

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

PRESENTS



Post-Conduction Report

General Elections 2017

Ayush Pathak

Chief Election Officer

31-Jan-17

As per the accordance with the article 3.03 of Students' Gymkhana Constitution, Election Commission conducted the Students' Gymkhana General Elections'17. This report contains the election schedule, all the posts on which elections were held, the final list of candidates, election results, finance report and recommendations of the Election Commission.



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Election Schedule

As per the approved pre-conduction report presented by the Election Commission, on 5th January 2017, the election was conducted from 10th to 23rd January 2017.

10th January (Tuesday)

Time	Event	Venue
0000 hrs.	Call for nominations Code of Conduct begins	Via Mail
2030-2230 hrs.	Nomination Filing (Executives)	GnS Room, SAC
2030-2230 hrs.	Nomination Filing (Senators)	Senate Hall, SAC
2359 hrs.	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall, SAC

11th January (Wednesday)

Time	Event	Venue
2100 hrs.	Deadline for Withdrawal of Nominations	Via Mail
2300 hrs.	Call for Re-Nominations	Via Mail
2359 hrs.	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall, SAC

12th January (Thursday)

Time	Event	Venue
2030-2230 hrs.	Re-Nomination Filing (on the vacant posts only)	Senate Hall, SAC
2359 hrs.	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall, SAC

13th January (Friday)

Time	Event	Venue
1800-2000 hrs.	Submission of complete Campaigners' List	Senate Hall, SAC
1730-1930 hrs.	Manifesto Submission	Senate Hall, SAC
1730-2230 hrs.	Manifesto Ratification	Senate Hall, SAC
2359 hrs.	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall, SAC

14th January (Saturday)

Time	Event	Venue
0800-2358 hrs.	Campaigning Allowed	Door to Door Only
2359 hrs.	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall, SAC

15th January (Sunday)

Time	Event	Venue
0800-2358 hrs.	Campaigning Allowed	Door to Door Only
2359 hrs.	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall, SAC

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16th January (Monday)

Time	Event	Venue
0800-2358 hrs.	Campaigning Allowed	Door to Door Only
2100 hrs.	Presidential Dialogue	FB Live
2359 hrs.	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall, SAC

17th January (Tuesday)

Time	Event	Venue
0800-2358 hrs.	Campaigning Allowed	Door to Door Only
2100 hrs.	SnT Dialogue	FB Live
2359 hrs.	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall, SAC

18th January (Wednesday)

Time	Event	Venue
0800-2358 hrs.	Campaigning Allowed	Door to Door Only
2130 hrs.	GnS Dialogue	FB Live
2000-2100 hrs.	Envelope Voting	Senate Hall, SAC
2359 hrs.	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall, SAC

19th January (Thursday)

Time	Event	Venue
0800-2358 hrs.	Campaigning Allowed	Door to Door Only
1900-2000 hrs.	Envelope Voting	GnS Room, SAC
2100 hrs.	Cultural Debate	FB Live
2359 hrs.	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall, SAC

20th January (Friday)

Time	Event	Venue
0800-1800 hrs.	Campaigning Allowed	Door to Door Only
1930-2200 hrs.	SoP Box	OAT, SAC and FB Live
2359 hrs.	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall, SAC

21st January (Saturday)

Time	Event	Venue
0000 hrs.	Silence Period	
2359 hrs.	Meeting with candidates	Senate Hall, SAC

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22nd January (Sunday)

Time	Event	Venue
0900-1700 hrs.	Polling Period	Respective Halls
2359 hrs.	Result Declaration	Via Mail

23rd January (Monday)

Time	Event	Venue
2359 hrs.	Model Code of Conduct Ends	

*Campaigning shall strictly end before EC Meeting with Candidates





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Execution of the Elections

Nominations were called on the following posts on 10th January:

Executive (Total posts = 5):

