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Criterion 7 Institutional Values and Best Practices

7.1 - Institutional Values and Social Responsibilities

Metric No. 7.1.4

Describe the Institutional efforts/initiatives in providing an inclusive environment i.e., tolerance and harmony towards cultural, regional, linguistic, communal socioeconomic and Sensitization of students and employees to the constitutional obligations: values, rights, duties and responsibilities of citizens

Election and Parliamentary Engagement

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Declaration on Principal

This is to declare that the following report explain the process of parliamentary engagement and conduct of elections to the college union of the institution.

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1 Election of the College Union

The College provides students with the opportunity to actively participate in the democratic process of electing their representatives through the College Union Elections. The College Union is composed of students who are elected to represent the student body in various capacities, ensuring that their voices are heard and their interests are addressed within the institution.

1.1 Election Notification and Schedule

The election process began with an official notification that outlined the election schedule, including key dates for the publication of electoral rolls, nomination submissions, scrutiny, and polling. This notification set the framework for a transparent and fair election process, adhering to institutional and regulatory guidelines.

1.2 Posts Contested in the Elections

Elections were held for the following posts within the College Union:

Chairperson Vice-Chairperson General Secretary Joint Secretary University Union Councillor Arts Club Secretary Magazine Editor Lady Representatives (if applicable) Class Representatives Each of these positions plays a vital role in the functioning of the College Union, contributing to the overall governance and cultural life of the institution.

1.3 Election Procedures

The elections were conducted through a secret ballot system, ensuring that each student's vote was confidential and securely cast. The election followed one of two possible modes:

1.4 Mode of Election:

All office bearers were directly elected by the entire student body, allowing for broad participation and representation.

1.5 Eligibility and Compliance

Candidates were required to meet specific eligibility criteria, including age limits, academic performance, and attendance records. Candidates with criminal backgrounds or prior disciplinary actions were disqualified. The election process also included strict financial guidelines, limiting campaign expenditures to ensure a level playing field.





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1.6 Election Code of Conduct

A strict code of conduct was enforced throughout the election period. This included restrictions on campaign activities such as the use of printed materials, processions, and public gatherings, ensuring that the elections were conducted peacefully and without any form of misconduct.

1.7 Grievance Redressal

A Grievance Redressal Cell was established to handle any complaints or disputes related to the elections. This cell provided a platform for addressing grievances promptly and fairly, maintaining the integrity of the election process.

The College Union Elections were conducted with the highest standards of transparency and fairness, allowing students to participate actively in the democratic process. The election resulted in the formation of a representative and effective College Union, composed of students committed to serving their peers and contributing to the governance of the College. This process not only reflects the institution's commitment to democratic values but also empowers students to take on leadership roles within the College community.

2 Notification to College Union Elections





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ELECTION TO THE COLLEGE UNION

As per the directions given in the notification 3270/College Union Election/2023, dated 05/09/2023, election for the College Union of this institution for the academic year 2023-24 is scheduled in the Presidential Mode on 05 October 2023. Details of the proceedings are given in the notification attached.


Principal


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Priyadarsini Hills P.O., Kottayam, Kerala - 686 560

(Established by Kerala State Legislature by Notification No. 3431/Leg. C1/85/Law, dated 17th April 1985)

No. 3270/College Union Election/2023

Dated: 05.09.2023

From

The Registrar

To

The Principals of all Affiliated Colleges

Sir/Madam,

Sub:- Conduct of Election to College Union 2023 -24 - Intimation to College Principals-reg.

Ref:- 01. Orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP No. 24295/2004

02. University Order No. 1738/AC L/2022/MGU dated 19.02.2022

03. University Order No.1940/ACL/2022/MGU.Dtd.23/02/2022

04. Election Notification No: 3270/CUE/2023 dated 05.09.2023

The University has decided to conduct the elections to the College Unions of all its affiliated colleges on 05-10-2023 as per the schedule given below. The Elections may be conducted either in Presidential Mode or in Parliamentary Mode as envisaged in the recommendations contained in the J.M. Lyngdoh Committee Report, accepted by the Honourable Supreme Court.

