Resignation from MIST - Aadit Agrawal

I, Aadit Agrawal, would like to resign from the Manipal Information Security Team (MIST) and along with that, I'd like to . There are many reasons for it, but most of it isn't anyone's fault - it's just that I feel that it's the best path ahead for me if I don't.

Why?

1. **The Asmita incident** - There's no pushing this under the rug, it was far too toxic for me. My goal with this club has always been to just get it ahead of any other competition and to have the best output we can; and I really feel that it wasn't reciprocated across the club. Yes, a few did, but very few. For a single message, actually, a single word, I was reprimanded that it constituted "insulting" on the WC spam group, atmosphere that I've only sadly seen on this club's spam group. After that, I got to hear (and got screenshot evidence too) from other MCs how I was "questioning Asmita's *authority*" and so on, and while I tried to ignore it, the continued echos were already getting toxic.

2. **The workload** - I've been insanely active across all domains, and yes, I totally agree that I didn't balance it well enough, but I worked throughout the 2 semesters to achieve everything that was asked of me, very much at the expense of my own grades. I've had to work on various other aspects of events and ran around to my bodily limit; especially during Indomitus, which was an event I pushed for quite a bit. Even then, the amount of what I can best describe as abrupt over-corrections was a bit too hurtful for me - as I've always taken any feedback seriously from the board, and it hurt quite a bit when it was not something that was fundamentally out of order. I was repeatedly reprimanded and remarked for stuff that wasn't extended to anyone else at all.

3. **Commitment** - I feel that, at this point in time, it has been clear to the entire board that I've pushed for various initiatives that went through or didn't, and put in my level best for the former. I do not ever expect anyone to reciprocate it - everyone has their own life to deal with it - but to hear "are you the only one in the club" or "don't think that the club is here only because of you" broke me.

Even in the vacations, I was working on cybersecurity collaborations with brands, arranging funding for the club, and even working on a potential cryptonite-mist research partnership via the department which would materialise only if I would be in the board (which, even by january, I hadn't even thought of until I was explicitly asked about it). I hope my work contributed enough to the club, and I tried to encapsulate as much as I could in my board form.

Given the nature of my work and the skills I want to develop and haven't had time for and the sheer mountain of work that's already pending, it's better that I open the time window for academic course correction that I desperately need and for learning skills that I've been lagging behind on so far.

I'm extremely grateful to the board for the opportunity to learn and develop throughout the year. I'm looking forward to see the next board achieve equally great things if not more and will be there to cheer them every step of the way.

Pending Obligations

I will be submitting all the graded photos from my MC tenure within the end of the month, and if there are any other pending deliverables from me, I am open to them. However, I will not be able to host the design workshops.