



Mahatma Gandhi University
Priyadarshini Hills P.O, Kottayam – 686 560.

No. 3256/1/2018/Elen

Date: 30-07-2018

From

The Registrar

To

The Principals of all affiliated Colleges

Sir/Madam,

Sub:- Conduct of Elections to College Union 2018-19 Directions issued in compliance with the Verdict of the Honourable Supreme Court- Reg.

Ref:- Orders passed by the Honourable Supreme Court in SLP No. 24295/2004

The University has decided to conduct the elections to the college unions of all affiliated colleges on 16.08.2018 as per the schedule given below. The Elections may be conducted in Presidential Mode (Clause 6.2.2) or in Parliamentary Mode (Clauses 6.2.3 and 6.2.4) as envisaged in the recommendations contained in the J.M. Lyngdoh Committee Report as accepted by the Honourable Supreme Court.

SCHEDULE OF ELECTION TO THE COLLEGE UNION (2018 -19)
PRESIDENTIAL MODE

Sl.No.	Programme	Date	
1	Date of Notification	03.08.2018	
2	Date of Publication of Electoral Roll	04.08.2018	11.00 am
3	Last date and hour for filing complaints regarding the Electoral Roll	06.08.2018	2.00 pm
4	Publication of the Final Electoral Roll	06.08.2018	4.00 pm
5	Last Date and Hour for receipt of Nomination	09.08.2018	2.00 pm
6	Scrutiny of Nomination	09.08.2018	2.05 pm onwards
7	Publication of the list of valid Nominations	09.08.2018	
8	Last date and time for withdrawal of candidature	10.08.2018	11.00 am
9	Publication of the final list of candidates	10.08.2018	3.00 pm
10	Polling	16.08.2018	10.00 am to 1.00 pm
11	Scrutiny & Counting of Votes	16.08.2018	2.00 pm onwards

SCHEDULE OF ELECTION TO THE COLLEGE UNION (2018-19)
PARLIAMENTARY MODE.

Sl.No.	Programme	Date	
I. Election of class representatives			
1	Date of Notification	03.08.2018	
2	Date of Publication of classwise Preliminary Electoral Roll	04.08.2018	11.00 am
3	Last date and hour for filing complaints on the class wise Preliminary Electoral Roll	06.08.2018	2.00 pm
4	Publication of the class wise Final Electoral Roll	06.08.2018	4.00 pm
5	Last Date and Hour for receipt of Nomination for election of class representatives	09.08.2018	2.00 pm
6	Scrutiny of Nominations filed for election of class representatives	09.08.2018	2.05 pm onwards
7	Publication of the list of valid Nominations for election of class representatives	09.08.2018	
8	Last date and time for Withdrawal of candidature	10.08.2018	11.00 am
9	Publication of the final list of candidates for election of class representatives	10.08.2018	3.00 pm
10	Date & Time of Polling of votes for class wise election	16.08.2018	9.30 am to 11.15 am
11	Scrutiny & Counting of Votes of class wise election & declaration & publication of list of elected class representative	16.08.2018	from 11.30 am
II. Election of office bearers			
12	Publication of electoral roll for election of office bearers (ie the list of elected class representatives)	16.08.2018	1.00 pm
13	Time for filing nominations	16.08.2018	1.30 pm to 2.00 pm
14	Scrutiny of nominations for office bearers	16.08.2018	2.05 pm onwards
15	Publishing of list of valid nominations	16.08.2018	2.20 pm
16	Withdrawal of candidature	16.08.2018	2.20 pm to 2.30 pm
17	Publishing of final list of contesting candidates	16.08.2018	2.45 pm
18	Polling of votes	16.08.2018	from 3.20 pm to 4.00 pm
19	Scrutiny & counting of votes and declaration of results	16.08.2018	4.10 pm onwards

I request you to conduct the election to the College Union of your college as per the above schedule in accordance with the system of election envisaged by the Honorable Supreme Court, strictly complying with the orders passed by the Honorable Supreme Court of India. There will not be any University examinations or other academic programmes on the date of poll; neither shall the colleges schedule any internal examinations on that date.

The full text of the order passed by the Supreme Court of India has been incorporated as a part of the model election notification.

Those colleges who are opting presidential mode of election should follow the constitution for college union as per presidential mode and those who are opting parliamentary mode of election should follow the constitution for college union and rules for the conduct of election as per parliamentary mode. The constitution for college union elections framed and accepted by the Syndicate of this University for the conduct of election as per parliamentary mode and presidential mode of election are uploaded in the University Website (www.mgu.ac.in) and should be downloaded and strictly followed for the union elections 2018-19. The general instructions for the conduct of college union elections 2018-19 is also appended for attention.

The directives of the Supreme Court in SLP No. 24295/2004 shall be supplementary to the clause contained in the Constitution for College Unions / Constitution for University Departments' Unions and the Rules for the conduct of elections to college Unions / Departments' Union contained therein . Wherever there is inconsistency between the directives of the Honourable Supreme court and the clause contained in the "Constitution for college / Department Students Union", the directives of the Supreme court shall prevail.

Format of the election notification, nomination paper, ballot paper, format for furnishing details of University Union Councilors and instructions/clarifications have been uploaded to the website of the University (www.mgu.ac.in). The same may be downloaded from the website and used. It is mandatory that the election notification shall be in the format specified to ensure uniformity. The schedule fixed shall be followed strictly. Copies of the order appointing Returning Officers, election notification issued, list of candidates validly nominated and the result of election shall be e-mailed to the University (**mail-id: election@mgu.ac.in**), positively then and there. Non receipt of the above items at the right occasion from a college/institution will draw the University to the conclusion that the programme has not been conducted as per the schedule.

Only persons whose names are on the electoral roll shall be entitled to participate in the elections. The electors have to produce photo identity card duly signed by the Head of the institution with the seal of the institution before the presiding officer while turning up for casting their votes. The Principal / Director of the institution should ensure the issue of photo affixed identity cards to all the electors before the date of poll.

In pursuance of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and directions from the UGC the Syndicate of the University has decided to include NOTA option in ballot papers for all Students Union Elections from the previous academic year (2017-18) onwards. Hence steps may be taken to include NOTA (None of the above) option in the ballot paper, ie after the name and particulars of last candidate on the ballot paper, another panel shall be provided and the words **None of the above** (NOTA) shall be printed there in the language on which the ballot paper is printed.

Students deciding to exercise the option of NOTA may be directed to indicate so in the space provided in the ballot paper by putting a cross mark (X) or a tick mark (✓). A ballot paper on which NOTA option has been marked with a cross mark (X) or a tick mark (✓) must be treated as invalid.

Intimation shall be given to the Superintendent of Police of the District and also to the SHO of Police of your area about the election.

Hard copies of the notification declaring the result of the election, including the election of class representatives, details of the University Union Councilors in the prescribed format and a statement about the mode of election opted shall be delivered to the Election Section of the University for ensuring their membership in the General Council, on or before **16/09/2018**.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
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