



MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA

**ELECTION TO THE SENATE FROM THE CONSTITUENCY OF NON-TEACHING STAFF OF
THE UNIVERSITY**

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

PRESENT : Komalavally K, Joint Registrar - I (Admn)

- Sub:- Election to the senate from the constituency of Non-Teaching Staff of the University - Maintenance of secrecy in ballot paper - Representations received from Sri Mahesh N, Sri Vijeesh Kumar M.V, and Sri Saran Dev S. - Orders issued.
- Ref:- 01. Representations dated 04.02.2021 and 06.02.2021 from Sri Mahesh N
02. Representation dated 06.02.2021 Sri Vijeesh Kumar M.V.
03. Representation dated 08.02.2021 from Sri Saran Dev S
04. Judgement dated 05.02.2021 of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP (C) 3040/2021
05. Mahatma Gandhi University Statutes 1997, Chapter 44, Part C Section II, Clause 81

ORDER

No:3110/1/I(3)/2021/ELEN

Dated, Priyadarsini Hills 08.02.2021

Vide the representations read as (01) and ((02) above the petitioners viz. Sri. Mahesh N and Sri. Vijeesh Kumar M.V, quoting the judgement referred to as (04) above, had requested to exclude the serial number from the ballot papers being given to the voters in order to ensure the secrecy of election. Vide the representations read as (03) above the petitioner viz. Sri Saran Dev S had requested to take necessary steps to maintain the secrecy of ballot papers and elections and also to ensure a free and fair poll.

The representations were considered in the light of the relevant provisions of the Mahatma Gandhi University Statutes 1997 as well as in compliance with the judgement of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala referred to as (04) above. The procedures for the Election to the authorities of the University including Senate are prescribed in chapter 44 of Mahatma Gandhi University Statutes 1997. The University had conducted elections to the various bodies of authorities of the University from its very inception, without room for any complaints whatsoever. The petitioners' apprehensions, with regard to the maintenance of secrecy during the election and after election, are merely based on imagination and are not founded on any reason or facts. It is reiterated that the University is keen to conduct the election strictly adhering to the provision of the Statutes maintaining the secrecy of ballot during the course of the election and after the election. The election papers including ballot papers will be preserved and disposed in accordance with the procedures laid down in the University Statutes.

The representations are disposed accordingly.

**KOMALAVALLY K
JOINT REGISTRAR I (ADMIN)**

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01. Mahesh N, Section Officer, M.G. University, Kottayam
02. Vijeesh Kumar M.V., Assistant Section Officer, M.G. University, Kottayam
03. Saran Dev S, Senior Grade Assistant, M.G. University, Kottayam
04. PS to VC & PVC
05. P.A. to Registrar/FO/CE
06. Returning Officer and Assistant Returning Officers
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