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Election Rules for Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalaya Students' Union (PDUAMSU) (2026-2027)

Eligibility Criteria for the Candidates

- a) All regular students having the age limit between 17 to 22 years (Ref: Lyngdoh committee recommendation) on the date of scrutiny of nomination form have the right to contest in the process of the PDUAMSU, Dalgaon election.
- b) The candidates can contest maximum for one session for a single post of the office bearer. Each candidate can contest for a single post throughout his/her period of study.
- c) A candidate can file nomination papers for a single post only once.
- d) Undergraduate students of H.S. 1st yr. and Degree 1st, 2nd year may contest in the PDUAMSU, Dalgaon election.
- e) The candidate should in no event have any financial dues to the college and should not have any academic arrears in all previous semesters/examinations for contesting the election. The academic arrear shall include the students who have dropped from any final/end semester examination or required to clear any back paper.
- f) The candidates should have attained a minimum of an average of 75% class attendance in any two papers (except SEC, MDC, VAC & AEC) of current semester to contest in the PDUAMSU election.
- g) During the period of election, no person, who is not a regular student of the college shall be permitted to take part in the election process in any capacity. Any person, candidate or member of the student organization is found violating the rule shall be subjected to disciplinary proceedings, in addition to forfeiture of his/her candidature as the case may be.
- h) The candidate must not have any previous criminal records and he/she should not have been subjected to any disciplinary action by the College Authority. Candidate must submit a self-declaration form along with the nomination form.
- i) A contesting candidate can propose or support another candidate.
- j) In case, no candidate contests for a post or the nomination papers filed by the candidate/candidates in that particular post is found to be invalid, the college authorities shall have the right to nominate a candidate for such a post.

PDUAMSU Election Committee:

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalaya Students' Union Election shall be conducted by the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalaya Student's Union Election Committee duly formed by the college authority. The committee shall conduct election according by the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalaya Students' Union Election Rules.



Submission of the Nomination Paper:

A contesting candidate must submit the nomination paper in the prescribed format issued by PDUAMSU Election Conduct Committee within the stipulated time. A candidate must submit their duly filled nomination papers to the Assistant Returning Officers. The candidate should fill up their nominations papers in the same language as the language in which the prescribed form is printed.

Scrutiny of the Nomination papers:

The scrutiny of the nomination papers shall be done by a team of faculty members appointed by the college authority and the provisional list of the contesting candidates shall be published by the Returning officer on the same day.

Rejection of Nomination Paper:

Nomination papers shall be rejected on the following grounds:

1. Failure on the part of the candidate to submit along with the nomination paper:-
 - i. Clearance certificates in origin for attendance obtained for concerned department of the candidate.
 - ii. Self-attested photocopy of mark sheets/grade sheets of the last final examinations of the candidate.
 - iii. Self-attested photocopy of the clearance certificates of college fees of the candidate.
 - iv. Clearance certificates in origin for attendance and college dues of the proposer and the supporter.
 - v. Clearance certificate from the college library of the candidate.
 - vi. Self declaration (Standard) regarding non-indulgence in criminal activities.
2. Failure on the part of the candidate, the proposer and the supporter to sign their names in full. Signing in block letters shall also lead to rejection.
3. Failure to write the name of the office/ filling up of the form neatly, correctly and in exact form as it appears in election notification. Use of whitener is prohibited.
4. Making a false declaration in the nomination paper shall lead to the forfeiture of voting right of the student in the election.
5. Copy of college ID card should be submitted.
6. Submission of incomplete forms will lead to rejection of candidature.
7. Forms found without the signature of the Returning Officers will be rejected.
8. If the candidate is found to be lacking in any of the stated qualifications.
9. If the forms are found to be damaged or worn down, the candidature will be rejected.
10. If the proposer and supporter of a candidate are found to be proposer/supporter of more than one candidate will be rejected.
11. If any other anomaly/anomalies are found in the forms, it will be rejected.
12. If any candidate is found tampering the nomination form in any manner, his/her candidature shall be liable to be cancelled.

