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UNIVERSITY OF ALLAHABAD
Prayagraj - 211 002, U. P. (INDIA)

No. Comm.Sec./2023/1739
Date : 05.04.2023

To,

The Proctor
University of Allahabad
Prayagraj.

Sir,

In respect of Agenda No.12/73, the Executive Council in its meeting held on 23-03-2023 **resolved** vide Resolution No.12/73 as under :-

"Agenda No. 12/73 To consider the letter no. PR/1497/23 dated 20-03-2023 of Prof. Harsh Kumar, Proctor and Secretary, Discipline Committee regarding approval of the Rules of Discipline and proper conduct for students of University of Allahabad, 2023.

Resolution No.12/73 The Executive Council unanimously approved the Rules of Discipline and proper conduct for students of University of Allahabad, 2023. **These rules will be uploaded on the University website."**

This is for your kind information & necessary action please.

Encl. : Rules of Discipline and proper conduct for students of University of Allahabad, 2023.

Yours Sincerely,

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05/4/2023
Registrar

Copy to for kind information :-

1. Chairman, ICT Cell, UoA with the request to kindly upload the enclosed Rules of Discipline and proper conduct for students of University of Allahabad, 2023 on the University Website.
2. Dean, Students Welfare, A.U.
3. SVC- for kind information of the Vice-Chancellor, A.U.
4. P.A. to Registrar for kind information of the Registrar, A.U.

Joint Registrar (CS)

Rules of Discipline and Proper Conduct for Students of University of Allahabad, 2023

Whereas the provisions regarding the maintenance of discipline and proper conduct for students of university of Allahabad have already been laid down under Statute 28 of the Statutes of the university of Allahabad, Ordinance XXIV and the schedule thereof,

Whereas In exercise of the powers conferred on the Vice chancellor by the Allahabad University Act, 2005 and by virtue of the resolution adopted in the meeting of the Executive Council of the University dated 03/05/2016, the Vice-Chancellor had approved the rules of discipline and proper conduct to be followed by all the students of the University which are already in force since then

However it is further desirable that the aforesaid rules be modified to clarify them further

Hence the modified Rules of discipline and proper conduct for students of university of Allahabad are hereby being laid down as under, with the Approval of the competent authority¹

1. Short Title and Commencement

- 1) These Rules shall be called the "The AU Students' Discipline and Conduct Rules,2022" hereafter referred to as the 'D&C Rules'.
- 2) These Rules shall come into force with immediate effect from the date of the approval of the Executive council

2. Application of Rules

- 1) These Rules shall apply to all students of the University system (including part-time students) whether admitted prior to or after commencement of these Rules for acts of **indiscipline and misconduct committed by a student in relation to the University inside or outside the University Campus**
- 2) These Rules shall be implemented to:
 - (i) Regulate and enforce discipline amongst students of the University system and take such disciplinary measures in this regard as may be deemed necessary. Without prejudice to the powers of the Vice-Chancellor and the Chief Proctor as **Provided under statute 28 of the Statutes of university of Allahabad**, Deans of Schools, Heads of Departments, Heads of Centres and all academic units on the campus, as the case may be, may frame such supplementary rules as they deem necessary for the aforesaid purposes.
 - (ii) Any breach of discipline and conduct committed by a student in relation to the University inside or outside the University Campus shall fall under the purview of these Rules.
 - (iii) Without prejudice to the generality of the power to enforce discipline under Statute 28 of the Statutes of the University of Allahabad, **Ordinance XXIV and the schedule thereto** any act in the **Part II of the 'D & C rules'** shall amount to act of misconduct or indiscipline or both.
 - (iv) **The D&C rules are supplementary to the Statute 28 of the Statutes of the University of Allahabad, Ordinance XXIV and the schedule thereto**
 - (iv) Any addendum/amendment to the rules mentioned in this document shall be deemed to be automatically part of the D&C Rules.

II. MISCONDUCT AND INDISCIPLINE

- 1) All acts of violence and forms of coercion such as *gheraos*, sit-ins, forcible entry into the premises of any academic or administrative department/office/centre or any laboratory or any building housing any equipment or property of the

¹These rules shall come into effect from date of the approval of the Executive council. The Rules of Discipline and Proper Conduct for Students of University of Allahabad, 2023 shall replace all earlier rules in this regard. Any matter pending prior to commencement of these rules shall continue to be governed by the earlier rules.

