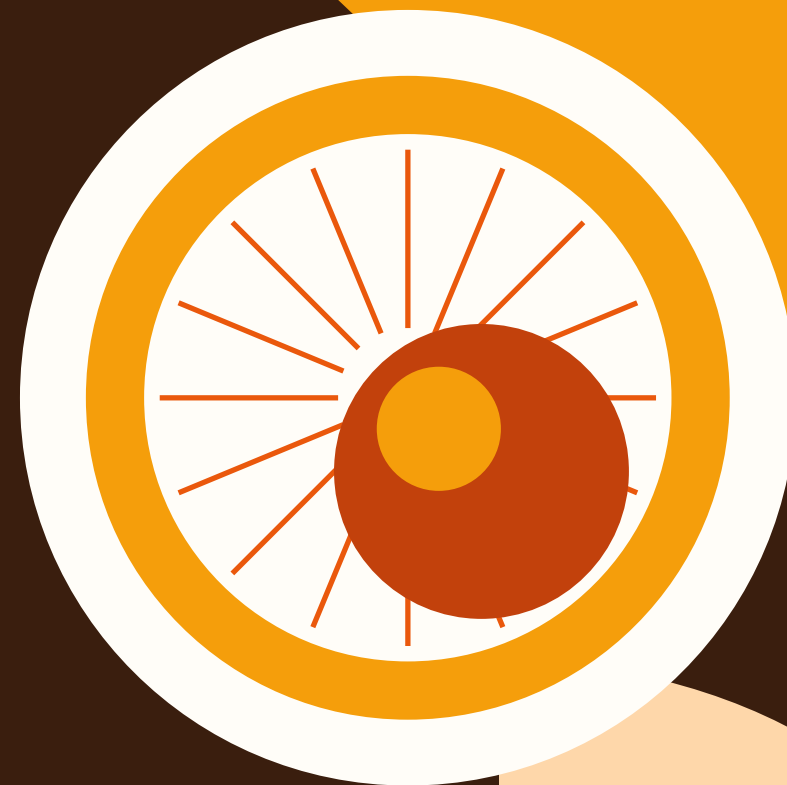


STUDENTS' UNION ELECTION

For Principals, Heads of Institutions and election administrators

HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



I. No.	Event	Date	Time
1	Official Notification regarding dateline for Election	07.10.2026 (Wednesday)	—
2	Nomination Filing	09.10.2026 (Friday)	10:00 AM to 01:00 PM
3	Scrutiny of Nominations	09.10.2026 (Friday)	02:00 PM to 04:00 PM
4	Publication of Valid Nominations	09.10.2026 (Friday)	05:00 PM
5	Withdrawal of Nominations	10.10.2026 (Saturday)	10:00 AM to 01:00 PM
6	Publication of Final Candidate List	10.10.2026 (Saturday)	03:00 PM
7	Meeting on “Why I Stand For”	14.10.2026 (Wednesday)	—
8	Date of Polling	15.10.2026 (Thursday)	08:00 AM to 02:00 PM
9	Counting & Result Declaration	15.10.2026 (Thursday)	02:00 PM onwards till completion of counting and declaration of results
10	Oath-Taking Ceremony and Reserved Day (Presidential Holiday)	16.10.2026 (Friday)	11:00 AM

Eligibility

01

AGE

UG: 17–22 years
PG: up to 25 years

02

ACADEMICS

No arrears in the
year of contest

03

ATTENDANCE

Minimum 75%
classroom attendance

04

OPPORTUNITY

1× office-bearer
2× executive member

05

CLEAN RECORD

No criminal record, conviction,
disciplinary action or pending case

06

ENROLMENT

Regular full-time SAMS student;
Distance and PPP modes excluded

6/6

mandatory checks

ELIGIBLE

only when every
check is satisfied

Institutional verification must
precede HIMS submission.

Financial Accountability



5,000

MAXIMUM PER CANDIDATE

**Excess or non-compliant
spending can nullify the
election.**

ACCOUNTABILITY CLOCK

01

Fund only from students

Voluntary contributions from the student body only — no political-party or other-source funds.

02

Submit certified accounts

Candidate submits complete election expenditure accounts within 2 weeks of the result.

03

Publish on HIMS

College publishes the submitted accounts within 2 days for student-body scrutiny.

NON-COMPLIANCE OR EXCESSIVE EXPENDITURE → ELECTION LIABLE TO BE NULLIFIED

Campaign Conduct



DO

Keep criticism to policies, programmes, public record and work.

Maintain decorum on social media and digital platforms.

Protect harmony across castes, communities, religions, languages and student groups.

