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Dear All

A clean, green, transparent, and fair election is our collective responsibility. In this regard, the Office of the Chief Election Officer, DUSU 2025, seeks your support in implementing the following guidelines.

- NGT order in O.A. No. 402/2015 Nitin Chandran Vs Union of India & Ors
- Lyngdoh Committee Recommendations
- Guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in WPC 7824/2017 Prashant Manchanda Vs Union of India & Ors. & WPC No. 13538/2024 Akhilesh Kumar & Ors. Vs University of Delhi & Ors.

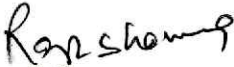
You are requested to kindly abide by the advisory issued by the Office of the Proctor, University of Delhi (Ref No. PCTO/2025/ dated 31 July 2025) as applicable, be aware and sensitize your friends and classmates regarding the relevant laws and consequences of their violation, particularly:

1. **Delhi Prevention of Defacement of Property Act, 2007 (Delhi Act 1 of 2009)**
2. **Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984**
3. **Metro Railway (Operations & Maintenance) Act, 2002 (as applicable in Delhi)**
4. **New Delhi Municipal Council Act, 1994 and Municipal Corporation of Delhi Acts**

To encourage active student participation in maintaining a defacement-free environment, the University has launched an **e-Form** through which instances of defacement or violations of the above can be reported via photographs or videos on the University/College/Institution portal which can be scanned through QR code. The identity of the informant will remain strictly confidential and will be shared only with the high-level disciplinary committee overseeing the DUSU 2025 elections.

We look forward to your continued cooperation in ensuring a clean and green DUSU 2025 election.

With regards,


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Advisory

An advisory is hereby issued for the academic year 2025-26 to prevent defacement of University/Institute /Colleges/Departments/Centers Property.

1. Orientation/Sensitization of students at the time of admission relating to provisions of discipline, maintaining the sanctity of College walls and public property, good conduct during elections must be organized and video footage of these events must be kept for record in the College and also be uploaded on the website of the University/College.
2. One Wall of Democracy for the DUSU and another for the College/Department/Centre/ Institute should be designated.
3. Like anti-ragging affidavit, an anti-defacement of walls affidavit be taken from the students at the time of admission.
4. In the name of welcoming students or for membership drive by the students, no poster/banner should be used, except on the Walls of Democracy. However, electronic media can be used for the purpose of any campaign. If the student, whose name appears on a poster defacing College/ Department/ Centre/Institute premises without his/her knowledge, does not remove it within 3 days, or if he/she thinks that the poster is pasted on any College /public/ private property by someone else without his/her knowledge and he/she does not file a complaint in a police station with proof of his/her identity and does not send a copy of the same to the College/University authority, the student may be liable to pay fine Rs 25,000/- or as decided by the University/College or suspension from college/ Department/Centre/Institute, rustication from college/Department/Centre/Institute for a specified period, expulsion from the College, and may also be debarred from contesting election according to the relevant rules of the University/other applicable laws.
5. A dedicated portal relating to defacement issues shall be created at the University/College level to sensitize the students and to enable the students to know about their rights and duties. On that portal, a concerned student may also report violation of NGT Guidelines, Lyngdoh Committee Guidelines, Prashant Manchanda Guidelines, and Nithin Chandran Guidelines.
6. In Prashant Manchanda v. Union of India (2018) case, the High Court of Delhi had issued guideline to constitute a 'College Committee for Prevention of Defacement of Property' at the College level and a similar Committee at the University level to be called 'University Committee for Prevention of Defacement of Property'. This Committee should be constituted on the first

day of the new academic session of the year. Defacement Committee of the University/College shall remain functional round the year. The names and contact numbers of the members of the Committee shall be prominently displayed on the notice board of the University/College. A separate section in this regard be provided for on the website of the University/College. Any changes in the Constitution of these committees be notified on the notice board of the University/ College and website, as and when effected.

7. Practice of resorting to spelling errors in the name of candidates, like an extra letter, is punishable by the Prevention of Defacement Committee as well as by the Election Committee. If the student whose misspelt name appears on a poster defacing College/department/public/ private property does not remove it within 3 days, or if he/she thinks that the poster is pasted on any College/ Department/public/private property by someone else and he/she does not file a complaint in a police station enclosing proof of his/her identity, and also does not inform the University/College Committee for Prevention of Defacement, the defacement will be imputed to the student whose name appears in the poster/graffiti etc. In such case, the student may be liable to pay fine Rs 25,000/- or as decided by the University/College or be suspended from the College/ department, or be rusticated from the College/ department for a specified period and may also be debarred from contesting election according to the relevant rules of the University/other applicable laws.

The name mentioned in the Secondary and Senior Secondary certificates should be considered for all purposes. Any change in the name of a student after taking admission in the Colleges/ Departments/Centre/ Institute will not be entertained for the purpose of contesting election unless the student has changed his/her name after following the due process as per the rules of the University.

8. College Principals/ Heads/ Deans/ Professor-in-Charges have to remain more vigilant about the student Union elections, about formation of Prevention of Defacement Committee at the start of each academic session and to sensitize the students about defacement of college/ community premises. They may also be made accountable in case of non-compliance of Lyngdoh Committee Guidelines, NGT Orders, Delhi High Court orders.
9. Act of Defacement/Damage to public property should amount to gross indiscipline and consequent punishment provisions in the relevant Ordinance of the DU Act, and DUSU Constitution need to be incorporated.
10. Canvassing by the students through posters, rallies, road-shows and Shakti Pradarshan, loud-speakers, vehicles are prohibited and an awareness campaign in this regard must be launched at the beginning of the academic year in all Colleges/department/Institutes/Centers.
11. Dhols, Loudspeakers are not allowed in the open/closed premises of a College/ Department/ Institute/ Centre. This rule is applicable even after the declaration of election results.

