

ELECTION COMMISSION
STUDENTS' GYMKHANA 2016-17
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR

PRESENTS

Post-Conduction Report

By-Elections 2017

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As per the discussion in the 2016-17/6th Special Meeting of the Students' Senate, the situation of the incoming Senate was declared extra-ordinary, therefore it was decided that a By-Elections shall be conducted for the vacant posts of the Students' Senate 2017-18. The By-Elections were conducted from 13th February to 20th February, with minor changes from the pre-conduction report that was presented through the mailing list. This report contains the election schedule, all the posts on which elections were held, results, finance report and the recommendations.



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SCHEDULE

As per the approved pre-conduction report presented by the Election Commission, on 10th February 2017, the election was conducted from 13th to 20th January 2017. The proposed schedule is as follows:

13th February (Monday)

Time	Event	Venue
0600 hrs.	Call for nominations Code of Conduct begins	Via Mail
2030-2200 hrs.	Nomination Filing (Executives)	Senate Hall, SAC
2030-2200 hrs.	Nomination Filing (Senators)	GnS Room, SAC
2300 hrs.	Meeting with the candidates	Senate Hall, SAC

14th February (Tuesday)

Time	Event	Venue
0900 hrs.	Deadline for Withdrawal of Nominations	Via Mail
1200 hrs.	Call for Re-Nominations	Via Mail
2030-2200 hrs.	Re-Nomination Filing	Senate Hall, SAC
2100 hrs.	Manifesto Submission	Senate Hall, SAC
2300 hrs.	Submission of complete Campaigners' List	Senate Hall, SAC
2359 hrs.	Manifesto Ratification	Senate Hall, SAC

15th February (Wednesday)

Time	Event	Venue
0600-2259 hrs.	Campaigning Allowed	Door to Door Only
2030-2130 hrs.	Envelope Voting	Senate Hall, SAC
2300 hrs.	Meeting with the candidates	Senate Hall, SAC

16th February (Thursday)

Time	Event	Venue
0600-2259 hrs.	Campaigning Allowed	Door to Door Only
2030-2130 hrs.	Envelope Voting	Senate Hall, SAC
2130-2230 hrs.	Executive Debate-I	FB Live
2300 hrs.	Meeting with the candidates	Senate Hall, SAC

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17th February (Friday)

Time	Event	Venue
0600-2259 hrs.	Campaigning Allowed	Door to Door Only
2030-2130 hrs.	Envelope Voting	Senate Hall, SAC
2130-2230 hrs.	Executive Debate-II	FB Live
2300 hrs.	Meeting with the candidates	Senate Hall, SAC

18th February (Saturday)

Time	Event	Venue
0600-1800 hrs.	Campaigning Allowed	Door to Door Only
2030 hrs.	SoP Box	Senate Hall, SAC/FB Live
2200 hrs.	Silence Period begins	
2300 hrs.	Meeting with the candidates	Senate Hall, SAC

19th February (Sunday)

Time	Event	Venue
1700-2200 hrs.	Polling Period	Hall I, II, III, V, VI, VIII, IX
2359 hrs.	Results Declaration	Via Mail

20th February (Monday)

Time	Event	Venue
2359 hrs.	Model 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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EXECUTION

Nominations were called on the following posts on 13th February:

Executive (Total posts = 2):

Position	Seats	Electorate
General Secretary, Films and Media	1	All registered IITK Students
General Secretary, Games and Sports	1	All registered IITK Students

Senators (Total posts = 48):

Position	Seats	Electorate
BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y12	2	Registered Students of the Same Batch
BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y13	2	-do-
BT/BS Y13	4	-do-
BT/BS Y14	3	-do-
BT/BS Y15	1	-do-
MTech (2-year) Y15	2	-do-
MSc (2-year) and MSc-PhD Y15	1	-do-
MSc (2-year) and MSc-PhD Y16	1	-do-
MBA and MDes Y15	1	-do-
PhD Y14 and earlier batches	5	-do-
PhD Y15	1	-do-
PhD Y16 and MSc-PhD Y14	2	-do-

Nomination filing started at 8:30 PM on 13th February, nominations for the following posts were filed:

Executives:

Position	Seats	Nomination Received
General Secretary, Games and Sports	1	2

Senators:

Position	Seats	Nomination Received
BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y13	2	1
BT/BS Y13	4	4
BT/BS Y14	3	4
BT/BS Y15	1	3

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Re-nominations:

Since there was no withdrawal of nominations till 9 AM of 14th February, re-nominations were called for the following posts:

Executive (Total post = 1):

Position	Seats	Electorate
General Secretary, Films and Media	1	All registered IITK Students

Senators (Total posts = 31):

Position	Seats	Electorate
BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y12	2	Registered Students of the Same Batch
BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y13	2	-do-
MTech (2-year) Y15	2	-do-
MBA and MDes Y15	1	-do-
PhD Y14 and earlier batches	5	-do-
PhD Y15	1	-do-
PhD Y16 and MSc-PhD Y14	2	-do-

Re-nominations for MSc (2-year) and MSc-PhD Y15 and Y16 were not called because these posts were already filled in the General Elections and calling nominations on these posts were a mistake.

Re-nomination filing started at 8:30 PM on 14th February at the Senate Hall, nominations for the following posts were filed:

Senators:

Position	Seats	Nomination Received
BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y12	2	1

Since there was no PG Girl candidate for any of the posts, therefore according to the article 2.03 and 3.07 of the Students' Gymkhana constitution, the nominations for the PG Girls' Representative were called on 15th February. We received only one nomination.

