

# Students' Parliament Elections 2018-19 IIT (BHU), Varanasi

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## Rules & Regulations



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## Election Council

1. Prof. A.K. Jha, Mech. Engg., CEO
2. Prof. R.S. Singh, Chem. Engg., Dy. CEO
3. Prof. Rajesh Kumar, Civil Engg., Member
4. Prof. P. Shukla, Mech. Engg., Member
5. Prof. Prabhakar Singh, Dy. Chief Procter, Member
6. Dr. R.S. Singh, Comp. Engg., Member
7. Dr. P. Bhardwaj, Mech. Engg., Member
8. Dr. S.K. Mishra, Pharmaceutics, Member
9. Dr. Ankur Verma, Chemical Engg., Member
10. Dr. Sweta, Chemical Engg., Member
11. Mrs. Swati Biswas, Dy. Registrar (A/cs), Member
12. Shri Traun Kumar Pandey, Academic Section, Secretary
13. Dr. K. K. Singh, Metallurgy

## Student Members

1. Vice President of Students Parliament
2. All outgoing students (not participating in the election) of the Students' Parliament
3. All General Secy.
4. All Joint General Secy.
5. 40 outgoing students (not participating in the election) nominated by Students' Parliament

## Office Assistance:

1. Dr. S.K. Mondal, Main Workshop, IIT (BHU)
2. Shri Nitin Kumar Yadav, Admin Section, IIT (BHU)
3. Shri Roshan Bhandari, Civil Engg., IIT (BHU)
4. Shri Rajeev Ranjan, Jr. Superintendent, Gymkhana, IIT (BHU)
5. Shri Abhishek Pandey, Jr. Assistant, Gymkhana, IIT (BHU)
6. Shri Vivek Kumar Jaiswal, Jr. Assistant, Gymkhana, IIT (BHU)
7. Shri Gopal Shukla, Main Workshop, IIT (BHU)
8. Shri L.S. Rao, Main Workshop, IIT (BHU)
9. Shri Dharendra Pandey, Chemical Engg. IIT (BHU)
10. Shri Naresh Yadav, Gym. Trainer, Gymkhana, IIT (BHU)
11. Shri Ajit Kr. Yadav, Gymkhana, IIT (BHU)

## Help Desk (Located in the Office of IIT (BHU) Gymkhana)

1. Shri Abhishek Pandey, Gymkhana, IIT (BHU)
2. Shri Vivek Kumar Jaiswal, Gymkhana, IIT (BHU)
3. Shri Ajeet Kumar Yadav, Gymkhana, IIT (BHU)

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**Important Note:** For any query related with election and stamping of the posters/banners the contestants or representatives of contestants should contact Help Desk located in the office of Gymkhana, IIT (BHU) between 1.00 PM to 4.00 PM. All papers related with elections will be available with help desk.

All registered UGD/IDD/IMD, M.Tech., M.Pharm. and Ph.D. students of the IIT (BHU) are eligible vote for the position of Parliamentarian in the election of the Students' Parliament.

## Mode of Elections:

Direct Elections will be held for the posts of **Parliamentarians** using preferential voting system.

## Eligibility Criteria for the Candidates:

- All undergraduate, postgraduate and Ph.D. students of the IIT (BHU) who are fulfilling minimum eligibility criterion as prescribed by the constitution of Students' Gymkhana are entitled to file nomination for the position of Parliamentarian in the election of the Students' Parliament.
- The candidate must have a minimum CGPA/CPI of 7.0 on scale of 10 and shall not be under probation (academic, disciplinary or otherwise) at the time of filing his/her nomination.
- All applications for the post of Parliamentarian shall be scrutinized on the basis of score obtained by the candidate. Thus, only qualified students on the basis of credential scale will be allowed to contest the election of the Students' Parliament which is scheduled on **March 24, 2018 (Saturday)**.
- A candidate shall not have a previous criminal record, that is to say he/she should not have been tried and/or convicted of any criminal offence or misdemeanour. The candidate should not have been under any disciplinary probation by the institute at any point of time.