- University community, library, guest houses, sports complexes, stores, residence quarters, hostels or any other space, which disrupt the normal academic and administrative functioning of the University, and/or any act which incites or leads to violence inside or outside of the campus of the University of Allahabad.
- 2) Laying siege or staging demonstrations around the residence of any member of the University community or any other form of coercion, intimidation or disturbance and/or invasion of right to privacy of the residents of the campus.
 - 3) Hunger strikes, *dharmas*, group bargaining and any other form of protest by blocking entrance or exit of any of the academic and/or administrative complexes/units, sports complexes **which disrupts** the movements of any member of the University community and preventing any employee inclusive of the teaching and non-teaching staff of the University, from carrying out their duties.
 - 4) Committing forgery, tampering with identity card(s) or University records, impersonation, misusing University property (movable or immovable), funds, documents and records, tearing of pages, defacing, burning or in any way destroying books, journals, magazines and any material of University libraries or laboratory or unauthorized photocopying or possession of library books, journals, magazines or any other material.
 - 5) Furnishing false certificates or false information in any manner to the University for admission or any other purpose.
 - 6) Any act **involving** moral turpitude.
 - 7) Arousing communal, caste or regional feeling or creating disharmony amongst students.
 - 8) Use of abusive, defamatory, derogatory or intimidating language against any member of the University community.
 - 9) Causing or colluding in the unauthorised entry of any person into the Campus or in the unauthorised occupation of any portion of the University premises, including halls of residences or any space, by any person.
 - 10) Unauthorized occupation of the hostel rooms or unauthorized acquisition and use of any University property including furniture in one's hostel room, or elsewhere.
 - 11) Indulging in acts of gambling on the University premises.
 - 12) Consuming or possessing dangerous drugs or other intoxicants in any form in the University premises.
 - 13) Damaging or defacing, in any form, any property of the University or the property of any member of the University community.
 - 14) Not disclosing one's identity when asked to do so by a faculty member or any employee of the University or security persons on duty at various points of entry and exit and/or on the University campus.
 - 15) Improper behaviour while on tour or excursion towards fellow students/scholars or any employee of the University and/or outsiders.
 - 16) Coercing the medical staff to render medical assistance to persons not entitled for the same or any other disorderly behaviour in the Health Centre. Not following the protocol laid down by the Health Centre staff *vis a vis* referral treatment in other hospitals.
 - 17) Blockade or forceful prevention of any normal movement of traffic, violation of security and safety rules.
 - 18) **Organizing meetings, processions and other like events including inviting of political leaders or persons associated with political parties for such events without prior permission from the university.**
 - 19) Ragging in any form. All **Provisions** pertaining to ragging as provided **under Ordinance XXIV and the schedule to Ordinance XXIV and UGC directions issued from time to time in this regard shall apply.**
 - 20) Accommodating unauthorized guests or other persons in the hostels.
 - 21) Engaging in any attempt at wrongful confinement of any member of the faculty, staff, student or anyone camping inside the campus.
 - 22) Any intimidation or insulting behaviour towards a student, staff or faculty or any other person. Physical assault in any manner.
 - 23) Publication of any matter (including expressed orally or in any writing, sign or visible representation, including electronically) which is threatening, abusive or insulting or constitutes harassment or makes others fear violence, including:
 - (i) by printing or displaying within the University or
 - (ii) by publishing or distributing to any visitor, officer, member or employee of the University or
 - (iii) by using in any form of meeting or gathering (including social and sporting activities)

electronically (audio, video, internet, images) by broadcasting to any visitor, officer, member or employee of the University.

- 24) any act of resorting to or abetting ragging.; and
- 25) Any other act that is in the opinion of any officer or functionaries of the University or any unit of the university system, unbecoming of a student.

III. PROCEDURES

- (1) **If there is a complaint against a student for a possible breach of code of conduct (complaint may be filed with the proctor in case of the university or the functionary responsible for the discipline of students in the case of an institution other than the University e.g. a constituent college) then an Enquiry Committee shall be formed by the Competent Authority² to recommend a suitable disciplinary action. The enquiry committee shall inquire into the alleged violation as per the procedure prescribed below and accordingly suggest the action to be taken against the said student.**
- (2) **If a complaint against indiscipline or misconduct has not been filed, but information on such occurrence has come, or has been brought, to the knowledge of the Proctor (in the case of the University) or the functionary responsible for the discipline of students (in the case of any other institution of the University system) such authority may *suomotu* take cognizance of such information as may be relevant, and proceed in the same manner as if such complaint had been filed**
- (3) Complainants will be required to report any of the matters mentioned above within three days of the occurrence of the incident. The student(s) **against whom complaint is made** shall be **issued a show cause notice** within **seven** working days of the **Complaint**. It will be the responsibility of the student(s) **against whom complaint is filed** to submit in writing his/her defence within **seven** working days from the date of receipt of the show cause notice to him/her, to the Enquiry Committee. If the Enquiry Committee does not receive a defence within seven working days, it **may** take an **ex parte** decision on the charges to be framed **after recording hearing from the other side**. If the enquiry Committee is not satisfied with the reply/defence received it shall serve a charge sheet preferably within ten working days.
- (4) *However*, The Enquiry Committee, **for the reasons to be recorded in writing** may relax the time frames mentioned above.
- (5) Evidence/material/defence to the Enquiry Committee shall be presented either in writing or/and orally at the discretion of the enquiry committee. The student charged may be required to provide written/material evidence, if the **enquiry committee** so demands. **The student charged shall be asked to give a reply within seven days of serving of the charge sheet, unless the time is extended by the enquiry committee**
- (6) It shall be the responsibility of the student charged and the complainant to arrange for their respective witnesses to give oral evidence or to submit any written statements / material evidence in their defence
A witness giving oral evidence may be cross-examined. A witness not available for cross- examination may submit evidence in writing. The Enquiry Committee shall not consider evidence from people who are not prepared to have their names revealed to the Enquiry Committee. The names of people appearing as evidence may be kept confidential depending on the circumstances of the case.
- (7) The Enquiry Committee shall have the power to determine the order of proceedings and to exclude any material which appears irrelevant or repetitive or even seek clarification on oral/written submissions/material evidence **or it may also call any other person as witness who has not been named in the witness list by either of the party, if it deems necessary to do so in the interest of justice.**
- (8) The student charged will be invited to be present with a representative (optionally) whenever oral evidence is being heard. Non-attendance of the student charged or his/her representative shall not bar the Enquiry Committee from proceeding. The Enquiry Committee may at its discretion adjourn in order to enable the student charged or the representative to be present.
- (9) **The Enquiry Committee (PB)** may adjourn a hearing in order to require a witness to attend for cross-examination. Where a witness who, in the opinion of the **enquiry committee**, is a vital witness, fails to attend, the Enquiry Committee may, at its discretion, postpone its deliberations or even continue with its proceedings. The Enquiry Committee may also adjourn/proceed with a case where it is of the opinion that its proceedings are being impeded by

