Students' Council Election 2016
Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur
Guidelines on NOTA

- As per the decision of Supreme Court and Guidelines received from UGC (D. O. No F1-11/2007 (CPP-II) dated 14th July, 2016, ballot papers in Students' Council Election will have an option for NONE OF THE ABOVE (NOTA).This guideline is about implication of NOTA option in counting and election of student representatives and office bearers to the Students' Council. NOTA gives people, an opportunity to express their disapproval. The main objective of NOTA option is to enable electors who do not wish to vote for any of the candidates to exercise their right not to vote for any candidate without violation of the secrecy of their decision.
- It is clarified that NOTA has the same effect as not voting for any candidate(s).
- If in any extreme case, the number of vote against NOTA is more than the number of votes secured by candidates, the candidate who secures the largest number of votes among the contesting candidates shall be declared to be elected. For example: If in an election there are 100 voters and there are three candidates namely A ,B & C the votes cast against NOTA is (say) 60, vote for A is 12,B is 24 and C is 4. If one candidate is to be elected, then B will be declared as elected. If two candidates are to be elected, then A and B will be declared elected and if three candidates are to be elected all A, B and C will be declared elected.
- Implications of Counting of votes with NOTA option: Votes cast as NOTA are counted but are technically considered as invalid votes. It may be understood from the following table:

Situations	Tick marks by voter	Implication
1.Voter has to Select One candidate	Voter ticks against one candidate only	Valid vote
	Voter ticks against NOTA only and leaves the place against contesting candidates blank	Counted for NOTA, but invalid
	Voter ticks against one or more candidates and also NOTA	Invalid
2.Voter has to Select More than One candidate	Voter ticks against the required number or up to the required number of candidates	Valid vote
	Voter ticks against NOTA only and leaves the place against contesting candidate blank	Counted for NOTA, but invalid
	Voter ticks against one or more candidates and also NOTA	Invalid