



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GUWAHATI

**ELECTION REPORT**

**STUDENTS'  
GYMKHANA  
COUNCIL**

**2018**

# Election Report: 2018 Students' Gymkhana Council Elections

## A Summary

The Returning Officers and Associate Dean, Students Affairs, Indian Institute of Information Technology Guwahati are delighted to present the 2018 IIITG Students' Gymkhana Council (SGC) Election Report. The Elections took place on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2018: it was IIITG's third SGC elections since the establishment of the Institute in 2012.

**The Third IIITG Students' Gymkhana Council Elections were announced on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018.** The Elections were held in accordance with the election procedures mentioned in IIITG Students' Gymkhana Council Constitution. Institute invited nominations from interested members of IIITG student community for a one year term (September, 2018 to August, 2019) for the posts of President, Vice-President, General Secretary-Technical Board, General Secretary-Cultural Board, General Secretary-Sports Board and General Secretary-Welfare Board. Last date for filing the nomination was on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. Institute received a total of 11 nominations for various posts (03 for President, 02 for Vice-President, 02 for General Secretary-Sports Board, 02 for General Secretary-Technical Board, 02 for General Secretary-Cultural Board, 01 for General Secretary-Welfare Board). On the last day of Withdrawal of Nominations, 03 candidates withdrawn their nominations (01 for President, 01 for Vice-President and 01 for General Secretary-Cultural Board). In the final list of candidates there were a total of 08 candidates.

The **Final List of Candidates** for the various posts were as follows:

President: Shivam Tiwari and Harsh Vishwakarma

General Secretary Technical Board: Bibek Goswami and Yashasvi Goel

General Secretary Sports Board: Ankur Singh and G Dillesh Kumar

Following the withdrawals, as there was single nomination for the post of Vice-President, **Mr. Vikash Kumar Singh** was declared as the new Vice-President of SGC. Similarly there were single nominations for the post of General Secretary-Cultural and Welfare Board, thus **Mr. Amit Prakash** was declared as the new General Secretary-Cultural Board and **Mr. Arjun Singh Chetry** was declared as the new General Secretary- Welfare Board. Other posts for President, General Secretary-Sports and Technical went for the polls. *Notably there was no girl candidate who contested for this year's SGC elections.*

Before the polling, IIITG also witnessed the 'Know Your Candidate-Election Debate' held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 where all the candidates put forward their agendas and goals before the IIITG student community. The first day of election debate saw more than 300 students who came to listen to their future representatives for the post of General Secretary- Sports, Technical, Cultural and Welfare Boards. All the candidates spoke enthusiastically expressing their vision before the IIITG voters. Each speech was followed by the questions raised by the voters, inquiring the accountability of representatives and also fulfilment of promises.

The second day of the election debate saw lesser students' participation but there was no dearth of enthusiasm in their participation. It began by the presentation of agendas by the Vice-President (elected unopposed) followed by numerous questions for him and each one was dealt in a gracious manner. Following this, both the

candidates for the post of President too projected their manifestos before the student community. The question round was very intense with multiple cross questioning. However, both the candidates were articulate in their responses.

After the President's Debate, the current SGC Office Bearers (2017-2018) presented their Annual Report before the student community. Each office bearer recounted their contribution over last one year in various activities of the institute. They have also highlighted the constraints they faced and mentioned the agendas those could not be attained. Significantly, all the office bearers of SGC appealed to student community to step forward and work in all the clubs and other activities of students' affairs.

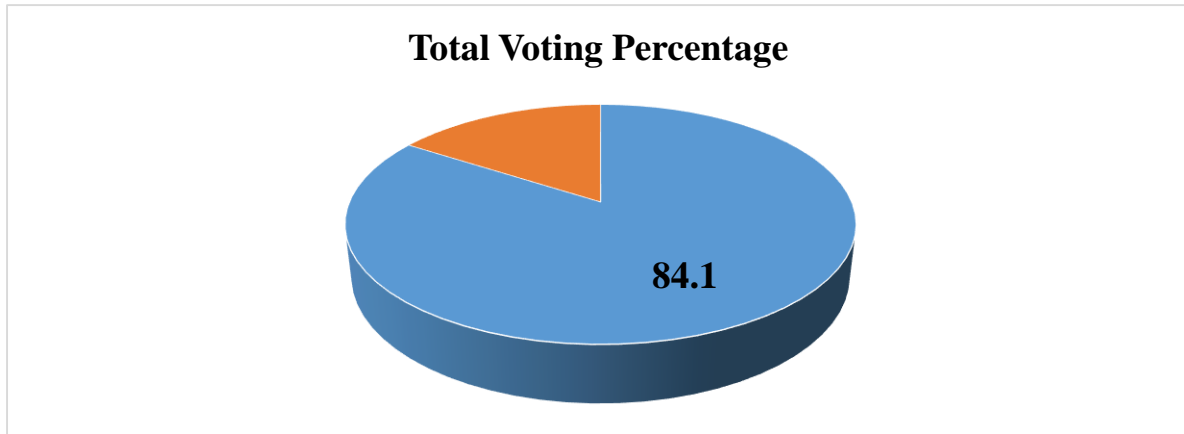
**7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 was a No-Campaigning Day.** Although a few instances of campaigning were reported to the Returning Officers, *there was no case that needed disciplinary action* and strict warnings were sent to the respective candidates. Moreover, most of the complaints did not meet the merit of inquiry: they were either anonymous or lacked substantial proof.



