiz	30	30	9	18	3
5	PD	35	35	3.5	21	10.5
6	Mime	40	40	24	12	4
7	Live Sketching	25	7.5	2.5	25	15
8	Creative Writing	30	24	9	24	3
9	Kathya	30	9	24	24	3
10	Kavyanjali	35	21	10.5	3.5	35
11	Nirvaak	30	30	18	9	3
12	Group Song	60	60	36	6	18
13	Aamne Saamne	35	21	10.5	3.5	35
14	Sports Quiz	30	9	30	18	3
15	Dance Dram	60	36	6	60	18
16	GupChup	20	20	2	6	12
17	Word Games	30	30	9	18	3
18	Poetry Slam	30	13.5	13.5	3	30
19	Merge It All	30	18	9	30	3
20	Stage Play	80	48	80	8	24
21	MUN	30	30	18	3	9

22	SciTech Quiz	30	18	9	30	3
23	Shabdrang	35	0	35	21	10.5
24	Dubsmash	10	6	1	10	3
25	DumbC	30	30	18	9	3
26	Mela Quiz	30	30	9	18	0
27	Antakshari	20	20	12	2	6
28	JAM	30	30	13.5	13.5	3
29	Pool Video	10	10	6	3	1
30	Doodle	15	15	1.5	4.5	9
31	FlipBook	30	30	18	9	3
32	BackDrop	65	65	39	6.5	19.5
33	Band	100	30	100	60	25.4933
34	Group Dance	80	8	80	24	48
35	General Quiz	30	9	18	30	3
36	Oil Painting	35	10.5	21	35	3.5
37	Pair on Stage	40	24	40	12	4
38	Nukkad	80	48	8	24	80
39	Punctuality	10	10	10	10	10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>901.5</b>	<b>913.5</b>	<b>703.5</b>	<b>510.4933</b>

## SGRCs :

### - Mauryans - Parade

Grievance - "We as a pool feel that the conduction of Parade in Galaxy'17 was unfair and also feel that Galaxy'17 Organizing Team is incapable to find a solution to this grave problem. We thereby wish to take this matter in the hands of Students' Grievances Related Committee."

09/02/17

The Pool Captain of Mauryans submitted a grievance stating that the conduction of the event was unfair. The SGRC met the Pool Captain and his nominee consecutively, where his nominee stated that the organisation was fair and that was not supposed to be the Pool's grievance. The grievance was with the judging and following of the judging criterion.

The committee however talked to relevant stakeholders and found that the organising team had done their best to adhere to the criterion set out before. The committee also referred to clause 3 under Important Points and pointed out that the judges' discretion for the judging criterion is final. Hence, the committee agreed with the results as they were.

10/02/17 and 12/02/17

The decision was re-considered by the SGRC on request of a member, Mr. Shashank Bhushan, who referred to the clause 7 under Important Points to cite a possible contradiction. The committee however felt that the points 3 and 7 were complimentary and not contradictory.

The said member further requested to probe into whether the organisers promised anything in this regard that was undelivered. Subsequently, the SGRC extensively probed into the matter and talked to multiple more students involved, whose statements did not converge. The Mauryan's pool captain then produced an audio recording, which the committee considered inadmissible due to being incomplete or tampered (due to possibility of erasure). The committee further felt that this was unrelated to its decision even otherwise and abides by its earlier decision.

#### **- Mughals - Mime**

Grievance - "We were promised wings by the organizing team. The stage was prepared 2 hours before the performance and there were no wings. Consequently we were penalized for poor direction and lack of coordination (as announced by the judges)."

It is recommended that if pool captains find any change in infrastructural setup of the event than what was promised, he/she should get it in written from the organizing committee.

If or if not received in written, the same should still be briefed to judges in presence of all the pool captains/nominee.

The final discretion shall remain with the judges.

#### **- Mughals and Veeras - Dance Drama**

Grievance (Mughals) - "Mughals have grievances related to dance drama:

1. for the time limit mentioned in the pre-conduction (i.e. 7-9 min); pools exceeded time limits and no penalty has been imposed.
2. There were general expectations among the audience and specially among the dance coordinators as well as ex-coordinators about the pool ranking in the event. But the result declared was highly unexpected.
3. Score sheets were tampered, which had re-writings and cuttings. This changed the result of the event."

Grievance (Veeras) - "Veeras have the following grievance in relation to the event Dance Drama. Overwriting and tampering with score sheets of judges was clearly visible. This is a clear pointer towards manipulation of results of the event."

1. General Secretary, on her discretion, decided that following will be the course of action - all the pools who exceeded the time limit will be penalised. Pools who were informed about the starting time will be penalised proportional to maximum time, but the pools who were not informed about the starting time will be penalised by 50% of the proportion.

