

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL
SIDDHESWAR COLLEGE, AMARDA ROAD, BALASORE

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NOTICE

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR POLLING DAY

All students, candidates, their supporters and other stakeholders are hereby informed that the Students' Union Election shall be conducted on 15th October, 2026. Everyone is instructed to maintain discipline, ensure a peaceful atmosphere and strictly follow the polling-day code of conduct prescribed by the College Election Committee and the applicable election guidelines.

A. Code of Conduct for Candidates

1. Candidates shall maintain discipline and cooperate with the Election Officer and polling personnel.
2. No campaigning, canvassing, vote solicitation or distribution of campaign materials shall be permitted during polling, or within any restricted area specified by the applicable election guidelines.
3. Candidates shall not threaten, intimidate, pressure or influence voters through coercion, inducement or harassment.
4. No candidate shall make defamatory statements, personal attacks or inflammatory remarks against other candidates.
5. Candidates shall not obstruct the entry or movement of voters or interfere with polling arrangements.
6. No candidate or supporter shall damage college property, deface walls or create disorder on campus.
7. Candidates shall follow the designated rules regarding entry, identity verification and access to polling areas.

B. Code of Conduct for Students and Voters

1. Every eligible voter shall carry the prescribed college identity card or other authorised identification and follow the verification procedure.
2. Students shall cast their votes independently and voluntarily, without pressure or intimidation.
3. Students shall maintain queues and follow the instructions of polling personnel.
4. No student shall engage in campaigning, shouting slogans, group demonstrations or activities that disturb polling.
5. Voters must respect the secrecy of the ballot. Photographing, recording or sharing a marked ballot shall not be permitted where prohibited by the applicable rules.
6. Students shall not interfere with ballot papers, ballot boxes, voter lists or other election materials.
7. Any suspected irregularity, intimidation or violation shall be reported immediately to the Election Officer or authorised polling personnel.
8. After casting the vote, the voters must exit the campus immediately.

C. Prohibited Activities on Polling Day

The following activities are strictly prohibited, subject to the applicable college election rules:

- Distribution of money, gifts, food or other inducements to influence votes.
- Threats, physical violence, abusive language, harassment or intimidation.
- Unauthorised entry into polling stations or restricted areas.
- Forging identity documents, impersonating voters, or attempting to vote more than once.
- Tampering with ballot papers, ballot boxes, voting machines or election records.
- Unauthorised use of loudspeakers, campaign posters, banners or other publicity materials.
- Disrupting polling, obstructing voters or interfering with the duties of polling personnel.
- Bringing prohibited items into the polling area or violating campus safety instructions.
- Mobile phones are strictly prohibited inside the polling booths and no one will be allowed to enter with their mobile phones into the polling booths.

D. Instructions for Polling Personnel

1. Verify the identity and eligibility of voters according to the prescribed procedure.
2. Maintain order, impartiality and confidentiality throughout polling.
3. Ensure that eligible voters can cast their votes without interference.
4. Record and report complaints, irregularities or incidents to the Election Officer.
5. Secure election materials and follow the prescribed counting and result-declaration procedures.
6. Do not disclose a voter's choice or compromise ballot secrecy.

E. General Instructions

1. All students shall comply with instructions issued by the Principal, Election Officer and authorised polling personnel.
 2. Students must maintain cleanliness and protect college property.
 3. Unauthorised gatherings and activities disrupting academic or election-related work shall not be permitted.
 4. Any complaint shall be submitted to the Election Officer through the prescribed procedure.
 5. Violations may result in appropriate action under the applicable college rules and election guidelines, following due procedure.
- All students and candidates are requested to cooperate with the College Election Committee to ensure that the polling process is peaceful, fair, transparent and orderly.


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