Position	Seats	Electorate
President, Students' Gymkhana	1	All registered IITK Students
General Secretary, Cultural	1	All registered IITK Students
General Secretary, Films and Media	1	All registered IITK Students
General Secretary, Games and Sports	1	All registered IITK Students
General Secretary, Science and Technology	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	6	-do-
BT/BS Y15	6	-do-
BT/BS Y16	6	-do-
MTech (2-year) Y15	2	-do-
MTech (2-year) Y16	4	-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-
MBA and MDes Y16	1	-do-
MSR all batches	1	-do-
PhD Y14 and earlier batches	7	-do-
PhD Y15	2	-do-
PhD Y16 and MSc-PhD Y14	2	-do-

Nomination filing started at 8:30 PM on 10th January 2017, nominations for the following posts were filed:

Executives:

Position	Seats	Nomination Received
President, Students' Gymkhana	1	1
General Secretary, Cultural	1	2
General Secretary, Games and Sports	1	1
General Secretary, Science and Technology	1	1

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Senators:

Position	Seats	Nomination Received
BT/BS Y14	6	1
BT/BS Y15	6	5
BT/BS Y16	6	4
MTech (2-year) Y16	4	2
MSc (2-year) and MSc-PhD Y15	1	1
MSc (2-year) and MSc-PhD Y16	1	2
MBA and MDes Y16	1	1
MSR all batches	1	1
PhD Y14 and earlier batches	7	2

Re-nominations:

Since there was no withdrawal of nominations till 9 PM of 11th January 2017, 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-
BT/BS Y13	4	-do-
BT/BS Y14	5	-do-
BT/BS Y15	1	-do-
BT/BS Y16	2	-do-
MTech (2-year) Y15	2	-do-
MTech (2-year) Y16	2	-do-
MBA and MDes Y15	1	-do-
MSR all batches	1	-do-
PhD Y14 and earlier batches	5	-do-
PhD Y15	2	-do-
PhD Y16 and MSc-PhD Y14	2	-do-

Re-nomination filing started at 8:30 PM on 12th January 2017 at the Senate Hall, nominations for the following posts were filed:

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Senators:

Position	Seats	Nomination Received
BT/BS Y14	5	2
BT/BS Y16	2	4
MTech (2-year) Y16	2	2
MSR all batches	1	1
PhD Y15	2	1

Mr. Siddhartha Srivastava (160689) withdrew his nomination for the post of Senator, BT/BS Y16 after filing the re-nomination on 12th January

The final list of candidates was declared on 14th January 2017, which is as follows:

Executives:

Post	Name of the candidate	Roll No.
President, Students' Gymkhana	Mr. Rutuj Jugade	14572
	Against NOTA	
General Secretary, Science and Technology	Mr. Anvesh Jadon	14121
	Against NOTA	
General Secretary, Cultural	Mr. Anshu Pandey	14112
	Mr. Swapnil Kumar	14740
	Against NOTA	
General Secretary, Games and Sports	Mr. Tizil Saini	14759
	Against NOTA	

The Election Commission received no nomination for the post of General Secretary, Films and Media. There was only one nomination for the posts of President, Students' Gymkhana; General Secretary, Science and Technology; General Secretary, Games and Sports and two nominations for General Secretary, Cultural. All of the posts had NOTA as an option, by default.

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Posts	Name	Roll No.
BT/BS Y14	Mr. Labhansh Agrawal	14348
	Mr. Sagar Chand	14579
	Mr. Tony John	14760
BT/BS Y15	Mr. Animesh Mishra	150098
	Mr. Pranav Sao	150504
	Mr. Pranshu Garg	150512
	Mr. Pratyush Rai	150522
	Mr. Shivam Gupta	150674
BT/BS Y16	Ms. Aayushi Bansal	160007
	Mr. Abhay Kumar Mishra	160009
	Mr. Ayush Singh	160183
	Mr. Mukund Maheshwari	160423
	Mr. Richeek Awasthi	160566
	Mr. Shivam Saini	160656
	Mr. Yash Mahajan	160822
MTech Y16	Mr. Arjak Bhattacharjee	16106007
	Mr. Chalumuri Sivananda	16102010
	Mr. Kapil K. Dayma	16114010
	Mr. Mahendra Kumar	16114016
MSc/MSc-PhD Y15	Mr. Praharsh M. Patel	151060
MSc/MSc-PhD Y16	Mr. Ritesh Verma	161071
	Mr. S. Vishaal	161109
MBA/ MDes Y16	Mr. Ankit Panwar	16125010
MSR	Mr. Alluru Srinivas	16105403
PhD Y14 +	Mr. Aditya Desai	14101264
	Mr. Chandra Sekar	14101275
PhD Y15	Mr. K. Kishore Kumar	15101267

