



# STUDENTS' GYMKHANA ELECTIONS

## Year 2019-20

Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati

File Ref: IITG/SAC/GYM19/Elections/Nominations/

### Nomination Form

Post contesting for:

#### **Candidate details:**

Name: Vikrant Singh

Roll No.: 166102108

CPI: 6.7

Backlogs:

Email Id: vs13@iitg.ac.in

Hostel: Brahmaputra

Dept. /Branch: EEE

Semester: Fifth

Active Backlogs (if any): No

Contact No.: 8765435832

Room No.: S 240

Signature with date:

#### **Proposed by:**

Name: Amit Kumar Baghel

Roll No.: 146102021

CPI: 8

Email Id: a.baghel@iitg.ac.in

Hostel: Bramhaputra

Dept. /Branch: EEE

Semester: Tenth

Contact No.: 9401147794

Room No.: S 229

Signature with date:

#### **Seconded by:**

Name: Suresh Chand

Roll No.: 176121102

CPI: 8.69

Email Id: sures176121102@iitg.ac.in

Hostel: Lohit

Dept. /Branch: Physics

Semester: Fourth

Contact No.: 9412123165

Room No.: C115

Signature with date:



# STUDENTS' GYMKHANA ELECTIONS

## Year 2019-20

Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati

File Ref: IITG/SAC/GYM19/Elections/Agenda/

### Agendas and Declaration Form

Post contesting for:

Name: Vice President

Nick Name.: Vikrant

Tagline (Punch line): To live life with dignity is our fundamental right



### **Agendas:**

The Vice President of the Students' Gymkhana Council is a very crucial position. A right person at the position of Vice President is critical to ensure welfare and dignified treatment towards students. I have a vast experience of fighting for dignity and justice. Right from the beginning of my PhD program, I have faced discrimination by some professors. I have not only fought for myself but also for the rights of some others. I have played critical role in the reinstatement of a student belonging to SC community where existing student representatives did not offer any help. I have played crucial role in filing a court case for providing compensation and justice to the family of a diseased IIT Guwahati canteen worker. I have also participated in Research Scholars' fight to increase scholarship. I, along with other Research Scholars, protested in front of MHRD office and was detained by the Police for the protest.

I have also stood firm to support my PhD supervisor who has been facing discrimination by IIT Guwahati authorities because he has been opposing corruption of IIT Guwahati authorities. I am a person of integrity and like to fight for justice and dignity. I believe that I have all the personality traits that should be there in a student representative. Having faced discrimination myself, I would like to ensure that no other student has to face the same.

I present the following agenda items for your consideration. Please go through the extra sheets for the same.

## My Agenda

- 1) **To ensure dignified treatment towards students by the administration:** Even though Article 21 of Indian Constitution ensures that not only right to life is a fundamental right but “right to live with dignity is also our fundamental right”. However, it is a very sorry state of IIT Guwahati that various disciplinary committees have yet to learn to treat an accused in a dignified manner. Moreover, the committees do not provide fair opportunity to defend the accused. This must change. If elected, I would make sure that a code of conduct, in written form, is made for the disciplinary committees as well. Undignified treatment towards any student in IIT Guwahati will not be tolerated.
- 2) **To amend the various ordinances to provide fair opportunity for the students:** As strange as it may appear but the term “appeal” and “reinstatement” do not appear anywhere in any of the ordinances of the Institute. Since we do not have any provision for “appeal” and “reinstatement”, it is not done in a proper manner. Many a times, terminated students get reinstatement only after more than a month since the commencement of the classes. Already struggling students once again fail as they already miss so many classes. Such a practice is going since the inception of IIT Guwahati. It is high time that we amend these ordinances to avoid injustice towards students.
- 3) **To stop unjustified fee collection:** IIT Guwahati has been taking unjustified fee from students. One such fee is Alumni fee. Students have never been told the purpose of collecting Alumni fee. All the students have been forced to give one time Alumni fee. At best, it should be voluntarily. Compulsory Alumni fee is completely unjustified. If elected, I would ensure that Alumni fee is made voluntarily and complete transparency is maintained in showing the expenditure of Alumni fund voluntarily collected.

