

OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER:: CDCSU, 2026

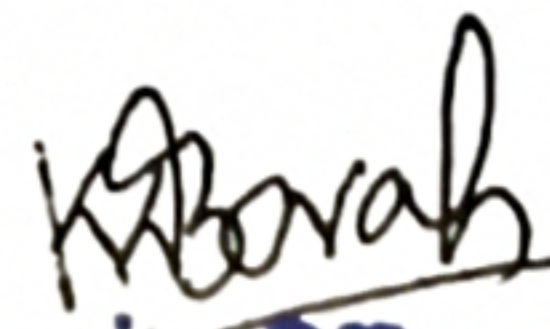
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Code of Conduct for Candidates contesting CDCSU election, 2026

1. The maximum permitted expenditure per candidate is Rs. 5000/- only.
2. The candidates must not make use of printed posters, printed pamphlets or any other printed material for canvassing. They may only utilize hand-made posters procured within the expenditure limit.
3. Carrying out processions, holding meetings, canvassing or distributing propaganda material outside the campus are prohibited. Inside the campus processions and meetings may be held with prior written permission of the college authority without disturbing classes and other academic and co-curricular activities of the College.
4. The use of musical instruments, music systems, speakers, vehicles and animals for the purpose of canvassing is prohibited.
5. A Grievance Redressal Cell has been constituted (as notified by the Principal). The Grievance Redressal Cell shall be mandated with the redress of election related grievances, including, but not limited to, the codes of conduct of the elections and complaints relating to election related expenditure. Complaints, if any, must be filed with the Cell as per the guidelines of the Lyngdoh committee.
6. On the day of Polling:
 - i. The candidates must co-operate with the officers on election duty to ensure peaceful and orderly Polling and complete freedom to the voters for exercising their franchise.
 - ii. The candidates must not hand out any propaganda material.
7. The candidates must not indulge in corrupt practices like bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters and transportation of voters to and from the polling station.
8. All candidates shall be jointly and severally liable for any destruction or defacing of the college property.
9. All candidates shall be jointly responsible for ensuring the cleaning up of the Polling area within 48 hours of the conclusion of the election.
10. The candidates must not indulge in any activity which creates mutual hatred or cause tension between different castes and communities and groups of students.
11. Places of worship within and outside the college campus must not be used for election propaganda.
12. Class Campaigning will be permitted on the 17th/18th /19th September'26 during college hours.
13. No postering or wall writing should be made on the walls of the College buildings and on the boundary walls. Such acts will lead to cancellation of candidature of the student in whose name the posters or the wall writings are made.

14. The corridors of the College building should be kept free from banners and posters.
15. The candidates should inform the students that –
 - a. They must come in their College uniform to vote failing which they will not be allowed to vote. (Jeans, T-Shirts or other formal or informal dresses will not be allowed to enter).
 - b. All students including H.S. 1st & 2nd year must produce their Identity card & current/latest admission fee receipt before the polling personals for the purpose of casting of their votes.
 - c. The students who have no Identity card must produce photo identity, such as Aadhaar card / PAN card / driving license / bank pass book etc. along with their current/latest admission fee receipt before the polling personals for the purpose of casting of their votes.
16. Each candidate will be allowed two pairs of desks and benches for use on the day of polling on written request. They must return the same without any damage done just after the completion of polling, for they will be penalized for such damages.
17. Casting of vote on a Ballot Paper by the voters will be considered valid only when it is shown by a VOTING MARK (*Seal provided by the election committee*) against the name of a particular candidate without touching the border lines. No vote will be considered valid if it is shown against the name of a particular candidate by any sign other than a VOTING MARK (*Seal provided by the election committee*).
18. A Ballot Paper will be considered invalid/rejected.
 - i. When any remark is made on any place of the Ballot Paper.
 - ii. When a voter casts his vote to more than one candidate.
 - iii. When there is no voting mark (Seal).
 - iv. When the stamped voting symbol crosses into the box of the next candidate.
19. Where there is any confusion in decision making regarding rejection/invalidity of vote, the appointed Presiding Officer or Counting Officer's decision will be final. And if the officer wants to clear any doubt he can take the help of the observers to make the final decision.
20. The invalid/rejected ballot paper will be stamped with a "Rejected" seal. Once a ballot paper is rejected it won't be taken into consideration later in any condition.
21. Only 1 (one) agent of each candidate shall be allowed to remain present in every polling booth as well as every counting room. There will be 5 polling booths and 2 counting rooms.
22. The candidates will have to collect Passes for their agents on 19th September 2026 from the Election Office.
23. The Agents must see that polling and counting are conducted to their full satisfaction. Complaints regarding polling or counting must be resolved with the Returning officer in the Polling or Counting Room itself.
24. The official counting of votes by the Board of Tellers will be accepted as final and binding.

25. The candidates will have to abide by all the election rules declared by the Returning Officer.
26. If the candidates have any specific complaint or problem regarding the conduct of the election they may bring the same to the notice of the Grievance Redressal Cell appointed by the Principal for the purpose.
27. Shri Soumitra Baruah, Dr. Arunima Hazarika, Shri Munin Kr. Das, Dr Bipul Saikia and Sri Prasanta Saikia have been appointed as the observers to oversee the voting and counting modalities and issues.
28. If any mismatch arises between the number of ballot papers used in a particular polling booth and the number of ballot papers of that polling booth on the counting days, the ballot papers found in the sealed ballot box on the counting day will be treated as final and binding.
29. It will be the duty of each voter to raise a complaint if a ballot booklet does not contain ballot papers for all 14 portfolios. On the counting day, if it is found that a ballot booklet has less than 14 ballot papers, it will be used for counting the votes for the portfolios present in the ballot booklet. No complaint in this regard will be entertained and accepted at the time of counting.
30. Any dispute with respect to the rejection of a vote or invalid vote while scrutinizing the ballot paper during counting must be resolved straight away. If the Agent of the candidate does not agree with the decision of the official teller, the issue will be resolved by a team of senior teachers (appointed by the principal as the observers to oversee the voting and counting modalities and issues). The decision of the senior teachers shall be final and binding on all respects and on all candidates.
31. While recounting (if need arises), the status of vote (accepted or rejected or invalid) will not be changed under any circumstances.
32. Recounting application in writing along with recounting fee has to be submitted within one hour (1 hr.) of the declaration of the results.
33. No recounting claim will be entertained under any circumstances if the margin of victory is more than 10. Recounting fee is fixed at ₹2000/-per portfolio.
34. Any contravention of any of the above codes will render the candidate liable to be stripped of his candidature or his elected post as the case may be. The college authority will take appropriate disciplinary action against the violators.


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