Issued by Proctor's Office



NOTIFICATION

(GUIDELINES/MEASURES FOR ANTI DEFACEMENT IN AND AROUND UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE CAMPUS AND FOR DUSU ELECTIONS)

In order of preparedness/awareness of the DUSU Elections and to avoid any defacement of the property by the contesting candidate/their supporter, the following 'GUIDELINES' are notified taking into consideration of provisions of various Acts/Court's orders/Lyngdoh Committee, for the strict compliance by the Students and the University/ College.

- i. Like anti-ragging affidavit, an anti-defacement of walls affidavit be taken from the students at the time of admission.
- ii. Each College and associated Centre/Department of the University shall organize orientation/sensitization programmes for the students about the discipline, for maintaining the sanctity of the College walls & public property and their good conduct in and around the campus even during the DUSU elections also.
- iii. Each College and the associated Departments/Centres shall increase the size of wall(s) of democracy to the extent possible only at two notified places, for the utilization of the contesting candidates. This will avoid the misuse/defacement of walls.
- iv. A dedicated portal pertaining to defacement issues shall be created at the University/ College level to sensitize the students about their rights and duties. The students may report any violation on this portal.
- v. Each contesting candidate shall be required to execute a bond of Rs. 1.00 Lakh for the offence of any defacement/ violation of provisions of these Guidelines by themselves or their supporters, at the time of filing nomination for any post of DUSU.

- vi. In the case of impersonation of candidate/ student for offence of defacement (including the practice of resorting to spelling errors in the name of candidates), it will be the duty of the concerned candidate/ student to remove it immediately and to report the matter with the nearest Police Station immediately within 24 Hrs, and produce the copy of the such reported information to the College/ University. Failure to do so, the candidate/ student shall be liable to pay fine of Rs 25,000/- or as decided by the University/ College or suspension from College/ Department including rustication for a specified period or expulsion from the College and may also be debarred from contesting elections.
- vii. Other than the walls of democracy, the students are permitted for legitimate use of electronic media for the purpose of campaigning.
- viii. Canvassing by the students/contestants through posters, rallies, road-shows and Shakti Pradarshan, loud-speakers, vehicles are strictly prohibited.
- ix. The name of the candidate mentioned in the Secondary and Senior Secondary certificate shall be considered for admission and contesting for the DUSU elections.
- x. Any change in name of a student after taking admission in the Colleges / Departments/ Centre is admissible only if it has been changed after following due process as per the Government norms and accepted by the University.
- xi. A '**College Committee for Prevention of Defacement of Property**' at the College level and a similar Committee at the University level called as '**University Committee for Prevention of Defacement of Property**' will be constituted. The details of its members shall be displayed on the College/ University website and notice boards. The said Committees shall remain functional till new Committee is constituted.
- xii. The Colleges/Departments/Centres should promote and organize the debates for the contesting candidates. Such debate/speech may be uploaded on the website of the College/University.
- xiii. The use of Dhols, Loudspeakers are not allowed in and around the premises of a College/ Department. This Rule will remain in force even after the declaration of election results.

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xiv. The outsiders are not allowed in the premises of any College/ Department, except entry authorized by the Administration. In order to avoid any unauthorized entry, the Biometric/ Facial Recognition machine may be installed for the attendance and for the entry of students to the premises of the College/ Department/ University.

2. Any act of Defacement/Damage to public property and non-adherence to these Guidelines shall amount to gross indiscipline. It shall attract consequent punishment provisions in the relevant Ordinance of the University.

3. The Election Committee constituted by the University/College shall be responsible for strict adherence to the above Guidelines and other measures directed by Lyngdoh Committee, Hon'ble NGT Orders, Hon'ble High Court of Delhi orders and the Statutes/ Ordinances of the University.

4. DUSU office-bearers are permitted to book only three venues, namely, Conference Centre, Shankar Lal Hall, Room No. 22 of Arts Faculty for their official program, with due justification and recommendations of the DUSU Advisor on payment of prescribed fee.

5. Booking of rooms in University Guest Houses/ University maintained hostels by the DUSU office-bearers are not permitted. If any such incident is reported or noticed by the Administration, the Proctor, after an inquiry, may debar the office-bearer to enter such premises of the University/ College/ Department, during the remaining term of their DUSU office bearers. This may also lead to rustication for a specified period.

6. These Guidelines are to be read along with the Statutory provisions laid down under **(a)** Metro Rail (Operation and Maintenance) Act, 2002, **(b)** Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984 **(c)** The Delhi Prevention of Defacement of Property Act, 2007 Act, **(d)** The Delhi University Act, Statute & Ordinances **(e)** Hon'ble National Green Tribunal Order in O.A. No. 402/ 20215 Nithin Chandran Vs Union of India & Ors., and **(f)** Hon'ble High Court of Delhi orders in WPC No. 7824/ 2017 Prashant Manchanda vs Union of India & Ors. & WPC No. 13538/ 2024 Akhilesh Kumar Mishra & Ors. Vs University of Delhi & Ors.


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