



BISHOP COTTON WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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7.3 INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS:

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Elections at Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College are one of a unique way of educating the students on the democratic way of selecting the leaders. Like how the country's election is spread across many cultural, linguistic, religion and ethnic varieties, the election process at BCWCC is also spread across students from various streams at the undergraduate level and the Postgraduate level. (B.A, B.Sc., B.Com, BBA, BCA, M.A, M.Com).

The election process or the election method is a mimic of the world's largest democracy election. The Principal as the Head of the Institution is the supreme authority of the Student Welfare Committee and the Student Council. The Student Welfare Committee members include faculty members representing each stream both from UG and PG levels. The Student Council posts include –

President

Vice President

General Secretary

Treasurer

Cultural Secretary

Sports Secretary

Literary Co-Ordinator

Chapel Prefect

SCM Prefect

PG Representative

Election Process Announcement: The Student Welfare Committee announces for the student election by sending a circular duly signed by the Head of the Institution. The Circular has the details about the various posts, eligibility criteria, rules and regulation and the dates for campaigning and the final election date. This message is circulated to all the students by means of digital media.

The nominations for each post will be filed with the Student Welfare Committee, with the credentials to justify the reason for contesting for that particular post. Some of the criteria include good conduct and behaviour, good academic and attendance records. The names of

the students failing in any of these will be disqualified from the nomination list. The nomination papers must be submitted by mentioning their Name, Age, Class, Post contesting for academic, cultural leadership credentials. This will be carried out with the assistance of the class teachers and mentors. The final list of nominated candidates will be announced in the college notice board.

Election Campaign: The nominated students can campaign for three days within the college premises, during the break times without disturbing the classes. The campaign process includes putting up posters, banners, charts which can also be displayed on the trees and the fencing without damaging the building walls. Students also canvas by shouting slogans for their candidates. On the third day of the campaign a special assembly is arranged where the nominated candidates seek to convince voters to support them. The nominated candidates will address the entire college by a short speech to justify the post that they are contesting for.

Election Process: All students who have taken admission into this college will have the eligibility to cast their vote and to select their leader who will serve for a term of one academic year. The election process is carried out in a fair and democratic manner. The process is done by using the Electronic Voting Machines (EVM). The EVMs are indigenously designed and manufactured by Bharat Electronic Limited (BEL). The election process begins with the voting by the candidates nominated for the various posts. Every student from each class was given an opportunity to vote for their desired candidate. A few of the faculty members were given the duties as polling officers to see the smooth conduct of the elections. Two officers from BEL were invited to assist and guide the faculty members in organizing and handling the electoral machines. The polling officer will press the ballot button which enables the voter to cast their vote. A list of candidate's names and the post will be available on the machine. By using EVMs one student can cast only one vote at a time and the EVM saves the votes in its memory and the software is directly governed by the polling officer. At the end of the election when voters are finally closed there is no room for fake votes.

Around 850 students participated in the election process and totally 9 candidates were elected for the various posts as the Student Council to serve the college for the year 2022-2023.

The election process is as per the procedure and rules framed by the Election Commission of India. By this practice we educate our students about the processes involved in the democratic way of election.

After the elections are done and the counting is tallied in the presence of the Principal, the staffs representing the Student Welfare Committee and the BEL officers, the much-awaited results is declared by the principal to the anxiously waiting student body.

The newly elected office bearers of the student council will now take charge of their responsibilities and duties formally in the Investiture Ceremony. The student council will pledge to assist the college authorities in all the activities and in organizing various programs at intra and inter collegiate levels. The office bearers will be installed in office with a sash and a badge, the President and the Vice President will receive the college flag and the College banner with pride and humility to serve.

The office bearers will also have the privilege of equipping them by the insight and to be clear about the roles and responsibilities by means of attending the Leadership Training Program organized by the Student Welfare Committee. The training was a very effective session which dealt on the topic: "Emotional Intelligent Leadership". The students were motivated about being a role model and a personality of great influence.

The Student Council under the guidance of the Faculty members of the Student Welfare Committee and the leadership and support of the Head of the Institution will work together to create a platform for students to exhibit their talents in sports, cultural, literary fields within college as well as representations outside the college at various levels.



Election Process in BCWCC