## CIRCULAR

Sub:- General Election to Lok Sabha - 2019 - Conduct of Government servants - Guidelines -reg.

- Ref: 1. Circular No. Cdn1/53/2019/GAD, dated 21.03.2019 from the Government General Administration (Co-ordination Department).
  - 2. Letter No. MCC/1905/2019, dated 22.03.2019 from the Nodal Officer (MCC) & Additional District Magistrate, Kottayam.

The Election Commission of India has instructed that the Model Code of Conduct came into force with effect from 10.03.2019 in connection with the General Election to Lok Sabha 2019. Accordingly the State Government has drawn up a list of do's and don'ts to be followed by the Government Officials after the announcement of the election and till the completion of process of election. Vide the Circular referred to as (1) above, it has been intimated from the Government that the following directions/ instructions must be strictly adhered to.

 All Government Employees are instructed to refrain from activities like engaging in disseminating contents having issues related to political parties, which tantamount to election propaganda through social media, failing which strict disciplinary action will be initiated against such Government employees.

2. It enjoins upon the Government Officials at all levels that they should maintain an attitude of strict impartiality in relation to election, that they should not only be impartial but should also be seen to be independent, neutral and impartial on all matters relating to the elections, that they should treat all parties and candidates equally, fairly and justly, and that no Government Officials should do any act (other than the giving of vote) which could be interpreted as furthering the prospects of any party or candidates at the election.

Government Officials are strictly not to lend their names, official position or authority to assist one individual as against another or one group as against another.

4. The Government Officers should not themselves organise any election meetings or be present in person during any such meeting except only such officers who may have to be present to the extent necessary for maintaining law and order and making the necessary security arrangements.

No Government Servant shall be a member of or be otherwise associated with, any
political party or any organisation which takes part in politics nor shall be take part
in, subscribe in aid of, or assist in any other manner, any political movement or
activity.

- No Government servant shall canvass or otherwise interfere with or use his influence in connection with or take part in an election to any Legislative or Local Authority.
- 7. Government servants shall refrain from violating Government Servants' Conduct Rules/ Criminal Procedure Code/ Representation of Peoples' Act 1951.

The guidelines outlined above are hereby implemented in the University for strict compliance. All the teaching and non-teaching staff of the University are hereby directed to adhere to the afore listed guidelines and refrain from participating in election campaigning, accompanying candidates, affixing of election-related posters and advertisements etc on the campus and off the campus. Any act of violation of the said guidelines will invite strict disciplinary action.

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