

Mahatma Gandhi University

No.1260/2008/1/Elen.

Priyadarshini Hills,
Dated, 8th August, 2008.

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, 2008-'09 –
Instructions issued in compliance with the verdict of the Hon'ble
Supreme Court – reg.

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

The Honourable Supreme Court of India has 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 has 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 has also made it clear that the recommendations made, which the court has accepted to be adopted as an interim measure, shall be followed in all College/University Elections, to be held hereinafter, until further orders.

In the light of the above order, the University has decided to conduct the elections to the College Unions of all affiliated colleges and University Departments Students' Unions on 5.9.2008 (Friday), as per the schedule given below in accordance with the system of direct elections as envisaged in clause 6.2.2 of the recommendations submitted by the committee headed by Mr. J. M. Lyngdoh and accepted by the Honourable Supreme Court.

Schedule of Election

Sl. No.	Programme	Date
1	Date of Notification	21.8.2008, 10.00 a.m.
2	Date of Publication of Electoral Roll	22.8.2008, 10.30 a.m.
3	Last date and hour for filing complaints regarding the Electoral Roll	25.8.2008, 11.00 a.m.
4	Publication of the Final Electoral Roll	25.8.2008, 3.30 p.m.
5	Last Date and Hour for receipt of Nomination	27.8.2008, 2.00 p.m.
6	Scrutiny of Nomination	27.8.2008, 2.05 p.m.
7	Publication of the list of valid nominations	27.8.2008
8	Withdrawal of candidature	28.8.2008, 11.00 a.m.
9	Publication of the Final list of Candidates	28.8.2008, 3.00 p.m.
10	Polling	5.9.2008, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm
11	Scrutiny & Counting of Votes	5.9.2008, To start at 2.00 pm

I request you to conduct the elections to the College Union of your college/ University Departments Students Union of your institution on 5.9.2008 as per the above schedule, in accordance with the system of direct elections as envisaged in clause 6.2.2 strictly complying with the orders passed by the Honourable Supreme Court of India. 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 issued herewith.

The directives of the Supreme Court 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 Unions contained therein and the same shall supersede any of the clauses that are inconsistent with the directives.

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 copy of this letter shall be displayed in the notice boards. Authenticated copies of the electoral roll shall be issued to the electors on request.

The 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 senior 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 Honourable 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 at the College / Department level.

You are requested to intimate the schedule of election to the Superintendent of Police of your district and also the Station House Officer of the concerned Police Station. As per clause 6.9.1 of the guidelines accepted by the Supreme Court, any instance of acute lawlessness or the commission of a criminal offence shall be reported to the police by the university / college authorities as soon as possible, but not later than 12 hours after the alleged commission of the offence.

Immediately after the declaration of the results of the election, one copy each of the election notification and notifications declaring the results of the election may be forwarded to this office, without fail. You are also requested to furnish a 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 Honourable Supreme Court of India.

The details of the candidates elected as Councillors to the University Union along with two copies each of their passport size photographs duly attested by the Principal / Director may be forwarded to this office within one week of the declaration of the results. The details shall be furnished in the format supplied herewith.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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Enclosures:

1. Copy of the verdict of the Supreme Court of India on SLP No.24295/2004.(as part of the model election notification.)
2. Form of Election Notification.
3. Form of Nomination Paper.
4. Form of Ballot Paper.
5. Format for furnishing the details of the UUCs.

Copy to:

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram. (with C/L)
2. The Director General of Police, Thiruvananthapuram. (with C/L)
3. The Superintendent of Police, Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Idukki, Kottayam and Pathanamthitta.
4. The Commissioner of Police, Kochi city.
5. The Controller of Examinations, MG University.
6. PS to VC/PVC
7. PA to Registrar / F. O / C.E.
8. Public Relations Officer.