## Code of conduct

- No candidate shall indulge in, nor shall abet, any activity, which may aggravate differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different castes and communities, religious or linguistic, or between any group(s) of students.
- Anti-Campaigning in any form is strictly not allowed.
- There shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes. Places of worship, within or outside the campus shall not be used for election propaganda.
- All candidates shall be prohibited from indulging or abetting, all activities which are considered to be 'corrupt practices' and offences, such as bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters canvassing or the use of propaganda

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within 100 meters radius of polling stations, holding public meetings during the non-campaigning period.

- The candidates must not have any membership of / affiliation to political and religious organizations.
- No candidate shall be permitted to make use of printed posters, printed pamphlets, or any other printed material for the purpose of canvassing other than those allowed by the Chief Election Officer (CEO)/Deputy Chief Election Officer (Dy. CEO).
- Candidates may only utilize hand-made posters for the purpose of canvassing provided that such posters are bearing official signature /stamp of CEO/Dy. CEO. **For stamping of the posters/banners the contestants or representatives of contestants should contact Help Desk.** No candidate shall be permitted to carry out processions, or public meetings, or in any way canvass or distribute propaganda outside the campus.
- No candidate shall, nor shall his/her supporters, deface or cause any destruction to any property of the campus. All candidates shall be held jointly and severally liable for any destruction/defacing of any institute property.
- During the election period the candidates cannot hold processions and/or public meetings.
- The use of loudspeakers, vehicles and animals for the purpose of canvassing shall be prohibited.
- On the day of polling, student organizations and candidates shall - (i) Cooperate with the officers on election duty to ensure peaceful and orderly polling and complete freedom to the voters to exercise their franchise without any annoyance or obstruction; (ii) Not serve or distribute any eatables, or other solid and liquid consumables, except water on polling day; (iii) not hand out any propaganda on the polling day.
- Except the voters, no one without a valid pass/letters of authority from the CEO/Dy. CEO shall enter the polling booths.
- Candidates are not allowed to do canvassing inside academic area and public places like mess, TV Rooms, common room of the hostel etc.
- All Institute activities including gymkhana and hostel will remain suspended during electoral process. For any exception to this rule explicit permission from CEO/Dy. CEO must be obtained.
- No public gathering should be called/ organized during the electoral process. Written permission from CEO/Dy. CEO should be obtained for any exception to this rule.
- Candidate must not be found in any sort of discussion with any other candidate.
- Candidates as well as general body members are advised to abstain from any proscribed activity in campus especially consumption of alcohol, while the electoral process underway.
- Candidates must strictly adhere to the time limit of the campaigning. Canvassing support before and after the notified time is detrimental to their candidature.

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- Cloth Banners are not allowed for canvassing.
- No banners /posters for publicity should be found at the entrance of any hostel.
- Any person, who is not the student of IIT(BHU), shall not be permitted to take part in election process in any capacity.
- Any contravention of any of the above rules may make the candidate liable to be stripped off his candidature, or his elected post, as the case may be. The election council/institute authorities may also take appropriate disciplinary action against such a violator.

