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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.

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