

STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE RULES

All powers relating to maintenance and enforcement of discipline in the University and taking disciplinary action against the students and employees of the University shall vest in the Vice-Chancellor, which he may delegate as he deems proper, to such other persons, officers or authorities of the University as he may specify in this behalf.

Without prejudice to the generality of the power to maintain and enforce discipline under the ordinance, the following shall amount to acts of indiscipline or misconduct on the part of a student of the University and colleges / institutions :-

- (a) physical assault, or threat to use physical force, against any member of the teaching or non-teaching staff of the University or a college or institution or against any student of the University, a college or institution.
- (b) remaining absent from the class, test or examination or any other curricular or co-curricular activity which he is expected to participate in without permission beyond the specified period;
- (c) carrying of, use of or threat to use any weapon;
- (d) misbehavior or cruelty towards any other student, teacher or any other employee of the University, a college or institution;
- (e) use of drugs or other intoxicants except those prescribed by a qualified doctor;
- (f) any violation of the provisions of the Civil Rights Protection Act, 1976;
- (g) indulging in or encouraging violence or any conduct which involves moral turpitude;
- (h) any form of gambling;
- (i) violation of the status, dignity and honour of a student belonging to a scheduled caste or a scheduled tribe;
- (j) discrimination against any student or a member of staff on grounds of caste, creed, language, place of origin, social and cultural background or any of them;
- (k) practicing casteism and untouchability in any form or inciting any other person to do so;
- (l) any act, whether verbal or otherwise, derogatory to women;
- (m) any attempt at bribing or corruption of any manner or description;
- (o) willful destruction of the property of the University or a college or institution;

- (p) behaving in a rowdy, intemperate or disorderly manner in the premises of the University or the college or the institution, as the case may be, or encouraging or inciting any other person to do so;
- (q) creating discord, ill-will or intolerance among the students on sectarian or communal grounds or inciting any other student to do so;
- (r) causing disruption of any manner or description of the academic functioning of the University system;
- (s) indulging in or encouraging any form of disruptive activity connected with tests, examinations or any other activity of the University or the college or the institution, as the case may be.
- (t) Truancy and unpunctuality;
- (u) Indulging in Ragging as defined in this ordinance.
- (v) additional list of malpractices which may be amended with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor

The University Authority in the exercise of the powers, order or direct that any student –

- (a) be expelled from the University, college or institution, as the case may be, in which case he shall not be re-admitted to the University, college or institution from where he is expelled but it shall not preclude his admission to any other college or institution with the prior approval of the Vice-Chancellor; or
- (b) be, for a stated period, rusticated in which case he shall not be admitted to the University or a college or institution, till the expiry of the period of rustication; or
- (c) be not, for a stated period, admitted to a course or courses of study of the University; or
- (d) be imposed with the fine of a specified amount of money;
- (e) be debarred from taking a University examination or examinations for one or more years.

The Vice-Chancellor, in exercise of his powers aforesaid or on the recommendations of the Directors/ Principals of the colleges or institutions, may also order or direct that the result of the student concerned of the examination or examinations at which he has appeared, be cancelled.

At the time of admission, every student shall be required to sign a declaration/ undertaking on oath that he shall submit to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Vice-Chancellor and authorities of the University / the Director / the Principal.

Ragging in any form shall be strictly prohibited within the premises of the University, a college or an institution, as the case may be, or in any part of the University system as well as on public transport, or at any other place, public or private.

Any individual or collective act or practice of ragging shall constitute an act of gross indiscipline and shall be dealt with under the provisions of this ordinance.

Ragging, for the purposes of this ordinance, shall ordinarily mean any act, conduct or practice by which the dominant power or status of senior students is brought to bear upon the students who are in any way considered junior or inferior by the former and includes individual or collective acts or practices which-

- (a) Involve physical assault or threat to use physical force;
- (b) Violate the status, dignity and honour of students, in particular women students and those belonging to a scheduled caste or a scheduled tribe;
- (c) Expose students to ridicule or contempt or commit an act which may lower their self esteem; and
- (d) Entail verbal abuse, mental or physical torture, aggression, corporal punishment, harassment, trauma, indecent gesture and obscene behaviour.

The Dean / Director / Principal of the school/ institution/ college, as the case may be, shall, without fail, take immediate action on the receipt of any information that ragging has taken place or is likely to take place.

Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (xi), the Chief Warden or The Chief Proctor or The Registrar or the Convener of the Board of Discipline of a college or institution may also suo motu inquire into any incident of ragging or likelihood of such incident and make a report to the Vice-Chancellor clearly pinpointing, among other details, the identity of the student or the students who were involved in the incident and the nature of the incident.

The Chairman or the Convener of the Board of Discipline, as the case may be, may also submit an interim report to the Vice-Chancellor establishing the identity of the perpetrators of ragging and the nature of the incident.

If the Chairman of the Board of Discipline is satisfied that for any reason, to be recorded in writing, it is not feasible to hold an inquiry, he may so advise the Vice-Chancellor accordingly.

Where the Vice-Chancellor is satisfied, on receipt of a recommendation to this effect or otherwise, that it is not expedient to hold an inquiry into an incident of ragging, he shall order accordingly for reasons to be recorded in writing.

The Boards of Discipline at the level of the University and colleges and institutions shall be constituted by the Vice- Chancellor.