2. It was decided that the General Secretary with coordinators and ex-coordinators will review the event and decide whether to call the judges of this event for future events or not.

3. It was advised that the organizing committee will brief the judges that if some overwriting is found on the score sheet, it should be undersigned by the judge or fresh score sheet should be presented before the judge for declaring the result for the event.

#### **- Mughals - Group Song**

Grievance - "Grievance related to Group Song:

1. After all the performances, results were declared by after lot of delays. Even the music coordinators asked the organizing team why there is no declaration of the result but the organizing team member said they will declare the result after sometime without any reasons."

The complaint was filed because of some miscommunication, and it is advised to the organizing team that results should be declared as soon as possible.

- It was pointed by the chairperson students' senate that one of the members of SGRC participated in one of the events of Galaxy 17. On asking first the member denied and also said that he was well aware that he should not be participating in any event in any capacity.

Then the Chairperson pointed that he had participated in Parade, to which he admitted and claimed that he wasn't aware whether he could participate or not at that time.

The committee discussed the matter and the majority decided that Mr. Shashank Bhushan should be dropped from the committee citing that it would be against the neutrality of the committee to keep him on the panel.

- **Mughals - Shabdrang**

**"Mughals have grievance over the bad behaviour of Mauryans pool team member in Shabdrang towards the organizing team member of the event."**

General Secretary mentioned that the decision on the issue is still pending with the organizing committee and should not be considered at the moment, to which the committee agreed.

- **Mughals - Oil Painting**

**"The size of the canvas mentioned in the pre-conduction report was violated by some pools. Thus they should be penalized."**

Grievance was withdrawn by the pool captain/nominee.

- **Mughals - Backdrop**

**"Deadline of submitting backdrop to OAT was 14:00 (12/2/2017). Without any prior information to the pool captain, deadline was extended to 14:15. The same decision was not taken and conveyed officially. Deadline to tie up backdrop at OAT front was 15:30. Some pools submitted backdrop after the announced time as well as written deadline while some pools were late in tying up the backdrop."**

It was observed that an organizing team member Mr. Devesh Kumar acted irresponsibly; he had changed the deadline of the event on his discretion and didn't inform any of the pool captains. Thus, SGRC recommends Students' Senate to take suitable action for the same.

**- Mughals - Flipbook**

**"Only 1 entry was requested from each pool. Mauryans submitted three flipbooks, and judging was done on basis of all three submissions."**

The committee looked up the pre-conduction report and based on the rules mentioned there, the entry was deemed valid since there were 3 books submitted but as a single entry.

**- Mughals - Dubsmash**

**"Mughals have grievance over the Judge called for judging of dubsmash. The judging was done by Siddhant Khatari (an alumnus) which we believe was of hall 3."**

No one in the organizing team was informed about the appointment of Mr. Sidhant Khatri as judge of the event Dubsmash beforehand. Since the organizing team did not know / approve of the judge hence we would recommend rejudging of the event by additional judge(s). Further the committee did not wanted to question the integrity of Mr. Sidhant Khatri and felt that his judgement should also be included.

The committee also felt that appointment of a judge from same batch as that of the participants should have been avoided in principle.

**- Mughals - MUN**

**"No marks for attendance is mentioned in pre conduction report of MUN. In round 1, no attendance was taken even when the event started one hour late to mentioned time. In round 2, attendance was taken and marks were given on the basis of attendance. Nothing about attendance marks is written in Pre-conduction."**

Event was conducted as per the rules and it was on the judge's discretion whether to include attendance or not, therefore decision stays.

**- Mauryans - Oil Painting**

**"The official size given in the pre-conduction report was 18" x 24", while during event a different size canvas was used."**

Grievance was withdrawn by the pool captain/nominee.

**- Shabdrang final decision**

Grievant: The General Secretary, Cultural Affairs

Grievance:

"As the General secretary, some events that unfolded after the declaration of Shabdrang results have led me to doubt certain aspects of the events and I believe it would be fair for the SGRC itself to decide upon the discretion."

The committee did not find any substantial reason which could lead to

overturning the decision taken by the General Secretary. Hence, the decision circulated by the General Secretary over the mail (Date: 18th February, 2017 | Time: 1:38pm) holds.

**- Mauryans: Kavyanjali**

We want to file SGRC complaints on the event Kavyanjali to address the grievances regarding the poems read by a pool.

The committee noted that the point raised by the Mauryan's Pool Captain was not in violation of the rules mentioned in the Pre-Conduction report of Galaxy'17, nor was any such rule and penalty pertaining to it was discussed in any of the pool meetings. Hence, the committee recommends no action and the earlier announced results hold.

