

**MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY  
ELECTION TO SENATE**

**Letter of Intimation**

Sir/Madam,

1. The members coming under item number (7) under the heading Elected Members of Section 17, Chapter IV of the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 are to be elected to the Senate.
2. The persons whose names and addresses are printed on the Ballot Paper sent herewith have been nominated as candidates for election to the Senate from the constituency of Mayors of Municipal Corporations, Chairmen of Municipalities and Presidents of Panchayats within the University (under Section 17, Elected Members (7) of the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985).
3. The number of vacancies to be filled up by election is three (of whom one shall be the Mayor of a Municipal Corporation or the Chairman of a Municipality)
4. The last hour and date fixed for receipt of marked Ballot Paper is 01.00 p.m. on 15.03.2023 in the University Office. The scrutiny and counting of votes will begin at 10.00 a.m. on 20.03.2023.
5. Should you desire to vote at this election, I have to request that you will
  1. fill up and sign the Declaration Paper;
  2. mark the vote by indicating the order of preference by placing the figures 1, 2 and 3 against the names of the candidates who represent respectively your first, second and third choice. (Please note that the election is being held in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of single transferable vote and every elector has as many preferences as there are candidates). Crosses or other marks must not be used.
  3. The sequence of preferences should not be broken, failing which the number up to which the sequence is followed will be counted.
  4. Enclose the marked Ballot Paper in the cover marked "Ballot Paper Cover" and stick it. Then put the duly filled up declaration paper and the cover containing the marked ballot paper in the envelope addressed to the Returning Officer and despatch it by Registered Post so as to reach this office not later than 01.00 p.m. on 15.03.2023 or deposit it or cause it to be deposited in the Ballot Box provided for the purpose in the University Office at Priyadarsini Hills not later than 01.00 p.m. on 15.03.2023.
6. An Envelope shall be rejected before opening
  1. if it is not the one sent by the Returning Officer, or
  2. if it does not bear a serial number.
7. A Ballot Paper Cover shall be rejected
  1. if it is not accompanied by the declaration paper sent by the Returning Officer, or
  2. if the envelope contains no declaration paper outside the Ballot Paper Cover, or
  3. if the envelope contains anything other than the declaration paper and the Ballot Paper Cover, or
  4. if the declaration is not in accordance with the Statutes, or
  5. if the Ballot Paper is placed outside the Ballot Paper Cover, or
  6. if more than one declaration paper or ballot paper covers have been enclosed in one

and the same envelope, or

7. if the serial number in the declaration paper differs from the serial number of the envelope addressed to the Returning Officer.

8. A Ballot Paper shall be invalid

1. if the Ballot Paper cover contains any matter other than the Ballot Paper;
2. if it does not bear the initials of the Returning Officer;
3. if the voter signs his name or writes any word or makes any mark by which the identity of the voter becomes recognizable;
4. if the figure 1 is not marked;
5. if the figure 1 is set opposite the name of more than one candidate; or is so marked as to render it doubtful to which candidate it is intended to apply;
6. if the figure 1 and some other figures are set opposite the name of the same candidate;
7. if it violates any other law.

9. a) If an elector has not received or has lost or inadvertently spoiled the Ballot Paper or any other connected paper/materials sent to him, he can make and transmit a declaration to that effect signed by him to the Returning Officer and return the spoiled papers requesting the Returning Officer to issue fresh ones.

2. If an elector receives any Ballot Paper, Ballot Paper Cover, declaration paper or envelope which is liable to be rejected for want of serial number, or initial, or for any reason arising from a clerical error or omission in the office of the Returning Officer, the elector shall within two days of the receipt of the same, but before the commencement of the election, bring the matter to the notice of the Returning Officer.

Priyadarshini Hills

**RETURNING OFFICER**