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The final list of candidates was declared on 15th February, which is as follows:
Executives:

Post	Name of the candidate	Roll No.
General Secretary, Games and Sports	Mr. Nikhil Srivastava	13807439
	Ms. Deepali Gupta	14211
	Against NOTA	

The Election Commission received no nomination for the post of General Secretary, Films and Media.

Senators:

Posts	Name	Roll No.
BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y12	Mr. Tathagat Gupta	12817760
BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y13	Mr. Shubham Garg	13817678
BT/BS Y13	Mr. Abhishek Rai	13035
	Mr. Devendra Kumar Meena	13243
	Ms. Kuchankar Yogita	13360
	Mr. Vineet Agarwal	13796
BT/BS Y14	Mr. Ayushya Agarwal	14168
	Mr. Bhanu Garg	14174
	Mr. Mandeep Singh	14363
	Mr. Shantnu Suman	14627
BT/BS Y15	Mr. Anshul Goel	150110
	Mr. Harsh Narang	150267
	Mr. Mayank Chauhan	150392

Due to the lack of nominations, it was decided that election will be held just for the following two posts of Senators:

Senator BT/BS Y14

Senator BT/BS Y15

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Campaigning was allowed for all the candidates, after the ratification of their manifestos and submission of Campaigners' List, from 15th February. As per the requests from candidates, the campaigning time was extended until 2359 hrs. from 16th February so that the candidates could cover as much as possible, which also changed the time for the EC meeting with candidates to 0000 hrs. Parallel campaigning was also allowed where at most two of the official campaigners of any Executive candidate can campaign door to door canvassing to most 2 people at once, as the audience.

As there were no nominations for the General Secretary, Films and Media, the slot for one of the **Executive Debate** was converted into the FB Campaigning for the candidates of General Secretary, Games and Sports. As per the data available on the Election Commission page, this campaigning was very successful for the candidates, with an increase of 3k in the post reach from the General Elections.

Dialogue/Debate	Name of the candidate	Reach	Views
FB campaigning	Mr. Nikhil Srivastava	~6.0 k	~1.1 k
	Ms. Deepali Gupta	~7.9 k	~1.2 k
Executive Debate	--Both--	~7.9 k	~2.0 k
SoP Box	--Both--	~9.0 k	~1.4 k
Average		~7.7 k	~1.4 k

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Envelope Voting was conducted in three sessions on 15th – 17th February from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM in Senate Hall.

No. of envelopes received = 5

Polling was conducted on 19th February 2017 (Sunday) at the following seven locations:

Locations	Electorate
Hall of Residence – I	All students of Hall I and XII
Hall of Residence – II	All students of Hall II
Hall of Residence – III	All students of Hall III and IV
Hall of Residence – V	All students of Hall V
Hall of Residence – VI	All students of GH-I, GH-T and NRAT
Hall of Residence – VIII	All students of Hall VII, VIII and other registered students
Hall of Residence – XI	All students of Hall IX, X and XI

The timing for polling was 6 PM to 10 PM. All the polling booths were secure and were under proper vigilance. Polling booths were occupied by an appointed polling officers and a SIS guard. There was some delay in setting up the polling booths in Hall II, III and V; therefore polling was informally extended by 30 minutes. The time mentioned in the pre-conduction report was 5 PM to 10 PM, but due to the Assembly Elections scheduled in the campus, the polling was re-scheduled to 6 PM.

Counting of votes started at 11 PM on 19th February. 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 Vigilance Committee. Counting was finished by 11:30 PM.

VOTER TURNOUT

Posts	Number of Voters cast their vote	Voting Percentage
Senator, BT/BS Y14	298	37.82%
Senator, BT/BS Y15	251	30.13%
Executives	1417	21.89%

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PG Girls' Representative	Ms. Manjeer Mazumdar	12104171

FINES

18th February 2017:

Mr. Nikhil Srivastava 13807439 INR 1000/- (1st Warning for Candidates)

FINANCE REPORT

Income	3560	Expenditure	4337
Fines	1000	Security (SIS)	1853
ID Cards	260	ID Card	200
Caution Money	2300	Caution Money	1500
		Refreshment	784
		Balance	-777

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- The conduction of these elections should never be taken as precedence by the Students' Senate. This decision was taken in haste and thus has affected the EC and the spirit of elections very poorly. The EC proposes that in a case of crisis a proper thought should be given to the dates. The senate must consult the dates with all the clubs, festival teams etc. so that there are no clashes and the code of conduct doesn't hinder there activities.
- Increase in budget of the Election Commission is required, as seen in the finance report presented above, the sources of income are very limited and hence a significant increase is required as the General Elections are expensive event and the proper publicity of the elections and conduction of the polling can very easily go up to INR 60,000/- to 70,000/-. Hence, the budget for the next year should be allotted keeping this in mind.
- To increase the voter turnout the EC proposes the dynamic polling booths, so that we can reach the maximum number of voters possible. There is a need to come up with proper structure of this system, but we can assure more 70 % voter turnout. The EC will be trying this system in the HEC elections with the help of the Hall-level elections council and respective HECs.

COMMENTS

The unwillingness of the members of the Election Commission was made very clear to the Senate, but the Chief Election Officer felt pressurised by the Students' Senate to conduct these elections, which ultimately led to a lot of problems. The conduction of elections and giving a good senate next year, are as much a responsibility of the Senate as it is for the EC and apart from few members of the senate there was no one to assist the EC in the conduction of the elections, even when most of them were well aware of the crisis faced by the EC and the fact that the team was dissolved.

I would like to appreciate the efforts by Ms. Richa Agarwal, Mr. Vedant Goenka and Mr. Mayank Jain. Without them the conduction of polling would have been impossible.

THANK YOU

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