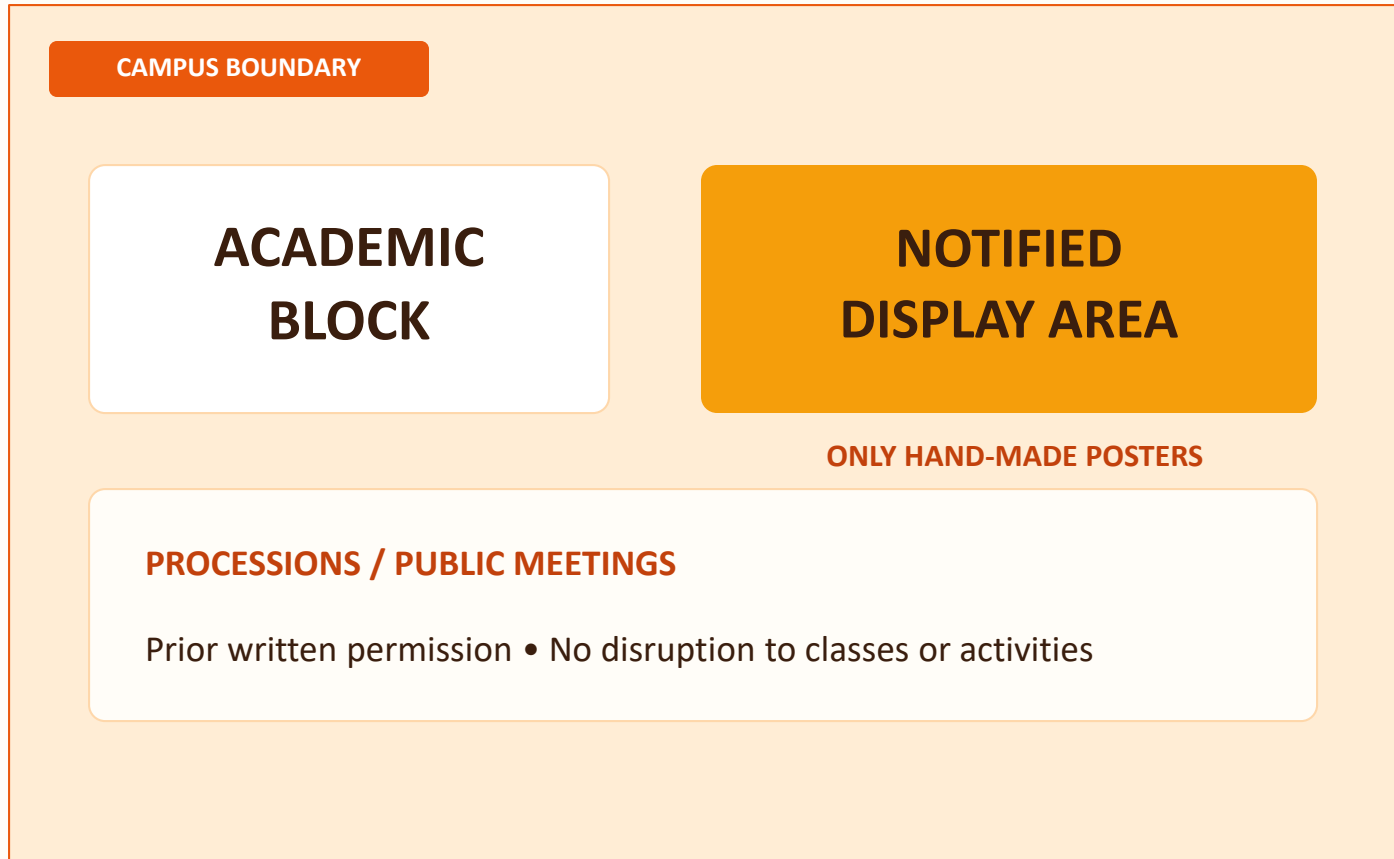
Use verifiable facts — not private-life attacks or distortion.



DO NOT

- Abuse, offence, derogatory language, personal attacks or defamation
- **False, misleading, manipulated or AI-generated fake content**
- Caste or communal appeals; use of places of worship for propaganda
- Bribery, intimidation, impersonation or prohibited canvassing

Campaign Operations



PROHIBITED

-  **PRINT**
Printed posters, pamphlets or other printed canvassing material
-  **OUT**
Processions, public meetings or propaganda outside campus
-  **DAMAGE**
Defacement or damage to college property without written permission
-  **NOISE**
Loudspeakers, vehicles and animals for canvassing

CANDIDATES SHARE LIABILITY FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE

Peaceful access, a silent zone and fast cleanup

100m

No canvassing or
propaganda near
polling stations

24h

No public meetings
during
the final 24 hours



PASS

Only voters or
authorised
pass-holders enter
booths

48 HOURS

All candidates are jointly responsible for cleaning the polling area.

₹1500 EACH

Build three visible lines of impartial supervision

3

LINES OF
DEFENCE

Neutral
Visible
Accountabl
e

01

INSTITUTIONAL HEAD

Owens compliance, appoints election machinery, receives appeals and may affirm, overturn or modify sanctions.

02

IMPARTIAL OBSERVERS

Appointed from within the institution; given no other election duty; receive specific complaints and oversee nominations where used.