**GRCs :**

**1. Event: Dance Drama**

**Complainant Pool: Maurayans**

Grievance: "In dance dram event of Galaxy' 17 final decision was given by the judges and results were declared but later someone pointed out that stage performance time of all pools exceeded the defined time limit and every pool was penalized and the results changed. We believe that as per pre-conduction judges are aware of stage performance time limit and they give result accordingly and no external penalty should be imposed after that. Moreover while penalizing the calculation of stage performance time was very inconsistent and Therefore we believe that such faulty penalty should be removed and judges decision should be followed else at least the calculation should be done properly."

The GRC could not find substantial evidence to overturn the decision of the SGRC in this regard and after extensive deliberations, decided to uphold the decision taken by the SGRC.

**2. Event: Parade**

**Complainant Pool: Maurayans**

Grievance: "Scores were not mentioned by the judges in the score-sheets. Also there was huge inconsistency in the results of the other two judges."

The GRC re-iterates the clause from the Galaxy pre-conduction report that outlines the judges' discretion for judging criteria as final, thereby upholding the decision of the SGRC. Further, the committee took note of the inappropriate behaviour extended by a student towards one of the judges and expects the Students' Senate to take stern action in this regard.

**3. Event: Backdrop**

**Complainant Pool: Mughals**

Grievance: "Deadline of submitting backdrop to OAT was 14:00 (12/2/2017). Without any prior information to the pool captain, deadline was extended to 14:15. The same decision was not taken and conveyed officially. Deadline to tie up bakcdrop at OAT front was 15:30. Some

pools submitted backdrop after the announced time as well as written deadline while some pools were late in tying up the backdrop."

The GRC felt that a penalty could not be imposed on any pool because of an organiser's misdoings. However, it recommends the Students' Senate to look into organiser's actions and take suitable steps. It further decided to uphold the decision of the SGRC in this regard.

**2. Event: Shabdrang**  
**Complainant Pool: Maurayans**

Grievance: "We as a pool feel that the facts mentioned in the mail by Ms. Vijeta Anand about the incident were not complete and there were many others factors contributing to it.

1) According to the point in pre-conduction report:

If any pool is found involved in negative cheering/using abusive words against some other pool/individual, on/around the event spot, then the pool can be disqualified from that particular event, at the discretion of the Galaxy Organizing Team.

But we would like to point out that it was first one of the HSS club co-ordinators who came forward and was first one to use abusive word against our participants. Our participant's reply was in a response and should not be considered under point 6 of pre-conduction report, as the whole incident was provoked and initiated by the event organizer.

2) The whole incident took place after successful completion of the event and hence it was no more an event spot. Only discussion regarding late penalty was going on which was not related to the conduction of the event.

We as a pool accept that we are responsible for the doings of our pool member. But does such a harsh measure need to be taken? We would like to mention, in Shabdrang nearly 40-50 students participated form our pool. Is it justifiable to undermine the days of hard work of all these students who very enthusiastically represented us in the event? Is it right to make all these students suffer for the doings of a 4 year guy who, they also very well know this, was provoked by the organizing team? Will these students get themselves involved in Gymkhana activities knowing that such things have happened to them in the past? We accept that it was our participant's mistake also and both him and the co-ordinator involved should be punished but please don't punish the efforts of the rest 49 students."

The GRC felt that a misbehaviour like this cannot be justified on grounds of provocation and upholds the decision of the SGRC in this regard. Further, it recommends the Students' Senate to look into the behaviour of the concerned organiser.

**Finances:**

<b>Heads</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Travel judges (cab)	11847.00
Stationary	780.00
Wings	3,000.00
Tickets Judges	700.00



Food for Judges	3,540.00
Refreshments	1,370.00
Judge travel bus	6,500.00
Event carpet, DJ floor etc	6785.00
Judge Accomodation	3,250.00
Lecture Hall Booking	700.00
Flex and Trophies	4,635.00
SIS	10,498.00
Lecture Hall Worker	300.00
Sound+Light	49,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,405.00</b>

### **Recommendations:**

- Apart from the recommendations of the SGRC and GRC:
- The pre-conduction report should be reviewed for the loopholes and should be made more flexible to avoid unaccounted grievances
- The point distribution in the events like dramatics, especially stage play should be restructured.
- There should be proper guidelines laid down for the organizing team and their conduct during the conduction of the events.
- The infrastructure available with the institute must be put to use more to reduce costs of conduction, especially the OAT sound system.
- No recording of any meetings in any form should be allowed without the permission of the convener of the meeting. If found, strict actions must be taken against the pool.

### **Special Thanks:**

- Core team, Cultural Affairs
- SGRC members
- GRC members
- Pool Captains
- DoSA
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