SCHEDULE OF ELECTION TO THE COLLEGE UNION (2023 - 24)

PRESIDENTIAL MODE

Sl.No.	Programme	Date & Time
1	Date of Notification	05.09.2023
2	Date of Publication of Preliminary Electoral Roll	07.09.2023
3	Last date and hour for filing complaints regarding the Preliminary Electoral Roll	12.09.2023 up to 02.00 p.m
4	Date of Publication of Final Electoral Roll	12.09.2023
5	Last Date and Hour for receipt of Nomination	15.09.2023 upto 02.00p.m
6	Scrutiny of Nominations	15.09.2023, 02.05 pm onwards
7	Publication of the list of valid Nominations	15.09.2023
8	Last date and time for withdrawal of Nominations	18.09.2023 up to 11.00 a.m
9	Publication of the final list of valid Nominations	18.09.2023
10	Polling	05.10.2023, 10.00 a.m to 01.00 p.m
11	Scrutiny & Counting of Votes	05.10.2023, 02.00 p.m onwards

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PARLIAMENTARY MODE

Sl.No.	Programme	Date & Time
Stage I. Election of class representatives		
1	Date of Notification	05.09.2023
2	Date of Publication of class-wise Preliminary Electoral Roll	07.09.2023
3	Last date and hour for filing complaints on the class-wise Preliminary Electoral Roll	12.09.2023 up to 02.00 p.m
4	Publication of the class wise Final Electoral Roll	12.09.2023
5	Last Date and Hour for receipt of Nomination for election of class representatives	15.09.2023 upto 02.00 p.m
6	Scrutiny of Nominations filed for election of class representatives	15.09.2023, 02.05pm onwards
7	Publication of the list of valid Nominations for election of class representatives	15.09.2023
8	Last date and time for Withdrawal of Nominations	18.09.2023 up to 11.00 a.m
9	Publication of the final list of valid Nominations for election of class representatives	18.09.2023,
10	Polling of votes for class wise election	05.10.2023, 09.30 a.m to 11.15 a.m
11	Scrutiny & Counting of Votes of class wise election	05.10.2023, 11.30 a.m onwards
Stage II. Election of Office Bearers		
12	Publication of electoral roll for election of Office Bearers (ie the list of elected class representatives)	05.10.2023, 01.00 p.m
13	Time for filing nominations	05.10.2023, 1.30 p.m to 02.00 p.m
14	Scrutiny of nominations for office bearers	05.10.2023, 02.05 p.m onwards
15	Publishing of list of valid nominations	05.10.2023, 2.20 p.m
16	Last date and hour for Withdrawal of nominations	05.10.2023, 2.20 p.m to 2.30 p.m
17	Publishing of final list of contesting candidates	05.10.2023, 2.45 p.m
18	Polling of votes	05.10.2023, 3.20 p.m to 04.00 p.m
19	Scrutiny & counting of votes and declaration of results	05.10.2023, 04.10 p.m

I request you to conduct the election to the College Union of your college as per the above schedule in accordance with the "*Regulations for the Constitution of Students Union of Affiliated Colleges/University Teaching Departments/Centres and Constitution of University Students Union and Conducting of Elections to those Bodies*", which is uploaded in university website. The 'Regulations' have been formulated by the University, in compliance with the orders passed by the Honorable Supreme Court of India approving the recommendations of the J.M Lyngdoh Committee. The directives of the Supreme Court in SLP No. 24295/2004, also appended herewith, shall be supplementary to the 'Regulations'. Wherever there is inconsistency between the directives of the Honourable Supreme Court and the clauses contained in the 'Regulations', the directives of the Supreme Court shall prevail.

The Election Notification, containing the schedule, nomination and ballot paper formats as well as the format for furnishing details of University Union Councillors, has also been appended. The schedule fixed shall be followed strictly. Copies of the order appointing Returning Officers, list of candidates validly nominated and the result of election shall be e-mailed to the University (mail-id: election@mgu.ac.in),



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positively then and there.

There will not be any University examinations or other academic programmes on the date of poll; neither shall the colleges schedule any internal examinations on that date. 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.

Details of the University Union Councillors in the prescribed format affixing two photographs duly attested by the principal concerned, shall be delivered (in hard copy) to the Election Section of the University for ensuring their membership in the General Council, along with a copy of the college ID card duly attested by the Principal on or before 26.10.2023.

Yours faithfully

Dr. Prakash Kumar B.
Registrar

Encl:

Documents referred to as (01) & (4) above.

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MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA

No: 3270/CUE/2023

Dated:05.09.2023

ELECTION NOTIFICATION

Sub: - Election to College Union 2023-24 – reg.