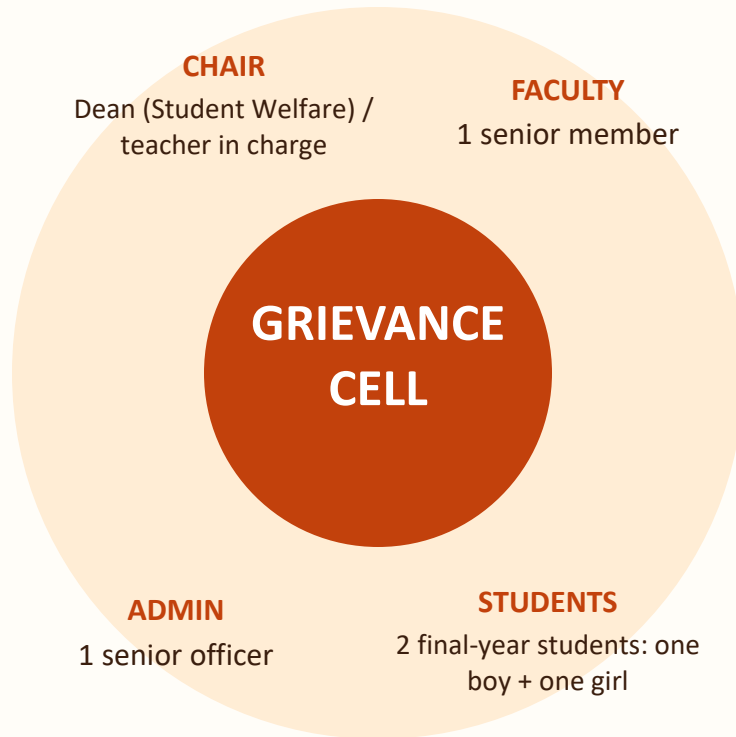
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DISTRICT NODAL OFFICERS

Monitor institutions in their jurisdictions and ensure adherence to guidelines and the election schedule.

District Nodal Officer appointment: Higher Education Department

Grievance Redressal



COMPLAINT CLOCK

≤ 3 WEEKS

Any other student may file a named complaint after results. Student cell members may not file.

≤ 24 HOURS

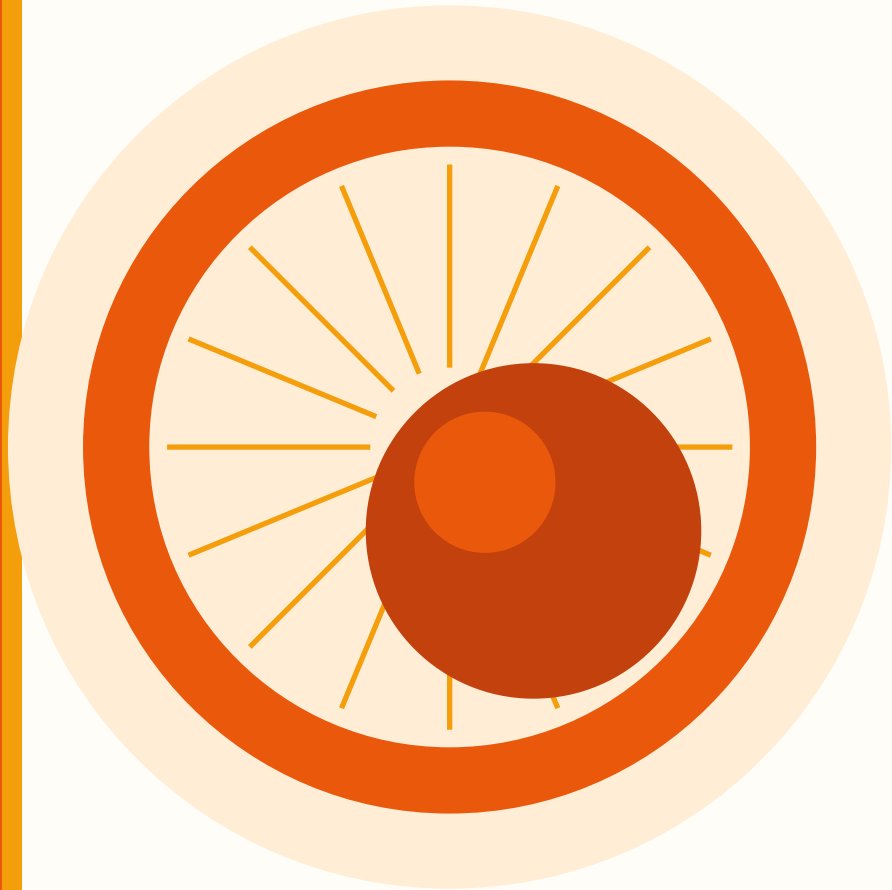
The cell must dismiss the complaint or call a hearing.

POWERS

Issue written notice or summons • require evidence and records • inspect candidate financial reports • make records available for scrutiny

DISMISSAL GROUNDS

Late filing • no valid cause of action • no actual or likely injury/damage



THANK YOU

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