



# Manifesto for General Secretary, SAC (Hostel & Transport), 2025–26

**Candidate:** Bidyut Bhakat (23MS227)

**Core Values:** Transparency · Compassion · Honesty

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## 1. Commitment to Transparency

If I am elected, I will not allow what happened this year to repeat itself.

The **SAC Hostel 2024–25** openly admitted in the **GBM dated 23 October 2025 (7–9 PM)** that there was **bias in hostel room allotment**.

Such bias and opacity have no place in a student body that claims to represent fairness.

I will ensure **complete transparency** in the hostel allotment process.

- **Public Data Access:**

Details of all occupied rooms, vacant rooms, number of occupants in each room, and their batch will be made **publicly accessible** to the entire student community.

- **Open Hostel Committee Records:**

All **CWH meeting details and minutes** will be shared transparently. As soon as I am elected, I will **launch a dedicated website** where every meeting minute and important decision will be published.

- **Open Meetings:**

Every CWH meeting will be **open to students** who wish to attend, provided decorum is maintained. Every student has the right to know what decisions are being made for them, and by whom.

- **Transparent Communication:**

Any information conveyed to me as a representative will be **promptly communicated** to all students. I will not withhold information or delay updates — unlike past representatives who have done so (for example, the washing machine issue).

- **Public Decision Polls:**

If the administration seeks my opinion on matters that affect students, I will **not decide alone**. I will conduct **public polls** among students before submitting any stance or response.

## 2. Protection of Student Rights and Dignity

If elected, I will take strong steps to stop **forceful monetary collection** from students in the name of coupons or compulsory participation.

Participation can be encouraged — but **never forced**. I am fully prepared to face criticism or consequences for standing up for this principle.

I will also implement a rule to **protect students' privacy**:

No student will be allowed entry into another student's room **without permission**, except during **medical emergencies** or with **administrative approval**.

I will **personally visit each hostel block and bathroom/washroom** at random intervals to check cleanliness.

If cleanliness standards are not met, I will ensure **strict action** is taken against those responsible for maintenance.

### 3. Restoring Fairness in Room Allotment

The SAC Hostel 2024–25 representative admitted in the GBM that he had **requested the administration to handle hostel allotment**.

If elected, I will **revert this request**.

Just because someone in the past couldn't manage the system properly doesn't mean the system cannot work.

If **data of all rooms** are made public, students themselves will be able to verify fairness and accuracy.

If elected, **not a single student will be left to suffer** due to hostel allotment issues.

The **24MS batch** will be allotted rooms within this tenure — and I urge all students to **choose wisely** whom they vote for.

If your room issues continue, they can **affect your entire 3-year stay** at IISER Kolkata — three of the most important years of your life.

Do not gamble with these years; vote responsibly.

If even after all efforts room arrangements cannot be made, I will ensure **alternative accommodations** are provided in the **Visitor's Hostel** or **Faculty Quarters**.

The **basic comfort and dignity** of students cannot and will not be compromised.

### 4. Hygiene, Cleanliness, and Accountability

If elected, I will ensure **proper hygiene standards** across all hostels.

Clean surroundings are not just aesthetic — they are essential for health and mental wellbeing.

If anyone is found **stealing or diluting hostel amenities**, such as hand wash or detergents, I will ensure **strict disciplinary action**, including **FIRs when required**.

This is not a prank.

We work daily with **carcinogenic and hazardous chemicals**; improper handwashing can lead to serious harm.

Tampering with hygiene materials in a research institute can be equated to **an attempt to cause injury — even attempted murder**.

### 5. Transparent Transport Management

Currently, institute buses are **not available** for student-related activities such as academic excursions, field trips, or book-fair visits.

Instead, clubs are forced to rent private buses that charge **hefty amounts**, despite the presence of **institute-owned buses** — which are mostly used by faculty and office staff.

If elected, I will:

- Establish a **transparent process for bus booking** accessible to all student groups.
- **Standardize and publish bus fares** on the institute website.
- Introduce **UPI payment options** for bus fares, resolving issues of unavailable change and delays.

Additionally, I will work to create a **separate fund for excursions and trips**, allowing students to visit nearby institutions, parks, gardens, and museums.

Such short outings will provide **recreation and relief** for students living at “home away from home”, and will be organized regularly — at least every other weekend.

## 6. Reform-Oriented Discipline

Instead of punishing students found guilty of **smoking or intoxication** in hostels or public areas with fines or expulsion, I will push for **rehabilitation and counselling programs**.

Punishment without guidance achieves nothing.

Reformation and support should be our first approach — not exclusion.

## 7. A Different Kind of Leadership

You have seen extroverted leaders before — those who shouted, blamed, and threatened rather than listened.

This time, give a chance to someone who **listens first** and **speaks only after understanding**.

I may not be the loudest voice in the room, but I promise to be the **most sincere** one.

I will work quietly, persistently, and transparently for every student.

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## In Summary

My goal for this tenure is simple but absolute:

- **Transparency** in every action.
- **Compassion** in every decision.
- **Honesty** in every communication.

Give me your trust, and I will give you my commitment.

**I will not disappoint you.**

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**Vote for Bidyut Bhakat (23MS227)**

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