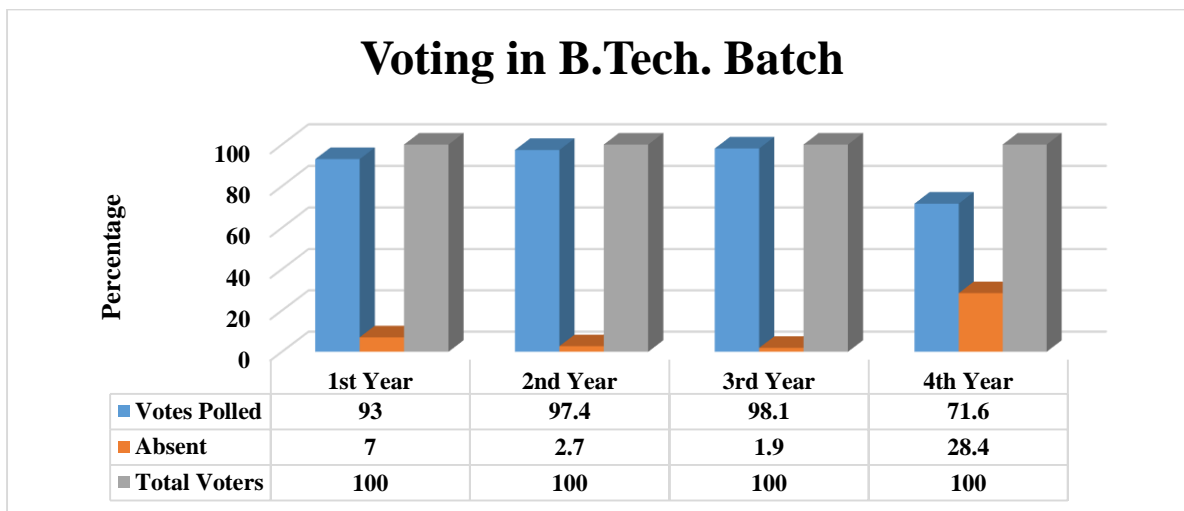
**8<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 was the Election Day** and the elections began at 10:00 am. All the polling agents, Returning Officers and Associate Dean, Students Affairs

assembled at C1 with the ballot boxes and ballot papers. Each ballot box were shown to the respective candidates before the voting began.

**There were a total of 447 full-time students who were registered as voters.** Polling booths were made separately for B.Tech. First year students who participated enthusiastically in their first SGC elections cast their vote in C1; B.Tech Second, Fourth and PhD students voted in C3 and B.Tech 3<sup>rd</sup> year and M.Tech students voted in C4. All the students voted in a peaceful manner.

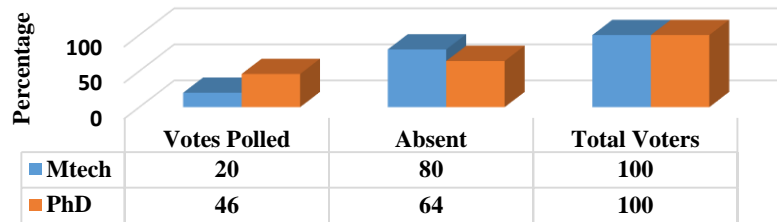


**The voter turnout was 84.1 percent which is a clear testimony of the passion among the students to elect their representatives to the SGC.** Voting percentage was more than the previous SGC elections.



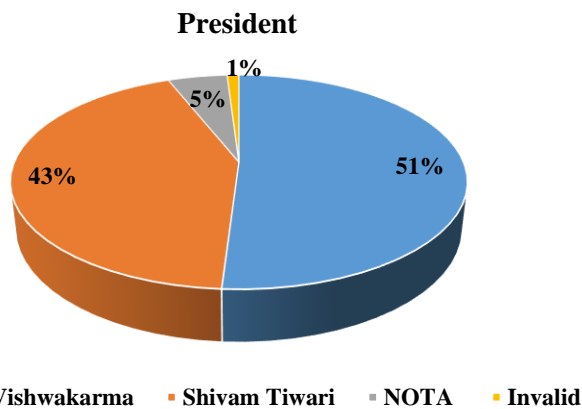
The disaggregated data shows, B.Tech. Third year batch registered the highest number of voters with 98.1 percent exercising their franchise. This followed by B.Tech Second year (97.4 percent), B.Tech. First year (93 percent) and B.Tech Fourth year (71.6 percent).