²**Vice Chancellor in the case of the university/institutes/Centres of University, Principal/Director in case of constituent colleges/institutes.**

any circumstance beyond its control.

- (10) The **Enquiry committee** shall meet to consider an adjourned case, as soon as it is feasible, and not later than **fifteen** days after the adjournment.
- (11) **Ordinarily the abovementioned procedure shall be followed however, in serious cases of indiscipline and misconduct where the offending action has taken place in the presence of the head of any institution of the University or any functionary responsible for maintenance of discipline therein a summary procedure may be followed wherein the Proctor/Enquiry Committee may convene an emergency meeting and call those concerned to depose before it on an urgent basis and give its findings and suggested action. In case the parties refuse to depose, the proctor/committee is authorized to proceed ex parte and record its findings and suggested action. The proctor/Committee is required to record reasons in writing for the necessity of following a summary procedure.**
- (12) **The enquiry committee shall dispose of/redress the complaint preferably within a period of 45 working days.**
- (13) **After the completion of the enquiry, the enquiry committee shall submit its report with its clear findings and suggested action along with the record of the matter inquired by it to the competent authority.**

IV. PUNISHMENT

The Competent Authority may for good and sufficient reasons impose one or more of the following punishments on a student found guilty of any of one or more acts of indiscipline or misconduct the case may be:

- 1) Admonition/Reprimand /**tender of Apology by the student**
- 2) Fine up to Rs.30,000/- depending on the gravity of indiscipline
- 3) Recovery of any kind, cost of damages, etc.
- 4) Withdrawal of any or all privileges extended to a student including scholarship/fellowship or any monetary assistance irrespective of the source of funding
- 5) Stoppage of any or all academic processes .
- 6) Declaring any hostels, premises, building (**any part**)(*and- 'to be deleted'*) or the entire University campus out of bounds
- 7) Cancellation of admission or withdrawal of degree or denial of registration for a specified period
- 8) **Not giving admission for a specified period to a course or courses of study in the University or an institution maintained by or admitted to the privileges of the University**
- 9) **Debarring from taking an examination or examinations conducted by the University for one or more years**
- 10) **Cancellation of the results of the examination in which the student found guilty of any misconduct has appeared**
- 11) Rustication up to four semester period and/or declaring any part or the entire University Of Allahabad campus out of bounds.
- 12) Expulsion from University for life
- 13) *Handing over the case to police and filing an FIR.*

V.GENERAL

- (1) No punishment shall ordinarily be imposed on a student unless the Enquiry Committee has followed the normal procedures including due opportunity to the student(s) charged with an offence.
- (2) In case the **Competent authority or any other functionary responsible for the discipline of the students** is of the opinion that on the basis of the available material, a prima facie case exists against a student(s) suspension of the student(s) including withdrawal of any or all facilities available to a *bonafide* student pending inquiry, **may be ordered**
- (3) Notwithstanding any punishment mentioned above, the Vice-Chancellor may, keeping in view the gravity/nature of misconduct/act of indiscipline, the manner and the circumstances in which the misconduct/indiscipline has been committed, award a punishment in excess of or less than or other than what has been mentioned thereon for reasons to be recorded.
- (4) **If it is found that a student has been involved in commission of any offence committed under any Criminal provision ,the proctor /Concerned functionary shall be at liberty to initiate criminal proceedings in accordance**

with the general law of the land in addition to the enquiry being conducted by the university.

- (5) The Enquiry committee also report annually to the Vice-Chancellor and any such body that the Vice-Chancellor deems fit, on all cases arbitrated by it during the preceding academic year.

VI. INTERPRETATION

In case of a dispute with regard to the interpretation of any of the rules mentioned above, the decision of the Vice-Chancellor shall be final.

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