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 Y16

Senator MSc/MSc-PhD Y16

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Campaigning was allowed for all the candidates, after the ratification of their manifestos and submission of Campaigners' List, from 14th January 2017 (as per the schedule).

Envelope Voting was conducted on 18th January from 8 PM to 9 PM and on 19th January 2017 from 7 PM to 8 PM in Senate Hall.

No. of envelopes received = 1

Polling was conducted on 22nd January 2017 (Sunday) at the following fourteen locations:

Locations	Electorate
Hall of Residence – I	All students of Hall I
Hall of Residence – II	All students of Hall II
Hall of Residence – III	All students of Hall III
Hall of Residence – IV	All students of Hall IV
Hall of Residence – V	All students of Hall V
Hall of Residence – VI	All students of GH-T and NRAT
Hall of Residence – VII	All students of Hall VII
Hall of Residence – VIII	All students of Hall VIII
Hall of Residence – IX	All students of Hall IX
Hall of Residence – X	All students of Hall X
Hall of Residence – XI	All students of Hall XI
Hall of Residence – XII	All students of Hall XII
Girls' Hall of Residence – I	All students of GH I
Single Bed Room Apartments	All students of SBRA and other registered students

The timing for polling was 10:30 AM to 7 PM. All the polling booths were secure and were under proper vigilance. Polling booths were occupied by 2 appointed polling officers and 1 SIS guard. The emergency electrical shutdown hindered the polling for 20 minutes in the Hall of Residence-XII, otherwise, everything went smoothly as per the execution was involved.

Counting of vote started at 9 PM on 22nd January 2017. 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 Grievances Redressal Committee. Counting was finished by 9:45 PM.

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Promotions

Facebook Campaigning:

- Four Councils, Four Days and Four Debates:** Due to the lack of nominations the debate was conducted only for the General Secretary, Cultural and for the remaining executive posts it was termed as 'Dialogues'. The executive dialogues were conducted live through the Election Commission's Facebook page (election.commission.iitk). The host was chosen in a manner that they should be resourceful in their respective fields and none of them was a current General Secretary of that respective council. We would like to thank Mr. Mayank Jain for the technical help that made this event a success, there were some technical glitches during the streaming but at the end, all of those were resolved. We would also like to thank all the hosts who helped us in the conduction of the event.

Dialogue/Debate	Host	Reach	Views
Presidential	Mr. Vedant Goenka	~3.9 k	~1.8 k
SnT	Mr. Karthik S. S. Korada	~2.3 k	~700
GnS	Mr. Vipul Garg	~6.2 k	~1.7 k
Cultural	Mr. Mayank Jain	~6.5 k	~1.7 k
Average		~4.7 k	~1.4 k

- Video Manifestos:** This was already introduced in the DUGC/DPGC Elections 2015, but this time video manifestos had a lot of differences from previous manifestos. A template was provided to all the candidates for the Executive posts, on which all the editing was allowed. The videos were roughly of 2 minutes duration and it was uploaded on the Facebook page of the Election Commission, very strategically so that we can achieve the maximum reach.