IIT Guwahati has also unjustly collecting hostel rent from Research Scholars in contravention to MHRD guideline. IIT Guwahati does not provide any HRA to research Scholars living outside campus as per the MHRD guideline. If elected, I will make sure that no hostel rent is collected from Research Scholars and HRA be provided to those Research Scholars living outside campus. I would also ensure that fee illegally collected be return to the concerned students.
- 4) **Salary of mess workers must be paid by IIT Guwahati:** There are IITs where salary of mess worker is borne by those IITs. There is no justification why IIT Guwahati should not implement the same. After all, those IITs are also governed by the same Institute of Technology Act and are being provided similar funds by the MHRD. If elected, I would ensure that IIT Guwahati provides salary of mess workers in the similar line of some other IITs.
- 5) **Travel grant to students attending conferences and workshops:** This is a very sorry state of IIT Guwahati that adequate travel grants and registration fee is not provided to the students. To my mind, it is not due to scarcity of funds but simply because giving no priority to encourage students for conducting research. If IIT Guwahati can spend Rs. 11 crores for building a pre-

nursery then it can also provide adequate travel grant and registration fee to the students. If elected, I would ensure that students be given required travel grant and registration fee.

- 6) **To ensure pristine food and pristine water:** Apart from ensuring efficient mess management to provide good food, I would like to contact Alumni of IIT Guwahati seeking donation to subsidize mess food. I believe more investment is required to ensure pristine and hygienic food to the students. If elected, it is going to be one of my thrust area. Clean water is another must requirement. Many of the water coolers are not cleaned since ages. I will ensure timely cleaning of the water coolers and water purifiers.
- 7) **Complete transparency:** Transparency is an absolute must in an Institute of national Importance. Non-transparency is one of the reasons why these Institutions are not able to become top world class Institutions. It is sad to note that IIT Guwahati authorities do not respect RTI Act 2005. They seldom provide information of RTI applications. There have been cases where students have been threatened for filing RTI applications. If elected, I would ensure transparency of not only student body funding but also of the administration. I would organize workshops related to RTI Act 2005. I would also organize talks of social activists so that we do not become mere a engineer getting high salary but also a socially aware citizen.
- 8) **To remove ban on using motorbike by students:** I find it completely discriminatory on the part of IIT Guwahati authorities to ban use of motorbike by the students. How is it fair that a faculty can use a car in the campus while a student cannot even use a motorbike? Such discriminatory practice must be stopped. I would ensure that use of motorbike be allowed to the students.
- 9) **To remove ban on allowing students of opposite sex in hostel rooms:** On one hand, the Apex court has decriminalize homosexuality but, on the other hand, IIT Guwahati does not allow a person of opposite sex to enter into hostel room. Such a discriminatory treatment towards students is completely undignified. Institute should not have any role to play as for as choice for friends and where to meet those friends. I would ensure to remove ban on allowing students of opposite sex in hostel rooms.
- 10) **To ensure welfare of daily wage/temporary workers working for IIT Guwahati:** There have been unfortunate incidences where we have seen untimely demise of some workers working in IIT Guwahati. IIT Guwahati does not have any policy in place to provide compensation to the family of diseased workers. IIT Guwahati should work as a model employer who not only ensure welfare of regular employees but also to the daily wage/temporary workers. The pathetic condition of cleaning workers can be seen by everyone. I would involve student community, alumni of IIT Guwahati to ensure that IIT Guwahati implement such policies to ensure welfare of daily wage workers working in IIT Guwahati.
- 11) **Fixing accountability of student welfare fee and student brotherhood fee:** There is no written policy how the fund collected through student welfare fee and student brotherhood fee are spent. At least, it has not been in the public domain. I would ensure complete transparency in

the utilization of these funds. I personally know a few students who are suffering through health issues and facing dire financial situation. If IIT Guwahati can provide more than Rs. 8.5 lakhs to a faculty towards cost of medicines, IIT Guwahati must also provide similar help in case of students. I would ensure that a proper policy is formulated and circulated to the students regarding students welfare fund and student brotherhood fund and all other such funding available to students who are in dire need.

**Experiences (Credentials if any):**

Vast experience of fighting for dignity and justice:

- 1) Instrumental in getting reinstated a B.Tech. student from SC community.
- 2) Played a key role in filing a court case for compensation and justice to the family of a diseased canteen worker of IIT Guwahati.
- 3) Played an important role as a representative of Research Scholars of IIT Guwahati in the protest in front of MHRD office in New Delhi.
- 4) Have stood firm in the support of my PhD supervisor who has been facing discrimination by IIT Guwahati authorities. I have faced severe discrimination myself for my support. In spite of various threats, I have stood for what I believed right.
- 5) Generated, through donation, more than Rs. 1.5 lakhs to purchase a very good (light weight and automated) motor wheel chair for a specially abled B.Tech. student having no means to purchase such a wheel chair himself.

**Declaration by the candidate:**

I hereby declare that the above information is to the best of my knowledge. I do not have any disciplinary probation by the Institute and will abide by the rules and regulations laid for Gymkhana Election. I do not have any active backlogs to be cleared.

I know that any false information in this nomination form will lead to cancellation of my nomination and disciplinary action.

Signature of candidate with date:

Signature of CEO