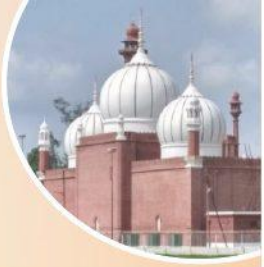


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An Appeal to the Students of Aligarh Muslim University

Preserve the Traditions, Dignity and Decorum of AMUSU Elections

Dear Students of Aligarh Muslim University,

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh.

As the prospect of students' union elections at Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) emerges after a gap of nearly eight years, I would like to share a few thoughts with you about the rich traditions, values, and practices that have long distinguished our University and its students' union elections.

Our present generation of students may not be fully familiar with these traditions, and this is entirely understandable. After all, how can students be expected to know and follow practices they have never had the opportunity to experience? It is, therefore, our collective responsibility, as senior Aligarians and alumni, to guide you and help preserve the legacy of our beloved Alma Mater.

The traditions of AMUSU elections are not merely rituals; they reflect the dignity, discipline, brotherhood, and distinctive culture of AMU.

Some of these cherished practices include wearing the traditional sherwani during election campaigning, formally declaring one's candidature, visiting different halls of residence to seek support, and delivering final speeches before polling. The customary practices associated with wearing the sherwani also deserve to be respected and preserved. Equally important is the tradition that once the final speeches have concluded, campaigning must come to an end. Every candidate and supporter should respect this boundary and allow the election process to proceed peacefully and fairly.

Code of Conduct: Compete with Dignity and Respect

Elections are an essential part of student life and democratic learning. They provide an opportunity to develop leadership, express opinions, and understand the responsibilities that accompany public representation. However, the true spirit of an election lies not merely in winning, but in the manner in which the contest is conducted.

I would, therefore, urge all candidates, their supporters, and the student community to observe the following principles:

1. Respect every individual.Differences of opinion are natural in an election, but personal insults, abusive language, intimidation, and humiliation have no place in a civilised contest.
2. Maintain the dignity of the sherwani and AMU traditions. Wear the traditional attire with pride and conduct yourselves in a manner that reflects the grace and refinement associated with Aligarh.

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3. **Campaign peacefully and responsibly.** Seek support through dialogue, persuasion, and positive ideas. Do not obstruct academic activities, disturb fellow students, or create unnecessary tension on campus.

4. **Respect fellow candidates.** Every candidate has the right to present their vision and seek the support of voters. Criticism should focus on ideas, policies, and performance rather than personal character or family background.

5. **Observe the rules and timings of campaigning.** Once the prescribed period for campaigning ends, all candidates and supporters must stop electioneering and respect the electoral process.

6. **Accept the outcome gracefully.** Victory should inspire humility, not arrogance; defeat should encourage reflection, not hostility. The bonds of friendship and brotherhood must remain stronger than electoral rivalries.

7. **Preserve campus peace and academic life.** No election or political disagreement should compromise the safety, educational environment, or mutual respect that every student deserves.

Students should also follow the official election rules and instructions issued by the University and the competent election authorities.

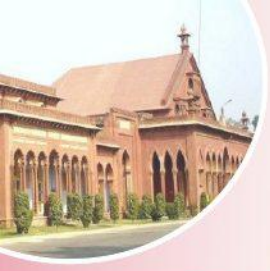
A Word of Appreciation and Responsibility

I would also like to appreciate our students for demonstrating, through their recent agitation for students' union elections, that they can organise themselves and pursue their demands through peaceful protest. This is a positive sign and reflects the potential of our young generation to act collectively for a common cause.

Now that the prospect of elections is before us, the next step is to channel that energy into a disciplined, constructive, and dignified democratic process. The ability to organise a peaceful protest is commendable; the ability to conduct a peaceful election, respect opponents, and accept the outcome is an equally important test of leadership.

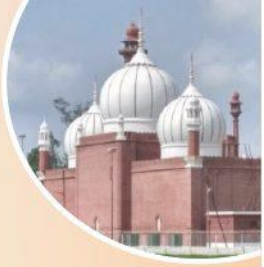
My young friends, you are not merely participating in an election; you are carrying forward a legacy. The traditions of AMU have been nurtured by generations of students who understood that disagreement need not destroy friendship, competition need not breed hostility, and leadership must always be accompanied by responsibility.

As senior members and alumni, we must help you understand these traditions - not by imposing our views, but through guidance, dialogue, and personal example. At the same time, it is your responsibility to learn, practise, and preserve the values that make AMU special.



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Let the forthcoming AMUSU elections become an example of healthy democratic competition, mutual respect, discipline, and brotherhood. Let the sherwani represent dignity, the campaign reflect courtesy, the speeches demonstrate maturity, and the final result strengthen rather than divide the student community.

Remember, students may contest against one another during elections, but they remain members of the same AMU family. The election will last for a few days, but the bonds of Aligarh and the honour of our Alma Mater must endure for a lifetime.

With my best wishes to all students and candidates, may the traditions of our beloved Aligarh Muslim University continue to flourish.

With warm regards and Aligarh spirit,

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