

MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY

**INSTRUCTIONS for the conduct of College Union Elections 2019 -20 to Affiliated
Colleges / Institutions**

Notice regarding the publication of the election notification and the Schedule shall be read out in all classes well in advance. Copies of the election notification, electoral Roll and nomination paper shall be displayed on the notice boards. Authenticated copies of the Electoral Roll shall be issued to the electors on request and on payment of cost fixed.

The Lyngdoh Committee has made recommendations on the disassociation of Student elections and student representation from Political parties, on the eligibility criteria for candidates, on election related expenditure and financial accountability, code of conduct for candidates and elections administrators, grievance redressal mechanism etc. The recommendations shall be implemented in its true spirit.

The Grievances Redressal Committee shall be constituted before the date of issue of the election notification with Dean (Student Welfare) teacher in charge of student affairs as its Chairman. In addition, one Senior Faculty Member one Administrative Officer and two final year students-one boy and one girl (till the election results declared students can be nominated on the basis of merit and or participation in the Co-curricular activities in the previous year). The grievance cell shall be mandated with the redressal of election-related grievance including, but not limited to, breaches of the code of conduct of elections and complaints relating to election related expenditure. This cell would be the regular unit of the institution.

In accordance with the directive of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the University will appoint sufficient number of observers to oversee the conduct of elections at the Colleges/ Departments/Institutions affiliated to this University. The Principal/ Director is requested to cooperate with the Observers appointed by the University.

In addition to the Observers appointed by the University, the Principal/Director shall appoint one Senior Faculty Member as Observer of the College/Department level.

As per Clause 6.9.1 of the guidelines accepted by the Supreme Court, any instances of acute lawlessness or the Commission of a criminal offence shall be reported to Police by University/College authorities as soon as possible but not later than 6 hours after the alleged commission of the offence.

Soft copies of the Election notification, Electoral Roll, List of contesting candidates (Preliminary & final) and notifications declaring the results of the election shall be forwarded to this office without fail through e-mail then and there (**e-mail id: election@mgu.ac.in**).**Statement to the effect that the elections were conducted strictly as per the directives of the University as contained in the interim verdict of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India shall be furnished while forwarding the details of the University Union Councilors.**

The details of the candidates elected as Councilors to the University Union along with 2 copies each of their Passport size photograph duly attested by the Principal/Director

may be forwarded to this office within 3 weeks of the declaration of the results. The details shall be furnished in the format provided in the website. No other format shall be used. The total number of voters in your college should be furnished in space provided for it without fail.

Only the published result of examinations shall be considered for calculating the academic arrear for deciding the eligibility of a candidate. If a candidate is awaiting the result of a Supplementary Exam taken by him, that paper need not be considered as an arrear.

For deciding the number of chances for contesting the election, the posts of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Gen. Secretary only shall be considered as office bearers.

For deciding the eligibility of a candidate as per clause 6.5.7 of the recommendations of the J.M. Lyngdoh committee, it is clarified that a candidate becomes ineligible to contest the election only if he is convicted of any criminal offence or misdemeanor, that is, if a particular case is under trial, the same alone would not make the candidate ineligible. If he/she is otherwise eligible as far as the disciplinary action by the University authorities is concerned, the same principle is to be followed. That is, a candidate can be considered ineligible, only after the passing of the order imposing such disciplinary action.

All future correspondences/clarifications etc. with regard to the election will be published in the website of the University (www.mgu.ac.in). All documents necessary for the conduct of elections shall be downloaded from the Site. Therefore it is hereby advised to visit the site frequently for latest informations/intimations from the part of the University.

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