

## **MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CANDIDATES STANDING FOR ELECTIONS 2010**

This Code of Conduct is a collection of some expected behaviors and restrictions that must be followed by all candidates standing in the elections. These guidelines come into effect once the announcement of the election is made till the announcement of the results. Violation of these norms will attract punitive actions from the election officers ranging from cancellation of candidature to prohibition from participating in future elections.

### **General Conduct**

(1) No candidate shall indulge in any activity which may aggravate or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different castes and communities – religious, linguistic, etc.

(2) Criticism of other candidates, when made, shall be confined to their policies and programmes. Candidates shall refrain from criticism of all aspects of private life, not connected with public activities. Criticism of other candidates based on unverified allegations or distortion must be avoided.

(3) There shall be no appeal to caste, regional and communal feelings for securing votes. Lecture theatres, OAT or any other place on the college campus shall not be used as a forum for election propaganda. No rallies and public meetings shall be held. A proper platform for putting candidate's uniqueness will be provided by the election commission.

(4) All candidates must scrupulously avoid all activities which are "corrupt practices", such as bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters, provision of transport and conveyance of voters to and from the polling station. Candidates are asked not to arrange any parties or treats as long as the code of conduct is in affect.

(5) The right of every individual for peaceful and undisturbed personal-life shall be respected, however much the candidates may resent that individual's opinions or activities.

(6) No candidate shall permit himself/herself or his/her supporters to make use of any college building, compound wall etc., for suspending banners, pasting notices, writing slogans etc.

(7) Candidates shall ensure that their supporters do not indulge in any kind of fighting with the other candidates and their supporters.

(8) Use of electronic mail for election propaganda is strictly prohibited.

(9) Any notification or announcement for cultural and sports events or prize distribution and thanks-giving ceremonies must not be placed in this duration (24<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2010).

(10) Election or your candidature cannot be given as an excuse to miss classes, lectures or labs.

For all those issues which have not been foreseen in this document, the decision taken by the Election Commission will be final and binding on everybody.

- Prepared by the Election Commission for the annual elections at DA-IICT, 2010.