



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

No. 3257(A)/1/2018/Elen

Date:19.09.2018

From

The Registrar

To

The Director
School of Indian Legal Thought

Sir/Madam,

Sub:- Conduct of Elections to Department Students Union (2018-19) at SILT 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 Department Students Union 2018-19 of all the teaching Departments of the University. As per the schedule given below, you are hereby directed to conduct the elections in your institution in Presidential Mode (Clause 6.2.2) on 16.10.2018 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 DEPARTMENT STUDENTS UNION 2018 -19 (SILT)
(PRESIDENTIAL MODE)

Sl.No.	Programme	Date
01	Date of Notification	25.09.2018
02	Date of Publication of Electoral Roll	27.09.2018 10.00am
03	Last date and hour for filing complaints regarding the Electoral Roll	01.10.2018 12.00 noon
04	Publication of the Final Electoral Roll	01.10.2018 4.00 pm
05	Last Date and Hour for receipt of Nomination	04.10.2018 2.00pm
06	Scrutiny of Nomination	04.10.2018 2.05pm onwards
07	Publication of the list of valid Nominations	04.10.2018
08	Last date and time for withdrawal of candidature	08.10.2018 11.00am
09	Publication of the final list of candidates	08.10.2018 3.00pm
10	Polling	16.10.2018 10.00 am to 1.00 pm
11	Scrutiny & Counting of Votes	16.10.2018 2.00 pm onwards
12	Venue for polling and counting of votes	School of Indian Legal Thought

I request you to conduct the election to the Department Students Union of your Department 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 Department 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.

The constitution for Department Students Union elections framed and accepted by the Syndicate of this University for the conduct of election as per presidential mode of election are uploaded in the University Website (www.mgu.ac.in) and should be downloaded and strictly followed for the Department Students Union Elections 2018-19. The general instructions for the conduct of Department Students 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. Copy of the order appointing Returning Officer, 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 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 academic year 2017-18 onwards. Hence steps may be taken to include NOTA (None of the above) option in the ballot paper, i.e. 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 and details of the University Union Councilors in the prescribed format shall be delivered to the Election Section of the University for ensuring their membership in the General Council, on or before 16.11.2018.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-
REGISTRAR**