Ref: - 01. U.O.No.1738/AC L/2022/MGU dated 19.02.2022
02. U.O.No.1940/AC L/2022/MGU dated 23.02.2022

In compliance with the regulations referred to (01), (02) above, issued by the Mahatma Gandhi University, it is hereby notified that an election will be held in all the affiliated colleges of Mahatma Gandhi University for the constitution of College Unions for the academic year 2023-24. Elections for College Union shall be conducted by secret ballot, either in Presidential or Parliamentary mode, in Simple Majority Election system. Elections will be held in each college to elect the following office bearers and members of the executive committee of the College Union 2023-24.

Sl. No.	Name of Post	No. of Seats
1.	The Chairperson	1
2.	The Vice-Chairperson (Lady)	1
3.	The General Secretary	1
4.	The Councillor(s) to the University Union	1 or 2
5.	The Editor of the College Magazine	1
6.	The Arts Club Secretary	1
7.	Representatives	1 each for each year
8.	Lady Representatives	2

In the Presidential Mode of election, the office bearers mentioned at Sl. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are to be elected by and from the entire student community of the college. However, the Vice-Chairperson (Sl.No.2) shall be elected by the entire student community of the college from among the lady students as far as mixed colleges concerned. Lady Representatives (Sl.No.8) are to be elected by and from among the women students of the college (Only in mixed Colleges).

In the Parliamentary Mode of election, there shall be two stages of election. In Stage 1 Class Representatives (Sl.No.7) are to be elected by and from among the students of each year of the Degree and Post-Graduate Courses. In Stage 2 the Class Representatives so elected shall elect the office bearers mentioned at Sl. Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. The Vice-Chairperson (Sl.No.2) shall be elected from among the lady students elected as Class Representatives as far as mixed colleges are concerned. Lady Representatives (Sl.No.8) are to be elected by and from

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among the women students elected as Class Representatives of the college (Only in mixed Colleges).

The following will be the schedule for the elections: -

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9	Publication of the final list of valid Nominations	18.09.2023
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11	Scrutiny & Counting of Votes	05.10.2023, 02.00 p.m onwards

B. Parliamentary Mode

Sl.No.	Programme	Date & Time
Stage I. Election of class representatives		
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4	Date of Publication of the class wise Final Electoral Roll	12.09.2023
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10	Polling of votes for class wise election	05.10.2023, 09.30 a.m to 11.15 a.m

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Stage II. Election of office bearers		
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Eligibility to take part in elections (applicable to both Presidential and Parliamentary modes):
(Prescribed by the Lyngdoh Committee recommendations approved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court)

- i. The names of all the students who are on the admission register of the College, up to one day before the date fixed for filing of Nominations, shall be included in the electoral roll. Only persons whose names are on the electoral rolls shall be entitled to participate in the elections. Provided however that any student, whose name is subsequently removed from the admission register and thereby ceases to be a student before the date of election, shall be excluded from the electoral roll.
- ii. Under graduate students between the ages of 17 and 22 may contest elections. This age range may be appropriately relaxed in the case of professional colleges, where courses often range between 4 to 5 years.
- iii. For Post Graduate Students the maximum age limit to legitimately contest and election would be 24 - 25 years.
- iv. For research Students the maximum age limit to legitimately contest an election would be 28 years.
- v. The candidate should in no event have any academic arrears in the year of contesting the election as on the date of notification. However, students who had appear for any University Examination and are awaiting its results shall be eligible to contest.
- vi. The candidate should have attained the minimum percentage of attendance as prescribed by the university or 75% attendance, whichever is higher.
- vii. The candidate shall have one opportunity to contest for the post of office bearer, and two opportunities to contest for the post of an executive member.
- viii. The candidate shall not have a previous criminal record, that is to say he should not have been tried and/or convicted of any criminal offence or misdemeanour. The candidate shall also not have been subject to any disciplinary action by the University authorities.
- ix. The candidate must be a regular, full time student of the college and should not be a distance/proximate education student. That is to say that all eligible candidates must be enrolled in a full-time course, the course duration being at least one year.
- x. The students who are in the electoral rolls have to produce photo identity card duly signed by the head of the College with the seal of the College before the Presiding/Polling Officer for casting their votes.

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Electoral Rolls: The Electoral Roll for College Union elections will consist of all students admitted to various courses of study in the College concerned, up to one day before the date fixed for filing of Nominations.

