

## **BSOLS-Election to College Union 2025-26**

**Rules /Regulations/code of conduct issued in connection with BSOLS College Union Election, in accordance with the Lyngdoh Committee recommendations relating to the Code of Conduct for Candidates and administrators of election to College/ University Union, accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India by Order dated 22.09.2006 and guidelines issued by University /College authorities.**

### **Code of Conduct for Candidates and Elections Administrators:**

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.

2] Criticism of other candidates, when made, shall be confined to their policies and programs, past record and work. Candidates shall refrain from criticism of all aspects of private life, not connected with the public activities of the other candidates or supporters of such other candidates. Criticism of other candidates, or their supporters based on unverified allegations or distortion shall be avoided.

3]There shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes. Places of worship, within or without the campus shall not be used for election propaganda.

4]All candidates shall be prohibited from indulging or abetting, all activities which are considered to be "corrupt practices" and offences, such as bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters, canvassing or the use of propaganda within 100 meters of polling stations, holding public meetings during the period of 24 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of the poll, and the transport and conveyance of voters to and from polling station.

5]No candidate shall be permitted to make use of printed posters, printed pamphlets, or any other printed material for the purpose of canvassing. Candidates may only utilize hand-made posters for the purpose of canvassing, provided that such hand-made posters are procured within the expenditure limit set out herein above.

6]Candidates may only utilize hand-made posters at certain places in the campus, which shall be notified in advance by the College authorities .

7]No candidate shall be permitted to carry out processions, or public meetings, or in any way canvass or distribute propaganda outside the college campus.

8]No candidate shall, nor shall his/her supporters, deface or cause any destruction to any property of the college campus, for any purpose whatsoever, without the prior written permission of the college .

9]All candidates shall be held jointly and severally liable for any destruction / defacing of any college property.

10]During the election period the candidates may hold processions and / or public meetings, only with the prior permission of the college authority, provided that such processions and / or public meetings do not, in any manner, disturb the classes and other academic and co-curricular activities of the college .

11]Further, such procession / public meeting may not be held without the prior written permission of the college.

12]The use of loudspeakers, vehicles and animals for the purpose of canvassing shall be prohibited.

**On the day of polling,**

1] student organizations and candidates shall -:

- (i) co-operate with the officers on election duty to ensure peaceful and orderly polling and complete freedom to the voters to exercise their franchise without being subjected to any annoyance or obstruction;
- (ii) not serve or distribute any eatables, or other solid and liquid consumables, except water on polling day;
- (iii) not hand out any propaganda on the polling day.

2] Excepting the voters, no one without a valid pass / letter of authority from the election commission or from the college / university authorities shall enter the polling booths.

3] All candidates shall be jointly responsible for ensuring the cleaning up of the polling area within 48 hours of the conclusion of polling.

5] Any contravention of any of the above recommendations may make the candidate liable to be stripped of his candidature, or his elected post, as the case may be. The election commission / college / university authorities may also take appropriate disciplinary action against such a violator.

6] In addition to the above-mentioned code of conduct, it is also recommended that certain provisions of the BNS("Offences Relating to Election"), may also be made applicable to student elections.

**Election - Related Expenditure and Financial Accountability**

1] The maximum permitted expenditure per candidate shall be Rs.5000/-.

2] Each candidate shall, within two weeks of the declaration of the result, submit complete and audited accounts to the college/university authorities.

3] 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.

4] The election of the candidate will be nullified in the event of any non-compliance or in the event of any excessive expenditure.

5] 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.

**\* All candidates and all other concerned persons are hereby instructed to strictly follow the rules and regulations specified as per the order of the Supreme Court and University/college authorities.**

**Any violation of the same will be seriously and adversely affect the candidates and other related persons as well.**

**Returning Officer**

**14-08-2025**