



Mahatma Gandhi University

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No. 3082/2/2013/Elec. Dated: 20/1/2014

From

The Registrar

To

The Principals of all affiliated Colleges /
The Directors of the University Departments concerned

Sir,

- Sub:- Conduct of Elections to College Unions/DSUs 2013-14 - directions issued in compliance with the verdict of the Hon'ble Supreme Court - reg.
- Ref: 1- Order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP No.24295/2004.
2- Orders passed by the Hon High Court of Kerala in WP ©No 20379of 2013and WP© No 19786 of 2013
3- The resolution of the Syndicate held on 5-12-2013 vide item 9/13.11/7129

The University has decided to conduct the Elections to the College Unions of all affiliated colleges and University Departments Students Unions on 03/02/2014 as per the schedules given below. The election may be conducted as per presidential mode (clause 6.2.2) or parliamentary mode (6.2.3&6.2.4) as envisaged in the recommendations submitted by the committee headed by Mr. J.M. Lyngdoh and accepted by the Honourable Supreme Court.

Schedule of Election - Presidential mode

SlNo.	Programme	Date
1	Date of Notification	23/01/2014
2	Date of Publication of Electoral Roll	24/01/2014, 10.00 am
3	Last date and hour for filing complaints regarding the Electoral Roll	24/01/2014, 12.00 noon
4	Publication of the Final Electoral Roll	24/01/2014, 4.00 pm
5	Last Date and Hour for receipt of Nomination	28/01/2014, 2.00 pm
6	Scrutiny of Nomination	28/01/2014, 2.05 pm onwards
7	Publication of the list of valid Nominations	28/01/2014
8	Withdrawal of candidature	30/01/2014, 11.00 am
9	Publication of the final list of candidates	30/01/2014, 3.00 pm
10	Polling	03/02/2014, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm
11	Scrutiny & Counting of Votes	03/02/2014, 2.00 pm onwards

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Schedule of election - Parliamentary mode.

Sl.No.	Programme	Date
I. Election of Class representatives		
1	Date of Notification	23/01/2014
2	Date of Publication of classwise Electoral Roll	24/01/2014, 10.00 am
3	Last date and hour for filing complaints on the classwise Electoral Roll	24/01/2014, 12.00 noon
4	Publication of the classwise Final Electoral Roll	24/01/2014, 4.00 pm
5	Last Date and Hour for receipt of Nomination for election of class representatives	28/01/2014, 2.00 pm
6	Scrutiny of Nominations filed for election of class representatives	28/01/2014, 2.05 pm onwards
7	Publication of the list of valid Nominations for election of class representatives	28/01/2014
8	Withdrawal of candidature	30/01/2014, 11.00 am
9	Publication of the final list of candidates for election of class representatives	30/01/2014, 3.00 pm
10	Date & Time of Polling of votes for classwise election	03/02/2014, 9.30 am to 11.15 am
11	Scrutiny & Counting of Votes of classwise election & declaration & publication of list of elected class representatives	From 11.30 am on 03/02/2014
II. Election of Office bearers.		
12	Publication of electoral roll for election of office bearers (ie the list of elected class representatives)	03/02/2014, 1.00 pm
13	Time for filing nominations	03/02/2014, 1.30 pm to 2.00 pm
14	Scrutiny of nominations for office bearers	03/02/2014, 2.05 pm onwards
15	Publishing of list of valid nominations	03/02/2014, 2.20 pm
16	Withdrawal of candidature	03/02/2014, 2.20 pm to 2.30 pm
17	Publishing of final list of contesting candidates	03/02/2014, 2.45 pm
18	Polling of votes	03/02/2014 from 3.20 pm to 4.00 pm
19	Scrutiny & counting of votes	03/02/2014, 4.10 pm onwards

I request you to conduct the election at your college as per any of the above schedules according to the system of election opted strictly complying with the orders passed by the Honorable Supreme court of India and the rules for conduct of election contained in the constitution for college union pertaining to the mode of election opted by the college. There will not be any examinations or other academic programmes on the date of poll.

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 elections should be held as per the constitution for college union and rules for the conduct of college union elections.

Those colleges who are opting presidential mode of election should follow the constitution for college union as per presidential mode and those who are opting parliamentary mode of election should follow the constitution for college union and rules for the conduct of election as per parliamentary mode. The constitution for college union elections framed and accepted by the syndicate of this University for the conduct of election as per parliamentary mode and presidential mode of election are uploaded in the University Website (www.mgu.ac.in) and should be down loaded and strictly followed for the conduct of College Union Election 2013-14. The general instructions for the conduct of college union elections 2013-14 is also appended for attention.

The directives of the Supreme Court in SLP No 24295/2004 shall be supplementary to the clauses contained in the Constitution for College Unions/Constitution for University Departments Unions and the Rules for the conduct of elections to college Unions/Departments Students Union contained therein. Wherever there is inconsistency between the directives of the Honourable Supreme court and the clauses contained in the "Constitution for college / Department students unions", 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. Copies of the order appointing Returning Officers, 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.

The names of all the students who are on the admission register of the college on the date of publication of the election notification shall be included in the electoral roll. 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 Principal / Director of the institution should ensure the issue of photo affixed identity cards to all the electors before the date of poll.

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, including the election of class representatives, details of the University Union Councilors in the prescribed format and a statement about the mode of election opted shall be delivered to the Election Section of the University ensuring their membership in the General Council on or before 28/02/2014.

Yours faithfully,

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20/1/2014
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MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY

INSTRUCTIONS for the conduct of College Union Elections 2013-14 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 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 co-operate 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 Councillors.

The details of the candidates elected as Councillors to the University Union along with 2 copies each of their Passport size photograph duly attested by the Principal/Director may 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 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 Chairman, Vice-chairman 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). The same shall be downloaded from the Site- Please visit the Site frequently.

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