- Presidential mode:** The Returning Officer shall maintain electoral rolls to elect candidates at any election showing the names of students qualified to vote thereat, serially numbered with details of their class, group, subject, etc. Copies of the electoral rolls should be made available to the students in the office of the Returning Officer.
- Parliamentary mode:** The Returning Officer shall maintain separate class wise electoral rolls for election of class representatives and office bearers. The list of elected class representatives shall be the electoral rolls for the election of office bearers.
- The Electoral Roll shall contain the names of students qualified to vote, serially numbered with details of their class, group, subject, etc. Copies of the electoral rolls should be made available to the students in the office of the Returning Officer.
- A Preliminary Electoral Roll shall be published by the Returning Officer as scheduled. Requests, if any, for making any correction, alteration or deletion in the Electoral Roll shall be submitted to the Returning Officer within the time limit fixed. After considering the complaints regarding the same, a Final Electoral Roll shall be published on the date scheduled for the same. However, the Returning Officer may make correction, alteration or deletion in the roll provided the requisition for the same is received by him within twenty-four hours of the publication of rolls and further if he is satisfied that the correction, alteration or deletion is justified. The Returning Officer may also include the name of any student inadvertently omitted from the original electoral rolls

Nomination of Candidates:

- Presidential mode of election:** Every elector shall be at liberty to nominate a qualified student to fill up a vacancy.
- Parliamentary mode of election:** Every elector of each class will have the right to nominate a qualified student of that particular class to fill the vacancy of the respective class representative. In the case of mixed colleges / mixed classes, they will have the right to elect one representative each from each gender of the class. Each class representative of a gender shall be nominated and elected by and from among the students of that class.
- Every nomination shall be strictly in the prescribed form, which is in accordance with the recommendations made by the Lyngdoh Committee report, (**see appendices**) and shall be made by an elector in writing and shall be seconded by another elector. **A proposer and seconder can nominate/second only one person to a single post at a time.**
- Every nomination shall be accompanied by the consent of the nominee agreeing to serve on the body, if elected.
- The Nomination paper must be verified and attested by the Head of the Department/Institution concerned. It shall be in sealed cover and must be caused to be deposited in a box kept by the Returning Officer in his office within the date and hour fixed for the purpose.
- 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.**
- Any candidate may withdraw his candidature by notice in writing signed by him and delivered in person or by messenger who is one of the electors to the Returning Officer so as to be received by him within the date and hour fixed for the same. Withdrawal once made shall be final. A Candidate who has withdrawn his nomination shall not be considered eligible for re-nomination as a candidate for the same election in that academic year.

Scrutiny of Nominations:

- All nomination papers deposited in the box provided for the purpose shall be scrutinised by the Returning Officer at the hour on the date prescribed.
- The candidate or his authorised agent from among the electors alone will be permitted to be present at the time of scrutiny of nominations.

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- c. The Returning Officer shall examine the nomination papers and shall decide all objections made to any nomination Paper. All nomination papers shall be strictly cross verified with the parameters regarding the eligibility for participation in election. However, no nomination paper shall be rejected on technical grounds.
- d. 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. A certificate of having no exam arrears is incorporated in the nomination paper, which should be signed by the candidate and attested by the Head of the Department concerned. However, if challenged with enough proof, the Returning Officer shall verify the details with Examination wing of the University.
- e. 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 misdemeanour by any Court of Justice, 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 judgment/order imposing such punishment/disciplinary action.
- f. At the time of the Scrutiny of Nominations, the burden of producing enough evidence, for a challenge regarding the credentials submitted/declarations made by a Candidate, lies exclusively on the person raising such a challenge. Any such challenge/complaint, lacking enough proof, can be rejected by the Returning Officer.

Conduct of Election and Constitution of College Union shall strictly be in compliance with the Regulations in this regard, formed by the University, in tune with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court approving the recommendations of the Lyngdoh Committee.

The Honourable Supreme Court of India have perused the Report of the Committee, headed by Mr. J. M. Lyngdoh, former Chief Election Commissioner, constituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India for making recommendations and suggestions relating to the Students' Union Elections in terms of the order of the Supreme Court dated 12.12.2005. The Supreme Court have accepted the recommendations as an interim measure and directed to implement the recommendations subject to such modifications indicated therein. The recommendations have been incorporated as a part of the order. The Supreme Court have also made it clear that the recommendations made, which the court have accepted to be adopted as an interim measure, shall be followed in all College/University Elections, to be held hereinafter, until further orders. The full text of the verdict of the Supreme Court is reproduced hereunder and forms part of this election notification. All the recommendations made by the committee and accepted by the Supreme Court are applicable to this election. The directives of the Supreme Court shall be supplementary to the clauses contained in the **Regulations for The Constitution of Students Union of Affiliated Colleges /University Teaching Departments/Centres And Constitution of University Students Union and Conducting of Elections to Those Bodies** formed by the University and the same shall supersede any of the clauses that are inconsistent with it.