Video Manifesto	Reach	Views
Mr. Rutuj Jugade	~3.1 k	~600
Mr. Anvesh Jadon	~3.4 k	~700
Mr. Tizil Saini	~3.9 k	~1.4 k
Mr. Anshu Pandey	~2.9 k	~600
Mr. Swapnil Kumar	~3.9 k	~1.3 k
Average	~3.4 k	~0.9 k

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- **Posters** were put up in all the halls regarding the initiatives of the Election Commission such as card-free polling and Facebook Campaigning, major information regarding the General Elections such as, Polling schedule and nomination filing and informing the voters about NOTA (none of the above).
- **Collaboration with TEDx IIT Kanpur:** TEDx IIT Kanpur team presented us a very fine idea to inform voters about the candidates. Various posters were released through their Facebook page providing the information about the Contestants. Posters were minimalistic in approach, providing the name, batch and photographs of a candidate. They also released a poster, which was placed outside the polling booths/hall messes during the polling hours, encouraging the polling. Although the combined effort of the TEDx IIT Kanpur and the Election Commission proved insufficient in increasing the voter turnout, still we enjoyed this collaboration and we sincerely thank the TEDx team for helping us in this great cause.
- **Card-free voting:** As suggested in the pre-conduction, we successfully applied the Card-free polling in these elections. Although there were many limitations, as the Office Automation, IIT Kanpur has some discrepancy in their data, still, we managed the card-free polling and we had a success rate of approximately 80-90%. Head, Web and Design, Election Commission created an HTML database, which was transferred on the mobile (smartphones) of the polling officers, who can check the relevant information like, Name, Roll Number and Photograph, offline.

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RESULTS

Executive

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General Secretary, Science and Technology	Mr. Anvesh Jadon	14121
General Secretary, Cultural	Mr. Swapnil Kumar	14740
General Secretary, Games and Sports	VACANT	-----
General Secretary, Films and Media	VACANT	-----

Senator

Post	Name of the candidate	Roll No.
BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y12	VACANT – 2 Posts	-----
BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y13	VACANT – 2 Posts	-----
BT/BS Y13	VACANT – 4 Posts	-----
BT/BS Y14	Mr. Labhansh Agrawal	14348
	Mr. Sagar Chand	14579
	Mr. Tony John	14760
	VACANT – 3 Posts	-----
BT/BS Y15	Mr. Animesh Mishra	150098
	Mr. Pranav Sao	150504
	Mr. Pranshu Garg	150512
	Mr. Pratyush Rai	150522
	Mr. Shivam Gupta	150674
	VACANT – 1 Post	-----
BT/BS Y16	Ms. Aayushi Bansal	160007
	Mr. Abhay Kumar Mishra	160009
	Mr. Ayush Singh	160183
	Mr. Mukund Maheshwari	160423
	Mr. Richeek Awasthi	160566
Mr. Yash Mahajan	160822	
MTech Y15	VACANT – 2 Posts	-----
MTech Y16	Mr. Arjak Bhattacharjee	16106007
	Mr. Chalumuri Sivananda	16102010
	Mr. Kapil K. Dayma	16114010
	Mr. Mahendra Kumar	16114016
MSc/MSc-PhD Y15	Mr. Praharsh M. Patel	151060
MSc/MSc-PhD Y16	Mr. S. Vishaal	161109
MBA/ MDes Y15	VACANT – 1 Post	-----
MBA/ MDes Y16	Mr. Ankit Panwar	16125010
MSR	Mr. Alluru Srinivas	16105403