## Voting in MTech and PhD Batch



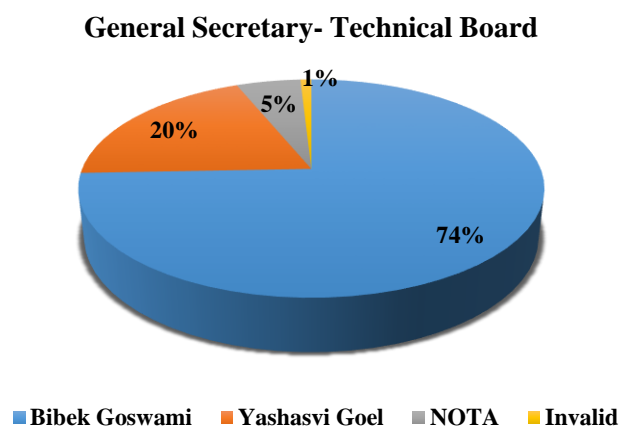
Less voting percentage was recorded among M.Tech. batch with 20 percent and PhD students recorded around 46 percent.

**The counting for the post of President, General Secretary-Technical and Sports began at C1.** All the candidates were present at the time of counting and observed the fair and impartial counting.

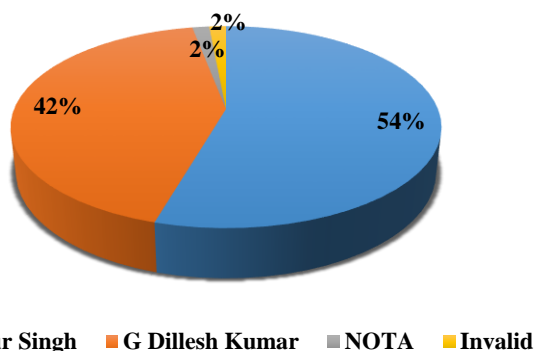


After three rounds of counting, **Mr. Harsh Vishwakarma** was declared winner in the President's post with **192 of the total 376 votes**; Mr. Shivam Tiwari was the runner-up with 162 votes; NOTA secured 19 votes and 03 invalid votes.

For **General Secretary-Technical Board** – winner **Mr. Bibek Goswami** secured **280 of 376 votes polled**; runner up Mr. Yashasvi Goel got only 73 votes; 20 NOTA and 03 were invalid.



## General Secretary- Sports Board



For the post of **General Secretary-Sports Board**, winner **Mr. Ankur Singh** secured **205 votes out of 376** and **G Dillesh Kumar** got **160** votes, **06** **NOTA** and **05** were invalid.

Following the results, the newly constituted IIITG Students' Gymkhana Council (2018-2019) are as follows:

**President: Harsh Vishwakarma,**  
**Vice-President: Vikash Kumar Singh,**  
**General Secretary-Technical Board: Bibek Goswami,**  
**General Secretary-Sports Board: Ankur Singh,**  
**General Secretary- Cultural Board: Amit Prakash,**  
**General Secretary-Welfare Board: Arjun Singh Chetry.**



(From Left: Mr Bibek Goswami (Gen. Sec: Technical Board), Mr Amit Prakash (Gen. Sec: Cultural Board), Mr Vikash Kumar Singh (Vice-President), Prof. Gautam Barua (Director, IIITG), Mr. Harsh Vishwakarma (President), Mr. Ankur Singh (Gen. Sec: Sports Board), Mr Arjun Singh Chetry (Gen. Sec: Welfare Board))

Many congratulations to the new SGC and to the IIITG student community for the smooth elections and wishing them a successful year ahead.

We would like to thank Prof. Gautam Barua, Director, IIITG, for supporting all the endeavours of Students' Gymkhana Elections. We would also like to thank all the Polling Agents: Dr. Shounak Chakraborty, Dr. Shovan Barman, Mr. Sanjay Moulik, Dr. Shyju Wilson, Dr. Gautam Kalita, Dr. Sumit Mishra, Dr. Amarnath Yadav, Dr. Komal Janghel and Mr. Mansoor Khan. Our sincere gratitude to the counting agents: Dr. Kukil Khanikar, Dr. Nilkanta Sahu, Dr. Amita Sharma, Dr. Gautam Kalita and Dr. Shovan Barman. We would also like to specially mention the contribution of Dr. Subhashish Dhal, Dr. Hari Kanta Choudhury, Mr. Nayan Baishya, Mr. Bhaskar Borah, Mr. Lakshydhara Rajbanshi, the canteen staff and the security staff.

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