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ITEM NO.6

COURT NO.5

SECTION XIA

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No(s).24295/2004
(From the judgement and order dated 24/06/2004 in WP No. 30845/2003
of The HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM)

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

COUNCIL, PRINCIPALS', COLLEGES, KERALA & ORS

Respondent(s)

(With prayer for interim relief and office report)

WITH SLP(C)NO. 24296-24299 of 2004

(With prayer for interim relief and office report)

Date: 22/09/2006 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARIJIT PASAYAT

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LOKESHWAR SINGH PANTA

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UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following

ORDER

Heard.

We have perused the Report of the Committee constituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India in terms of the order of this Court dated 12.12.2005. The Committee headed by Mr. J.M. Lyngdoh has submitted the Report making recommendations and suggestions relating to Students' Union Elections. We are, prima-facie, of the view that the recommendations need acceptance and as an interim measure, we direct the following recommendations to be implemented, subject to such modifications indicated hereinafter. The recommendations are:-

- 6.1.1 Universities and colleges across the country must ordinarily conduct elections for the appointment of students to student representative bodies. These elections may be conducted in the manner prescribed herein, or in a manner that conforms to the standards prescribed herein.
- 6.1.2 Where the atmosphere of the university campus is adverse to the conduct of peaceful, free and fair elections, the university, its constituent colleges and departments must initiate a system of student representation based on nominations, especially where elections are being held at present. It would be advisable, however, not to base such nomination system on purely academic merit, as is being practiced throughout the country.
- 6.1.3 In cases where elections are not being held, or where the nomination model prevails, the nomination model should be allowed to continue for a limited period of time. It is to be noted that the nomination system suffers from several flaws, and must only be restored to as an INTERIM MEASURE.
- 6.1.4 Subject to the recommendations in respect of the possible model of elections, all institutions must over a period of 5 years, convert from the nomination model to a structured election model, that may be based on a system of parliamentary (indirect) elections, or on the presidential (direct) system, or a hybrid of both. It is highly desirable that all institutions follow this mechanism of gradual conversion, especially for privately funded institutions that prefer a status quo situation.
- 6.1.5 All institutions must conduct a review of the student representation mechanism. The first review may be conducted after a period of 2 years of the implementation of the mechanism detailed above, and the second review may be conducted after the 3rd or the 4th year of implementation. The primary objective of these reviews will be to ascertain the success of the representation and election mechanism in each individual institution, so as to decide whether or not to implement a full-fledged election structure. Needless to say these reviews will be based on a consideration of the views and suggestions of all stakeholders, such as students, faculty, administration, student bodies, and parents.
- 6.1.6 Institutions must, as a primary objective, subject to the pertinent issue of discipline on campus, seek to implement a structured system of student elections by conclusion of a period of 5 years from the date of the implementation of the recommendations.

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6.1.7 Subject to the autonomy of the universities in respect of the choice of the mode of election, all universities must institute an apex student representative body that represents all students, colleges, and departments coming under the particular university. In the event that the university is geographically widespread, individual colleges may constitute their own representative bodies, which would further elect representatives for the apex universities body.

6.1.8 The union/representative body so elected shall only comprise of regular students on the rolls of the institution. No faculty member, nor any member of the administration shall be permitted to hold any post on the executive of such representative body, nor shall be allowed to be a member of any such representative body.

6.2 Modes of Elections

6.2.1 A system of direct election of the office bearers of the student body, whereby all students of all constituent colleges, as well as all students of university departments vote directly for the office bearers. This model may be followed in smaller universities with well-defined single campuses (for e.g. JNU/University of Hyderabad, and with a relatively smaller student population. A graphic representation of this model is annexed herewith at Annexure IV-A. In respect of universities with large, widespread campuses and large student bodies either of the following models may be adopted.

6.2.2 A system of elections, where colleges and campuses directly elect college and campus office bearers, as well as university representatives. The university representatives form an electoral college, which shall elect the university student union office bearers. A graphic representation of this model is annexed herewith at Annexure-IV-B.