Withdrawal of Nomination Paper:

A candidate can voluntarily withdraw his/her candidature. The opinion of his/her proposer or supporter shall have no say over the candidate's decision.

Code of Conduct:

1. No candidate shall indulge in, nor shall abet in any activity, which may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different caste 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 any aspects of the private life which is not

- connected with the public activities of the other candidates, or their supporters based on verified allegations or distortion.
3. There shall be no appeal on caste and communal feeling for securing votes. Place of worship within or outside the campus shall not be used for election propaganda.
 4. All candidates shall be prohibited from indulging in or abetting any activities which are considered to be "corrupt practices" and offences, such as bringing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters, canvassing or the use of propaganda within 100 meters of polling station, holding public meeting during the period of 24 hours ending with the fixed for the close of the poll, and providing of transport and conveyance to voters to and from polling station.
 5. Candidates are prohibited from seeking or accepting any financial, physical, or logistical support from individuals or organisations outside the institution.
 6. No candidate shall be affiliated with, or supported by, any external political party. The use of party symbols, banners, or political party funding is strictly forbidden.
 7. No candidate shall be permitted to make use of printed posters, printed pamphlets, or any other printed material for the purpose of canvassing. Candidate may only utilize handmade posters procured within the expenditure limit set out in these rules.
 8. Candidates may only utilize handmade posters at certain places in the campus, which shall be notified in advance by the PDUAM Election Committee constituted by the college authority.
 9. No candidate shall be permitted to carry out processions or hold public meetings or in any way canvas or distribute propaganda materials outside the college campus.
 10. No candidate shall nor his /her supporters paste posters, deface or cause any destruction to any property of the college.
 11. During the election campaigning period the candidates may hold processions and/or meetings inside the campus provided that such processions or meetings do not, in any manner, disturb the classes and other academic and co-curricular activities of the college. Further, such procession/meeting shall not be held without prior written permission of the Principal of the college. Campaigning inside the class room is strictly prohibited.
 12. The use of loudspeakers, vehicles and animals for the purpose of canvassing is strictly prohibited.
 13. On the day of polling, student organization and candidates shall:
 - i. Co-operate with the officers on election duty to ensure peaceful and orderly polling and provide complete freedom to the voters to exercise their franchise without being subjected to any annoyance or obstruction.
 - ii. Not allowed to serve or distribute any eatables or other solid and liquid consumable except water.
 - iii. Candidate may appoint maximum one polling agent inside polling booth.
 14. Except the voter, no person without a valid pass/letter of authority from the election conduct committee of the college shall enter the polling rooms.
 15. The election committee of the college shall appoint impartial observers to oversee the process of nomination of the candidates having any specific complain or problem regarding the conduct of the election; they may bring the same to the notice of the observers.
 16. All the candidates shall be jointly responsible for ensuring the cleaning up the polling area within 48 hours of the conclusion of polling.
 17. Any contravention of any of the above recommendations may make the candidate liable to be stripped of his/her candidature, or his/her elected posts, as the case maybe. The Election Committee of the college may also take appropriate disciplinary action against such a violator.
 18. Campaigning should end at 4 pm on the previous day of the election date.
 19. No booth is allowed to be constructed on the day of the election.

20. After the declaration of the results of PDUAMSU election, public processions, meeting, celebration with fire-crackers, loud speakers or any sound amplifying devices are strictly prohibited to maintain public order.
21. All candidates shall be responsible for ensuring the cleanliness of election campaigning materials within the college campus and no furniture shall be provided to them by the college for the election purpose.

Casting of votes:

Voting shall be done on the date of the election from **7:30 am to 12:30 pm** in some venues fixed by the PDUAM Student's Union Election Committee. A group of faculty members shall act as the Presiding Officers. In case of any dispute regarding the election process the decision of the Presiding Officer will be final. A polling agent appointed by each of the candidate will witness the voting process. After the stipulated time the ballots boxes shall be sealed properly and return the boxes to the returning officers along with the Presiding officers diary and account of ballots. Sealed boxes shall be kept in the police custody till the counting of votes.

