

JAGANNATH BAROOAH COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)
OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER
JBCSU ELECTION, 2023-24
JORHAT

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In pursuance of the report of the committee constituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India (J.M. Lyngdoh Committee), the following code of conduct for candidates and Election Officials has been issued for the smooth functioning of JBCSU Election, 2023-24.

Code of Conduct for Candidates and Election Officials

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 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.

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.
6. Candidates may only utilize hand-made posters at certain places in the campus, which shall be notified in advance by the Returning Officer or college authority.
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. All candidates shall be held jointly and severally liable for any destruction/ defacing of any college property.
9. 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 college. Further, such procession / public meeting may not be held without the prior written permission of the college authority.
10. The use of loudspeakers, vehicles and animals for the purpose of canvassing shall be prohibited.
11. On the day of polling, 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.
12. Excepting the voters, no one without a valid pass / letter of authority from the Returning Officer or from the college authority shall enter the polling booths.

13. The Returning Officer shall appoint impartial observers. 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.

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

15. 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 Returning Officer / college authorities may also take appropriate disciplinary action against such a violator.

16. In no circumstances, other than notified by the Returning Officer, the employees of the college are not allowed to be involved in the JBGSU election process in any capacity.

17. In addition to the above-mentioned code of conduct, it is also recommended 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.



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