## Campaigning / Voting Guidelines

- A list of voters will be available with the CEO/Dy. CEO.
- The election council will specify the modes of campaigning, which must be strictly adhered to (Appendix 1A).
- Voters who are present on the campus on the date of voting can only cast their votes at the polling station during the prescribed hours.
- Parliamentarians shall be elected on the basis of preferential voting system. For n vacant positions of Parliamentarians, application of maximum 3n candidates shall be scrutinized on the basis of credential score obtained for contesting in the election.
- In case of unavailability of nominations from female candidate, the reserved seats will be allotted to male candidate on basis of their eligibility.
- A student can cast maximum n votes (where n is the number of positions of parliamentarians available for that batch). All votes will have equal weight age. In case, a student casts more than n votes, his/her ballot paper will be treated as invalid.
- Voting shall be through secret ballot paper and voter shall be required to put prescribed stamp against the available preferences.
- Instructions to the voters, if any, will be pasted at the polling station. At each booth **Presiding Officer, Dy. Presiding Officer and Polling Officer** will be present. **Polling Officer** will put his initials on the ballot paper before issuing it to the voter. During the polling operations, when necessary, the Presiding Officer will take the procedural decision. These will be applied uniformly and shall be final and abiding by all.
- All voters are required to produce their **Institute Identity Card** while exercising the franchise. In case of non-availability of **Institute Identity Card**, voter is required to produce a bonafide student certificate/ temporary card in the prescribed format from the concerned Head of the Department / Coordinator of Schools, Admin Warden of Concerned Hostel or Election Council.
- Except the voters, no one without a valid pass from the CEO/Dy. CEO shall enter the polling booths.
- After the polling, the ballot boxes will be transferred in the custody of the CEO/Dy. CEO in IIT (BHU) Gymkhana for counting.

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- Votes will be counted by the members of the Election Council and members nominated by the council. The CEO/Dy. CEO will invite the candidate representatives as observers. The DOSA may be invited to supervise the counting. The CEO/Dy. CEO will then declare the results after the counting is over.
- A vote will be invalid for the reasons stated in Appendix 1B. All such reasons already decided upon shall get passed as instruction to the voters at polling stations. If any further defect is noticed, the vote shall be valid if the intention of the voter is clear to the Election Council. For the purpose of declaration of the result, the decision of the CEO/Dy. CEO on the validity or invalidity of the vote shall be final.
- All the complaints should be given as soon as possible, in writing to the CEO/Dy. CEO. No complaints regarding the campaigning will be entertained after eight hours of the end of campaigning. No complaints related to the polling will be entertained twenty-four hours after the completion of polling.
- **All canvassing/campaigning related with the election must be stopped 24 hours before start of the election.**
- **The election council will take a decision in case of any dispute connected with the election. Violation of any of these rules would result in very strict action against the candidate. Election Council may also under extreme circumstances, force harsher measures like disqualification from contesting the elections. Candidates are advised to take the election in the right spirit and refrain from activities, which vitiate the atmosphere of the election process. Any form of campaigning other than mentioned above is not permitted.**

## APPENDIX - 1A: RULES FOR CAMPAIGNING:

- Each candidate will be allowed to put up **only two poster** (largest permitted size A3 i.e., approximately **297 mm x 420 mm**) in each Hostel.
- No candidate shall be permitted to make use of printed posters, printed pamphlets, or any other printed material for the purpose of canvassing. Candidates may only utilize **hand-made** posters for the purpose of canvassing.
- Candidates should not use gum/adhesive to stick their posters. The poster should be fixed using adhesive tapes and/or board pins.
- The posters should be removed completely at the end of campaigning.
- The academic area is to be kept free from any kind of campaigning.
- Institute facilities (like official e-mails, etc.) and hostel properties (like TV room, common room) should not be used for campaigning.
- Gatherings of not more than **20** students are allowed for the purpose of campaigning by the candidates.
- Election Council must be fully informed of the means of campaigning used by a candidate.
- All documents used for campaigning must be duly stamped by the Election Council before distribution.

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- The use of loudspeakers, vehicles and animals for the purpose of canvassing shall be prohibited.

## APPENDIX - 1B: INVALIDITY OF VOTES

- The ballot paper does not carry the initials of the polling officer.
- More than n preferences are indicated in the ballot paper. Where n is the number of positions of the parliamentarian for a particular batch.
- Preference is indicated by means other than those specified by the Election Council.
- Any other mark or signature on the ballot paper by the candidate.
- Any other reason decided by CEO/Dy. CEO.

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