6.2.3 A system of elections where on one hand, directly elected college and campus office bearers, as well as university representatives. The university representative form an electoral college, which shall elect the university student union office bearers. A graphic representation of this model is annexed herewith at Annexure IV-B.

6.2.3 A system of elections where on one hand, directly elected class representative elect the office bearers of the college as well as the university representatives, and the campus itself directly elects the campus office bearers and the university representatives. The university representatives shall form an electoral college, which shall elect the office bearer of the university student union. A graphic representation of this model is annexed herewith at Annexure IV-C.

6.2.4 A system of election wherein class representatives shall be directly elected in the colleges and universities campus and they in turn shall elect the office bearers for the college unions and the university campus union. Also they shall elect their representatives for university student union. These elected representative from colleges and university campus shall form the Electoral College, which shall elect the office bearers of the university student union. This model shall be applicable to large university with large number of affiliated colleges. A graphic representation of this model is annexed herewith at Annexure IV-D. 6.3 Disassociation of Student Elections and Student Representation from Political Parties.

6.3.1 During the period of the elections no person, who is not a student on the rolls of the college/university, shall be permitted to take part in the election process in any capacity. Any person, candidate, or member of the student organisation, violating this rule shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings, in addition to the candidature, as the case may be being revoked.

6.4 Frequency and Duration of Election Process



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- 6.4.1 It is recommended that the entire process of elections, commencing from the date of filing of nomination papers to the date of declaration of results, including the campaign period, should not exceed 10 days.
- 6.4.2 It is further recommended that elections be held on a yearly basis and that the same should be held between 6 to 8 weeks from the date of commencement of the academic session.

6.5 Eligibility Criteria for Candidates

- 6.5.1 Under graduate students between the ages of 17 and 22 may contest elections. This age range may be appropriately relaxed in the case of professional colleges, where courses often range between 4 to 5 years.
- 6.5.2. For Post Graduate Students the maximum age limit to legitimately contest and election would be 24 - 25 years.
- 6.5.3 For research Students the maximum age limit to legitimately contest an election would be 28 years.
- 6.5.4 Although, the Committee would refrain from prescribing any particular minimum marks to be attained by candidate, the candidate should in no event have any academic arrears in the year of contesting the election.
- 6.5.5 The candidate should have attained the minimum percentage of attendance as prescribed by the university or 75% attendance, whichever is higher.
- 6.5.6 The candidate shall have one opportunity to contest for the post of office bearer, and two opportunities to contest for the post of an executive member.
- 6.5.7 The candidate shall not have a previous criminal record, that is to say he should not have been tried and/or convicted of any criminal offence or misdemeanour. The candidate shall also not have been subject to any disciplinary action by the University authorities.
- 6.5.8 The candidate must be a regular, full time student of the college/university and should not be a distance/proximate education student. That is to say that all eligible candidates must be enrolled in a full time course, the course duration being at least one year.

6.6 Election - Related Expenditure and Financial Accountability

- 6.6.1 The maximum permitted expenditure per candidate shall be Rs.5000/-.
- 6.6.2 Each candidate shall, within two weeks of the declaration of the result, submit complete and audited accounts to the college/university authorities. The college/university shall publish such audited accounts within 2 days of submission of such accounts, through a suitable medium so that any member of the student body may freely examine the same.
- 6.6.3 The election of the candidate will be nullified in the event of any non-compliance or in the event of any excessive expenditure.
- 6.6.4 With the view to prevent the inflow of funds from political parties into the student election process, the candidates are specially barred from utilizing funds from any other sources than voluntary contributions from the student body.

6.7 Code of Conduct for Candidates and Elections Administrators

- 6.7.1 No candidate shall indulge in, nor shall abet, any activity, which may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different castes and communities, religious or linguistic, or between any group(s) of students.



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President may be promoted to be post of President and Joint Secretary to the post of Secretary, as the case may be."

We, however, direct modifications in paragraphs 6.6.2 and 6.9.1. The expression "and audited accounts" in paragraph 6.6.2 shall be substituted by the words "and certified accounts" (to be certified by the candidate). Similarly, the period of "12 hours" indicated in paragraph 6.9.1. i.e. "12 hours" shall be substituted by the words "6 hours".

