

## MANUUTA ELECTIONS: 2017

### MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CANDIDATES

#### **I. General Conduct**

1. Members shall strictly maintain the sanctity of the University and must not speak against the authorities and administration as a part of election campaign.
2. No candidate shall indulge in any activity which may provoke/incite tension between different castes and communities, religious or linguistic.
3. Candidates shall refrain from speaking ill of any member of the University.
4. There shall be no appeal to caste or communal or religious feelings for securing votes.
5. All candidates shall avoid activities which are "corrupt practices" and offences under the election law, such as bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters, canvassing near polling station etc.
6. Candidates or his followers are not permitted to make use of university property for erecting flags, suspending banners, pasting notices, writing slogans etc.
7. All candidates shall ensure that their supporters do not create obstructions in or break up meetings and processions organised by other candidates.
8. Outsiders (those who are not the members of the MANUU) shall not in any way be permitted to furtherance the interest of the candidate.
9. Posters issued by one candidate shall not be removed by workers of another candidate. Posters shall be pasted only on the wall of democracy or place assigned.
10. Election will be held in a highly democratic way and transparency will be maintained therefore, if any member having any problem he/she shall refrain from propaganda but lodge their complaint in writing to the Chairman, Election Commission.

#### **II. About Meetings**

1. Candidates shall inform the concerned person or authority about the venue and time of the proposed meeting well in advance in order to maintain peace and order.
2. A candidate shall ascertain in advance if there are any restrictive or prohibitory orders in force in the place proposed for the meeting. If such orders exist, they shall be followed strictly. If any exemption is required from such orders, it shall be applied for and permission to be obtained well in time.
3. No loudspeaker or such devices shall be used during the meeting. Peace and dignity of the University shall be maintained, all through the meetings.
4. Organisers of a meeting shall not take action against any person who causes any disturbance, but report to the Chairman, Election Commission.
5. The organisers shall take steps to maintain the decorum of the University so that no academic activity gets obstructed or suspended.

#### **III. On Polling Day**

The candidates shall –

1. Co-operate with the officers on election duty to ensure peaceful and orderly polling and to provide complete freedom to the voters to exercise their franchise without being subjected to any annoyance or obstruction.
2. One person nominated by contesting candidate is permitted to sit near the polling hall as agent on the day of polling. He or She must be regular employee of MANUU. Name of the agent should be given to Chairman, Election Commission in advance.
3. Refrain from serving or distributing gifts on polling day and during campaign.

4. Not allow any crowd to assemble near the camps set up by the candidates near the polling booth so as to avoid confrontation and tension among workers and sympathisers of the candidate;
5. Ensure that the candidate's camps shall be simple. They shall not display any posters, flags, symbols or any other propaganda material. No eatables shall be served or crowd allowed at the camps.

#### IV. At Polling Booth

Except the voters, no one without a valid pass from the Chairman, Election Commission shall enter the polling booths.


#### V. To Agents

If the candidates or their agents have any specific complaint or problem regarding the conduct of elections they may bring the same to the notice of the Chairman, Election Commission.

#### VI. Those in Power

1. The candidate must ensure that he/she shall not use any official position to further his/her interest in election. The candidate must avoid the following items for the purpose of election particularly:

- A. office personnel;
  - B. office stationary
  - C. official machinery;
  - D. office transport;
2. Places like parks, halls, rooms, premises etc., for holding election meetings shall not be monopolised. Other candidates shall be allowed the use of such places and facilities on the same terms and conditions;
  3. Any person/s holding the position shall not enter the polling station or counting area in his/her present capacity except as the voter or authorised agent.

  
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