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Provision of Executive responsibilities of the General Secretaries

The constitutional mandate of the General Secretaries is to act as the executive responsible for 'supervising and coordinating all *Media and Cultural / Games and Sports / Science and Technology* activities of the General Body'.

In the current scenario, even though the responsibilities of the General Secretary assigned to matters pertaining to council management and institute representation do satisfy the mandate assigned to them, it has been observed that the same has not been implemented to its required potential for festival management.

The current role of the General Secretary in the management of the Festival is primarily related to the responsibilities assigned to him/her in CoFA. As CoFA meetings practically take place at a date very close to the festival period, recommendations/inputs which are required to be provided in this committee at times cannot be incorporated in the festivals because at times commitments have already been made to the external agencies before bringing up the matter to CoFA. Another crucial issue is with the fact that at times, even when logistical matters pertaining to the festivals are sought, then various bodies (including Institute bodies/functionaries and Students' Senate) have in past assumed the role of the Festival Coordinators as the representatives of the Festivals. We understand that all these issues highlight the failure to adhere to the spirit of the constitution which was followed while defining the roles of the General Secretaries and the Festival executives.

Hence, to resolve this situation the following amendments to the functioning of the General Secretaries shall be desired -

- The General Secretaries shall be recognized as part of the Executive Core Team of the corresponding festival associated with his/her Council and shall be the primary representative of the Festivals at all forums along with the Festival Coordinators.
- The General Secretary shall also be accountable for all matters pertaining to the corresponding festival represented associated with his/her Council.
- The General Secretaries shall have access to all emails/letters sent on behalf of the festivals by any executive of the respective festival.
- All Memorandum of Understandings pertaining to the respective festivals shall be signed by the respective General Secretaries as the office bearers of the Students' Gymkhana.