

To consider the Grievances regarding the misconduct of the General
Secretary, Science and Technology Council, in some of the recent
Events

Recently, several grievances were raised against Mr. R P Suman, General Secretary, Science and Technology Council that have denigrated the stature of the respected position. These grievances include allegations of general misconduct, disregard of opinions of various stakeholders in the inter-hall technical festival, disregard of the opinion of the President, Students' Gymkhana himself, and behavior that seems to indicate arrogance and negligence on the part of Mr. R P Suman.

We would like to bring these grievances to the notice of the Students' Senate. **At the onset I wish to point out that we do not want any change in the results of Takneek now but we have legitimate and serious grievances against Mr RP Suman that we wish to settle.** We request the Senate to kindly opine on the grievances laid out below:

1. Mr. R P Suman has been accused of various actions that led to an unfair conduction of Takneek in certain senses, to the extent that the pool Marathas had to resign altogether. For the purpose of addressing these, the GRC was called to order. The final recommendations of the GRC are not known to us and we respect their decisions, however we want to point out something to the Senate. **Isn't the involvement of professors a very important part of the grievance redressal committee? In the aforementioned case no professors were involved in any part of the meeting; if that had to be the case why call a GRC at all? Also we think that in case the rules of any event are changed at the last moment (from the initial problem statement) and all the pool captains are not in consensus with the decisions, the event must be scrapped.** Based on these two points here are the inconsistencies in the conduction of TAKNEEK 2013.

- a. In a robotics event for Y13, turntables were an integral part of the problem statement. In fact they carried 60% weightage. The event co-coordinator for this event was apparently busy in his personal commitments. **The turntables were suddenly scrapped.** The Gen-Sec maintains that it was not possible for him to get all the turn tables working while the event co-coordinator had a different viewpoint. **In any case Mr RP Suman had a poor foresight, knowing full well in advance that many turntables will be needed, he could do nothing about it. This mismanagement triggered Marathas to boycott all pool events.**

- b. In **stocksim**, the initial update about the event from the GenSec was that **round1 would end on 23th August.** Then it was **changed to 26th by a mail from the SnT council. Consensus wasn't reached** on this issue among the pool captains. Still **the GenSec decided to have his own say** and extended the event till 26th. Further, **stocksim was ratified in the Senate as a pool event. In a violation of the credibility of the senate it was converted without notice to a team event.**

- c. In whacky marketing, **the deadline for getting minimum 500 likes on the video was extended by 10 minutes** from 11:59pm on 31st August to 12:09am on 1st September. **Two of the four pools failed to achieve this minimum criterion to be eligible for evaluation. Still when the results were declared for the event, both of these videos were judged.**

- d. Green Poster Competition was supposed to be organized under GE3 but it was not organized under GE3. In fact **GE3 coordinators were unaware** that any such competition was organized in Takneek in the name of GE3. This raised serious questions like who were the judges for this competition.
- e. Another major issue was with the conduction of **Eureka, AOE and Morse code**. In Eureka due to a so-called “technological glitch” the entries of Rajputs (which were very high in number) was not passed on to the judges. In the light of the fact that it fell under the category of rules change/ technological glitch the event was scrapped. And I (even though I am the President of Hall 2) endorse this decision because it is as per the rules, **but then why wasn't the same done for AOE and Morse Code**, when the rules were changed at the last moment even for these events.
- f. On being approached by **pool captain of Rajputs** regarding certain grievances, Mr. R P Suman had replied clearly **saying, 'We won't entertain any of you.'** Such statements are not expected from a **general secretary**.
- g. **Mr. R P Suman** has also been caught in various types of behavior in various situations that do not suit the SnTGenSec. For example, he **was spotted smoking on the event stage just few moments before the event, knowing that smoking is prohibited in NEW SAC**. This again shows his negligence and lack of moral responsibility towards rules and regulations as a GenSec and also as a student of IITK.

- h. Mr RP Suman was informed before the prize distribution ceremony that all **pool captains were not in agreement** with the results. Even **the President, Gymkhana tried to stop him** but to no avail. In fact, there was an **error in the points tally in the trophy for Astronomy Club**, pointed out by Sarthak Chandra(Coordinator, Astronomy club), upon whose persistence the results were then re-declared leading to **a major exchange in trophies.**
2. Mr. R P Suman has been quoted as saying to first year participant,
“Robokekisi event meinabhidikhna mat. Agar dikh gayetohtujhe kata doonga.”*
- There are **4 members of the SnT Core Team** that are **eye-witnesses to this.** They would prefer to remain anonymous; however, **they can testify if required.**
3. When the general secretary was approached by one of the senators (**via mail on the senate list**) regarding certain issues, at first he **falsely replied** to certain direct queries and allegations against him, for ex- he claimed that **he had talked to the Hall 10 HEC (apparently for 4 hours), while the Hall 10 HEC has testified that he did not. Further he simply stopped replying on the same thread, thereby once again undermining the credibility of the Student Senate.**
4. He was also found alleged in **retaining the money of some students during techfest last year** and hasn't replied to them after that.

We would like to seek the opinion of the senate on these points. As Presidents of two halls which see a **major participation (definitely near 50%)** we demand a **“no-confidence motion”** or its equivalent to be passed against the **General Secretary, Science and Technology Council** leading to his impeachment considering his ineffectiveness, gross misconduct and mismanagement of Takneek in general. Although the decision lies in the hands of the Students’ Senate, IIT Kanpur, we expect you to set a precedent to include professionalism in all our future events.

Recommended by:

- 1). President, Hall-2.
- 2). President, Hall-10.