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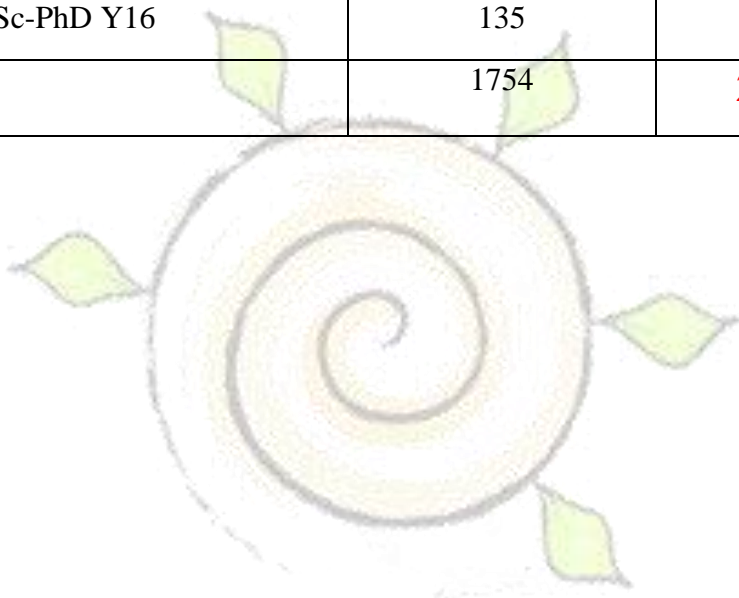
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PhD Y14 +	Mr. Aditya Desai	14101264
	Mr. Chandra Sekar	14101275
	VACANT – 5 Posts	-----
PhD Y15	Mr. K. Kishore Kumar	15101267
	VACANT – 1 Post	-----
PhD Y16 and MSc-PhD Y14	VACANT – 2 Posts	-----

VOTER TURNOUT

Posts	Number of Voters cast their vote	Voting Percentage
Senator, BT/BS Y16	554	66.91%
Senator, MSc/MSc-PhD Y16	135	80.36%
Executives	1754	27.11%!!!



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FINES

11th January 2017:

Mr. Anshu Pandey 14112 INR 1000/- (1st Warning for Candidates)

12th January 2017:

Mr. Tizil Saini 14759 INR 1000/- (1st Warning for Candidates)

13th January 2017:

Mr. Rutuj Jugade 14572 INR 1000/- (1st Warning for Candidates)

Mr. Anshu Pandey 14112 INR 1000/-

14th January 2017:

Mr. Tizil Saini 14759 INR 500/-

15th January 2017:

Ms. Aayushi Bansal 160007 INR 300/-

Mr. Anshu Pandey 14112 INR 2000/- (2nd Warning for Candidates)

Mr. Tizil Saini 14759 INR 500/-

16th January 2017:

Mr. Anvesh Jadon 14121 INR 1000/- (1st Warning for Candidates)

Mr. Anshu Pandey 14112 INR 800/-

Mr. Swapnil Kumar 14740 INR 1000/- (1st Warning for Candidates)

Mr. Rutuj Jugade 14572 INR 500/-

17th January 2017:

Mr. Swapnil Kumar 14740 INR 500/-

Mr. Tizil Saini 14759 INR 2000/- (2nd Warning for Candidates)

21st January 2017:

Mr. Anshu Pandey 14112 INR 200/-

Mr. Swapnil Kumar 14740 INR 200/-

Mr. Anvesh Jadon 14121 INR 200/-

22nd January 2017:

Mr. Mainak Majumdar 14103272 INR 500/- (1st Warning for General Body Member)

Mr. Tizil Saini 14759 Nomination Cancel (3rd Warning for Candidates)

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FINANCE REPORT

Income	47566		Expenditure	35126
Budget	5900		Notice Board	3200
Nomination Fees	8100		Stationary	369
Fines	14200		Security (SIS)	7680
Posters	1481		Poster	2464
ID Cards	4485		ID Card	2143
Caution Money	13400		Caution Money	12400
			Flex	4172
			Transport	600
			Refreshment	2098
			Balance	12440



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RECOMMENDATIONS

Year-long publicity of the senate and the elections:

The Gymkhana week during the orientation of the first year can include the UG students but there is a large part of the PG segment that is unaware of the functioning of the Senate and its benefits, we need some informal session to publicize it.

