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Guidelines- JNUSU Election 2023-24

This is brought to the notice of all concerned that JNUSU Election 2023-24 has to be conducted in strict compliance of Lyngdoh Committee Report (LCR) and Honourable Supreme Court of India Guidelines on Students Elections in Colleges/ Universities.

Although all the provisions of Lyngdoh Committee Report (LCR) are applicable to JNUSU elections, specific attention is being drawn to the following for strict compliance by all concerned.

1. During the period of the elections no person, who is not a student on the rolls of the University, shall be permitted to take part in the election process in any capacity. Any person, candidate or member of the student organization violating this rule shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings, in addition to the candidature, as the case may be, being revoked. (Clause No. 6.3.1)
2. **Eligibility criteria for candidates:** As on last date of nomination:
 - A. **AGE:**
 - i) For under graduate students: 17years to 22 years (Clause No. 6.5.1)
 - ii) For post graduate students: maximum 25 years (Clause No. 6.5.2)
 - iii) For research students: maximum 30 years (as Relaxation, for JNU Research Scholars, given by Supreme Court of India in Clause No. 6.5.3 vide its order dated 8/12/2011)
 - B. **Academic:** The candidate should in no event have any academic arrears in the year of contesting the election. (Clause No. 6.5.4)
 - C. **Attendance for under graduate and post graduate students:** The candidate should have attained the minimum percentage of attendance as prescribed by the University or 75% attendance, whichever is higher. (Clause No. 6.5.5)
 - D. **Maximum limit to contest election:** 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. (Clause No. 6.5.6)
 - E. **Clear record:** 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 misdemeanor. The candidate shall also not have been subject to any disciplinary action by the University authorities. (Clause No. 6.5.7)
 - F. **Regular student:** The candidate must be a regular student of the university and must be enrolled in a full time course, the course duration being at least one year. (Clause No. 6.5.8)
3. **Expenditure and Financial Accountability:**
 - i) The maximum permitted expenditure per candidate shall be Rs. 5000/- (Clause No. 6.6.1)
 - ii) Each candidate shall, within two weeks of the declaration of the result,

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submit complete and certified accounts (to be certified by the candidates) to the Dean of Students. The University shall publish such audited accounts, within 2 days of the submission of such accounts, through a suitable medium so that any member of the student body may freely examine the same. (Clause No. 6.6.2 modified and accepted by the Supreme Court of India vide its order dated 22/9/2006)

- iii) The election of the candidate 'will be nullified in the event of any non-compliance or in the event of any excessive expenditure. (Clause No. 6.6.3)
- iv) The candidates are barred from utilizing funds from any other sources than voluntary contributions from the student body. (Clause No. 6.6.4)

4. Bills and statement of expenditure:

- i) The self certified statement of expenditure must be submitted by each individual candidate separately.
- ii) The self certified original bills, in support of statement of expenditure, must be submitted by each candidate separately.
- iii) The bill(s) should be in order and not for collective expenditure of more than one candidate.
- iv) All bills must be bearing followings details:
 - a) Name of the Vender/Seller
 - b) Name of the candidate as borrower/purchaser
 - c) Date
 - d) PAN/TIN of the Vender/Seller, and GST, if applicable.

5. Code of conducts for candidates:

- i) 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. (Clause No. 6.7. I)
- ii) 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. (Clause No. 6.7.2)
- iii) 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. (Clause No. 6.7.3)
- iv) 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 metres 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. (Clause No. 6.7.4)
- v) 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, photostat copies of pamphlets and manifestoes for the purpose of canvassing**, provided that such hand-made posters are procured within the expenditure limit set out herein above at 3.(i). (Clause No. 6.7.5 and as per order of Supreme Court of India dated 8/12/2011)
- vi) Candidates may only utilize hand-made posters at the designated places in the campus, which is notified by the University. (Clause No. 6.7.6)
- vii) No candidate shall be permitted to carry out processions, or public

- meetings, or in any way canvass or distribute propaganda outside the university campus. (Clause No. 6.7.7)
- viii) No candidate shall, nor shall his/her supporters, deface or cause any destruction to any property of the university, for any purpose whatsoever, without the prior written permission of the University authorities. All candidates shall be held jointly and severally liable for any destruction / defacing of any university property. (Clause No. 6.7.8)
- ix) During the election period the candidates may hold processions and / or public meetings, 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 University. Further, such procession / public meeting may not be held without the prior written permission of the University authority. (Clause No. 6.7.9)
- x) The use of loudspeakers, vehicles and animals for the purpose of canvassing shall be prohibited. (Clause No. 6.7.10)
- xi) On the day of polling, student organizations and candidates shall -(Clause No. 6.7.11)
- (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.
- xii) Excepting the voters, no one without a valid pass / letter of authority from the Chairperson, Election Committee shall enter the polling booths. (Clause No.6.7.12)
- xiii) If the candidates have any specific complaint or problem regarding the conduct of the elections they may bring the same to the notice of the observer appointed by the University authority.(Clause No. 6.7.13)
- xiv) All candidates shall be jointly responsible for ensuring the cleaning up of the polling area within 48 hours of the conclusion of polling. (Clause No. 6.7.14)
- xv) Any contravention of any of the above guidelines may make the candidate liable to be stripped of his candidature, or his elected post, as the case may be. The Chairperson, Election Committee / Dean of Students may also take appropriate disciplinary action against such a violator. (Clause No. 6.7.15)
- xvi) In addition to the above-mentioned code of conduct, it is also mentioned that certain provisions of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Section 153A and Chapter IXA- "Offences Relating to Election"), may also be made applicable to student elections. (Clause No. 6.7.16)
- 6. Grievance:** Any student, except member of Grievances Redressal Cell (GRC), may file a complaint with the Grievance Redressal cell, within a period of 3 weeks from the date of declaration of results. All complaints must be filed under the name of the student filing the complaint. The Grievance cell shall act on all complaints within 24 hours after *they* are received by either dismissing them or calling a hearing. (Clause No. 6.8.1)

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