Learned counsel for the parties are permitted to submit their suggestions/views regarding elaborations in respect of the aforesaid recommendations as well as other suggestions/views given by the Committee as regards the grievances mechanism and the other suggestions as regards the schedules etc. The suggestions/views shall be filed within four weeks.

Call these matters on 06.11.2006.

During the course of hearing of the petition, Mr. Gopal Subramaniam, learned Additional Solicitor General brought to our notice the need for a direction to provide security to the academic community who are involved in the process of Students' Union Elections in the Universities and the Colleges. It was suggested that to ensure protection to them, the Superintendent of Police, In-charge of the area shall provide enough police protection and shall ensure that no untoward incident takes place by providing adequate number of police personnel to be posted near the place of elections. The suggestions appear to be wholesome. We direct that the suggestions given be implemented as and when the necessity so arises. It is made clear that the recommendations made, which we have accepted to be adopted as an interim measure, shall be followed in all College/University Elections, to be held hereinafter, until further orders.

This order shall be communicated to the respective States and Union Territories by Mr. Gopal Subramaniam, learned Additional Solicitor General so that necessary steps can be taken to ensure compliance of our order.

(Neena Verma)
Court Master

(Radha R. Bhatia)
Court Master

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VICE CHANCELLOR

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1

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(5) I have been/ have not been subjected to disciplinary proceedings by the University
(Strike off whichever is not applicable. If subjected to disciplinary proceedings,
give full details of the case)

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(6) I am contesting for post of office bearer for thetime/for the post of
Execute Committee Member for the time (Strike off whichever is not
applicable)

(7) I will follow the code of conduct for candidates.

(8) I have not been tried and /or convicted of any criminal offence or misdemeanor.

Signature of the Candidate:
Name of the Candidate :

Date:

Part IV - Verification Report by the Head of the Department concerned

The declarations made by the candidate at Sl. Nos. II - 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 above have been
verified with the records and found correct/incorrect. (Strike off whichever is not applicable.
Furnish details if any of the statements is incorrect.)

Signature of the Director/HoD :
Name of the Director/HoD :
Name of the School :

Date:

(Office Seal)

Decisions of the Returning Officer

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ELECTION TO THE COLLEGE UNION

As per the directions given in the notification 3270/College Union Election/2023, dated 05/09/2023, election for the College Union of this institution for the academic year 2023-24 is scheduled in the Presidential Mode on 05 October 2023. Details of the proceedings are given in the notification attached.


Principal


Dr.M.Geetha

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3 Preparation for Elections





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4 Meet the Candidates





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5 List of Elected Presentatives 2023-24

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COLLEGE UNION ELECTION 2023-2024

LIST OF ELECTED CANDIDATES

THE CHAIRPERSON		
Sl. No	NAME	CLASS
1	NIKHIL ANTONY	III BBA

THE VICE CHAIRPERSON		
Sl. No	NAME	CLASS
1	NOORA M.S	III B.Com COMPUTER APPLICATION

THE GENERAL SECRETARY		
Sl. No	NAME	CLASS
1	RAIHAN K.Y	I BBA

THE COUNCILLOR(S) TO THE UNIVERSITY UNION		
Sl. No	NAME	CLASS
1	MUHAMMED IRFAN P	II B.A ENGLISH
2	KRISHNANATH B.S	II BBA

THE EDITOR OF THE COLLEGE MAGAZINE		
Sl. No	NAME	CLASS
1	MUHAMMED ALTHAF K M	II B.Com COMPUTER APPLICATION

THE ARTS CLUB SECRETARY		
Sl. No	NAME	CLASS
1	IRFAN MALIK B	

I D.C. REPRESENTATIVE		
Sl. No	NAME	CLASS
1	MOHAMED ANSARI V M	

II D.C. REPRESENTATIVE		
Sl. No	NAME	CLASS
1	DEON ROZARIO	





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III D.C. REPRESENTATIVE		
Sl. No	NAME	CLASS
1	RAHMATH A.N	III B.Sc Botany

I P.G. REPRESENTATIVE		
Sl. No	NAME	CLASS
1	NIHAL K.H	I M.Sc CHEMISTRY

II P.G. REPRESENTATIVE		
Sl. No	NAME	CLASS
1	ARYA SUNILRAJ V	II MA ENGLISH

LADY REPRESENTATIVES		
Sl. No	NAME	CLASS
1	APARNA SATHEESH	II B.Sc Botany
2	SREE LEKSHMI AP	

05-10-2023

Returning Officer