Also, it was observed in these elections that the candidates had a lack of information about their posts and its functions. The following extracts from the Student Governance Report can ensure that this issue is not repeated in the future:

- It has been noticed that sometimes students are not aware of the duties and responsibilities of the post. Further, it has been observed that some candidates indulge sometimes in making statements which are redundant, false and derogatory to individuals and the Institute. In order to circumvent the above, it is recommended that
- At the time of announcement of elections, the chief election officer will bring out the salient details about the duties and responsibilities of various office bearers for the information of the general body
- The Chief Counsellor, after the finalization of the list of candidates by the election committee, will call a meeting of candidates to apprise about their role and responsibilities.
- The incumbent office bearer will prepare the interim report of their respective offices stating their achievements, plans under consideration, etc. and will display on the notice boards of Halls for the information of students.
- Each interested student filing the nomination for a post will be given a copy of the updated Students Gymkhana Constitution.
- The act of making baseless and false statements will be viewed as an act of indiscipline and will be dealt with seriously.

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Removal of Caution Money:

In the last senate meeting, we observed that there were many issues with the handling/returning caution money.

- The handling of cash in itself has many issues
- The method of online payment of Caution money is a huge errand as the refund process takes a lot of time
- There is no significance of caution money in our electoral systems we can transfer any fine or seized caution money in the Gymkhana dues
- Lesser investment for contesting the elections

Therefore, we recommend complete removal of this concept from the procedure of nomination filing.

Polling Machines

The importance of Feat-V was understood by us when Students' Affairs Council, IIT Delhi approached us for the software. We have been using the FEAT-V for past many elections; still, we face one regular and major problem, which is of the Laptops. Elections are very sensitive and there is a huge chance that the vote count has to be stored for some duration. In the current practice, keeping the control of the ballot systems for a longer period of time is unfair to the volunteers who have provided their laptops. We need to acquire some machines that can be used for the purpose of the polling, permanently which will ease the efforts of the future ECs and candidates.

Citing reasons for fine

One of the most viewed statements in the mails sent by the Chief Election Officer is 'the X candidate has been fined, for the violation of code of conduct', but there is nothing mentioned like what does that violation of code of conduct refers to? So, the Election Commission recommends that there should be the reason for the imposition of fine. We are not in the favour of telling the complete situation and all the history behind the fine but the clause of the code of conduct that was violated by the student. This will bring the EC under the students' scrutiny too.

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Tie-breaker:

These elections observed a cut-throat competition for the post of General Secretary, Cultural when the votes were counted. Although we didn't observe a tie situation for any post, but these election results prompt us that we should have some guidelines for tie-breaker.

Senator Voting System:

Situation #1:

7 candidates contesting for the post of Senator, BT/BS 1st year can get 100 1st preferences and as per the constitution, all 7 have to be declared winners.

Situation #2:

The preference system is a failure if there are 2 candidates contesting for the post of Senator, MBA/MDes 1st year.

As per Article 3.10 of Students' Gymkhana Constitution:

Senators shall be elected from their respective batches on the basis of the following preferential voting system:

- a) Each voter shall cast three preferences in favour of different candidates, the first preference carrying 5 points, the second preference carrying 3 points and the third preference carrying 1 point.
- b) Counting shall be done in successive rounds. The names of Senators shall be listed according to first preference points. If the requisite number of candidates got more than 500 first preference points, the requisite number of candidates in order of points obtained shall be elected. If otherwise, those getting above 500 points shall be elected and the rest shall be listed again according to first and second preference points and candidates getting above 750 points shall be considered for election in order of points obtained. If the requisite number of candidates are still not elected the rest of the senators shall be elected on the basis of combined first, second and third preference points.

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COMMENTS

There is one meeting pending of the Grievances' Redressal Committee, which actually doesn't affect the outcome of the elections, results or this report in any way. Therefore, after the consultation with the Chairperson, GRC and the Chairperson, Students' Senate, this report is presented by the Chief Election Officer.

The motive of the Election Commission, in any sense, is not to harass the students in any way. We make the rules according to the constitution, on the ethical grounds, and we ourselves try to follow them to our best. For everyone's knowledge, the most important part of the Election Commission is to publicize the Senate, the Gymkhana and the candidates in fair and all possible ways.

It is very demotivating and disheartening to us when someone thinks that we are a body who is just forcing rules on the students. If anyone has any query regarding any rule, the Chief Election Officer is ready to explain all the background details for the requirement of any particular rule.

THANK YOU

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