

राजीव गांधी विश्वावेद्यालय
RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY

No. PEDB-7/1/2026-O/o ADPE

Dated: 25.08.2026

Sub: Approval for Notification for the post of Office-bearers of RGUSU Election for the session-2026-27.

In view of the Rajiv Gandhi University Students' Union Election for the session 2026-27 and in accordance with Clause 6.5.6 of the Lyngdoh Committee Recommendations, the following shall be the posts of the **Office-bearers** of the Rajiv Gandhi University Students' Union (RGUSU) for which candidates may contest in the said election:

Sl.No.	Post of the Office-bearers
1.	President
2.	Vice-President
3.	General Secretary
4.	Assistant General Secretary

A candidate shall have **one opportunity to contest for any one of the above-mentioned posts of Office-bearers.**

However, in respect of the posts of **Executive Members** of the Rajiv Gandhi University Students' Union (RGUSU), an interested candidate shall have **two opportunities to contest for the same post.**

An opinion received from Dr. Topi Basar, Dean, Faculty of Law, is attached herewith for kind perusal.

A draft Notification is also attached herewith for kind perusal.

The competent authority is, therefore, requested to kindly peruse the matter and accord approval to the proposed Notification. Any suggestion/modification in this regard may kindly be considered.

Vice Chancellor (i/c)

Registrar

Approved as
proposed.

25/8/2026

Signed

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However, for the other posts of **Executive Members** of the Rajiv Gandhi University Students' Union (RGUSU), an interested candidate shall have **two opportunities to contest for the same post.** The RGUSU Election Committee-2026 shall notify that posts of Executive Members.

This is issued with the approval of the competent authority.

Sd/-
Registrar

No. PEB-11/2025/RGUSU/Election /600

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Copy to:

1. PS to Vice Chancellor for information.
2. Prof. Nabam Nakha Hina, DSW/Chairman, Grievance Redressal Committee-2026 for information and wide circulation.
3. All members of the RGUSU Election-2026 Committee for information and necessary action.
4. All members of the RGUSU Grievance Redressal Committee-2026 for information.
5. Joint Director (CC) for information with a request to upload the same in the university website.
6. Senior Security Officer for information..
7. President/General Secretary, RGUSU for information.
8. All Notice Boards for information.
9. Office copy.



**(Dr. N.T. Rikam)
Registrar**

Clause 6.5.6: Limitation on Opportunities to Contest

Clause 6.5.6 of the Lyngdoh Committee Recommendations provides that "the candidate shall have one opportunity to contest for the post of office-bearer, and two opportunities to contest for the post of an executive member." The provision is intended to prevent repeated candidature and concentration of student-union leadership in the hands of a few individuals and to encourage wider participation in student representation. The Supreme Court in *University of Kerala v. Council, Principals' Colleges, Kerala*, (2006) 8 SCC 304, directed implementation of the Lyngdoh Committee Recommendations for student-union elections.

An **office-bearer** is a student elected to a specific leadership position in the Students' Union, such as President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Joint Secretary or Treasurer. An **executive member**, on the other hand, is generally a member of the executive body who participates in collective decision-making and represents students but does not occupy one of the principal leadership offices. Thus, an office-bearer exercises a more specific leadership function, whereas an executive member primarily performs a representative and participatory role.

The courts have generally treated this provision as a restriction on the opportunity to contest, rather than merely on the opportunity to hold office. In *Abhimanyu Singh v. Delhi University (W.P.(C) 11223/2009)*, the Delhi High Court considered the effect of a previous unsuccessful candidature and recognised the relevance of the previous contest for determining eligibility. Similarly, in *Abhishek BIRTHARE v. State of U.P. (WRIT - C No. - 1906 of 2015)*, the Allahabad High Court upheld the application of Clause 6.5.6, emphasising the binding effect of the Lyngdoh recommendations pursuant to the Supreme Court's directions. The Rajasthan High Court has also applied the restriction in *Mukesh Kumar Bhakar v. University of Rajasthan (D.B.Civil Writ Petition No.9306/2011)*.

Therefore, the important principle emerging from the judicial interpretation is that an unsuccessful attempt to contest an office-bearer position may exhaust the candidate's single permitted opportunity. The candidate cannot ordinarily circumvent the restriction by subsequently contesting for another office-bearer post. The idea probably behind this provision is to ensure rotation of leadership, prevent political entrenchment and provide greater opportunities for new students to participate in student-union elections.

Signature
25/08/26
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