If any candidate or his/her supporters are found misbehaving with any election official, the candidature of the said candidate will be cancelled and disciplinary action can be initiated against both the candidate and his/her supporters. During the period of election no outsider shall be allowed to put forth their opinions on the ongoing election. If any student is found casting vote impersonating as other student, his/her vote will be immediately cancelled and disciplinary action will be initiated by the authority. All decisions taken by the Election Committee will be final. If required the rules for conducting the electoral process can be changed by the Election Committee.

Counting of Votes:

Counting of ballot papers/votes shall be done as scheduled. College authority shall appoint the required counting officers from the faculty members of the college. Counting agents (one for each candidate) duly appointed by the candidate can witness the counting procedure. If any anomaly occurs during the process of counting of votes, the decision to suspend or recount of votes will be taken by the Returning Officer. Neither the candidate nor the counting agent will be allowed to take their phones inside the counting booth.

Declaration of Result:

After the counting is over, returning officers shall handover the result to the principal, PDUAM and the final result shall be notified by the Principal, PDUAM.

Recounting of Votes:

Any objection related to the counting of ballots shall have to be raised by the duly appointed counting agents during the counting process. For recounting, the concerned candidate shall submit an application along with **recounting fee Rs. 500** in support of his/her demand to the returning officer after the declaration of the result within the specified time given in the election notification. Final decision of recounting of votes shall be taken by the **Office of the Election Board, PDUAM, Dalgaoon.**

Eligibility of Voters:

- a. All the regular students of PDUAM will have right to vote in PDUAM Student's Union Election.
- b. The college authority shall upload the provisional voter's list at college website at an early date before the date of election. The final voter's list will be uploaded before the date of election.
- c. Identity card with photograph issued by the principal of the college must be produced by the voters before casting vote, otherwise, he/she will not be allowed to cast his/her vote.

d. All candidates and voters should be present in full uniform on the day of the election.

Election Related Expenditure:

1. The maximum permitted expenditure per candidate shall be ₹5000/-
2. Each candidate shall submit complete and audited accounts, certified by the candidate himself/herself to the Election Conduct Committee of the college within 14 days of the declaration of the result. The college shall publish such audited accounts within 2 (two) days of the submission of such accounts through its official websites.
3. The election of the candidate will be nullified in the event of any non-compliance or in the event of any excessive expenditure.
4. 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.

Non-compliance/Violation of the Rules:

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. PDUAMSU Election Committee may also advise the college authority to take appropriate disciplinary action against such a violator. In addition to the above, a candidate may also be prosecuted for any violation under provision of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Section 153 and Chapter IX A "offences relating of Election") if it is so decided by the principal in consultation with the Election Committee.

Maintenance of Law and Order:

Any instance of acute lawlessness or the commission of a criminal offence shall be reported either to the Grievance Redressal Committee of PDUAM or to the local police by the Principal of the college as soon as possible.

Removal of Challenges:

The Principal/Returning Officer shall issue necessary instructions/guidelines in consonance with these rules for removal of all challenges in the matter of holding elections and matters connected to and ancillary thereto and for smooth conduct of elections and for effective implementation of the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and shall also be entitled to effect any amendment to these rules.

Assumption of office and handling over charges.

After declaration of the result, the newly elected members of PDUAMSU, Dalgaon shall assume the offices after taking oath in presence of the Principal, PDUAM and the members of the PDUAMSU Election Committee. The Principal of PDUAM, Dalgaon will notify for the assumption of office of the newly elected office bearers of PDUAMSU.

NOTE: All candidates contesting the election shall go through the **CONSTITUTION OF STUDENTS' UNION PDUAM, DALGAON** uploaded in college website to ensure awareness of their duties, responsibilities and the principles governing the electoral process of PDUAMSU Election 2026-27.

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