UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

CODE OF CONDUCT

(For the candidates contesting DUSU

and

College Students' Union Elections 2026-2027)

1. The union/representative body so elected shall only comprise of regular students enrolled in a full time course in the institutions of the University.

2. Undergraduate students between the ages of **17 and 22 years** as on 16th August of the year of elections may contest elections. This age range may be appropriately relaxed in the case of professional colleges, where courses often range between 4 to 5 years (maximum relaxation of one year for the upper age limit for Professional Colleges).

3. For postgraduate Students, the maximum age-limit to contest an election would be **25 years** as on 16th August of the year of elections.

4. The candidate should in no event have any academic arrears in the year of contesting the election. Any pending paper(s) will be construed as academic arrear(s). Candidates failed in the preceding academic year and/or re-admitted in the current academic year will not be eligible to contest the election.

5. The candidates should have attained the minimum percentage of attendance as prescribed by the University or 75% attendance, whichever is higher.

6. The candidate shall have one opportunity to contest for the post of office-bearer, and two opportunities to contest for the post of executive member. No candidate can contest simultaneously for more than one post.

7. Every candidate is required to furnish an affidavit, along with the Security Deposit, to the effect :

   (i) that he/she does not have any previous criminal record and has not been subjected to any disciplinary action by the University/College.

   (ii) that he/she have not failed in the preceding academic year and/or re-admitted in the current year.

8. The maximum permitted expenditure per candidate shall be Rs. 5000/-

9. Each candidate shall, within two weeks of the declaration of the result, submit complete and audited accounts to the College/University authorities.

10. The election of the candidate will be nullified in the event of non-compliance with any of the above rules/guidelines or in the event of any excessive expenditure.

11. No candidate shall indulge in, nor shall abet, any activity, which may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different castes and communities, religious or linguistic, or between any group(s) of students.

12. All students shall be prohibited from indulging or abetting all activities which are considered to be 'corrupt practices' and offences, such as bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters; canvassing or the use of propaganda with 100 meters of polling centers, holding public meetings, during the period of 24 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of the poll, and the transport and conveyance of voters to and from polling centers shall also be prohibited.

13. **Canvassing time for the DUSU Elections from 08:00 a.m. to 08:00 p.m. Each candidate will have not more than 04 (four) bonafide students while canvassing in the College/Campus.**

14. No candidate shall be permitted to make use of printed posters, printed pamphlet, or any other printed material for the purpose of canvassing. Candidates may only utilize handmade posters for the purpose of canvassing, in accordance to NGT order (OA No. 402/2015 dated July 18, 2016)

15. Candidates may only utilize handmade posters at certain designated places in the Campus, which shall be notified in advance by the College/University authority.

16. No candidate shall, nor shall his/her supporters, deface or cause any destruction to any property of the University/College/Institute Campus including the Website and Facebook page of the University/College/Institute for any purpose whatsoever. All candidates shall be held jointly and severally liable for any destruction/defacing of any University/College property.

17. The use of loudspeaker, vehicle and animals for the purpose of canvassing shall be prohibited. The use of Mascot, character or costume used to entertain or represent something is strictly prohibited.

18. Excepting the voters, no one without a valid Identity Card/Pass/Letter of Authority, from the College Principal/University authorities shall enter the polling booths.

19. Contravention of any of the above provisions of Code of Conduct may make the candidate liable to be stripped of his candidature, or his elected post, as the case may be. The College/University authorities may also take appropriate disciplinary action against such a violator.

20. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has made the provisions of BNS contained in Section 192 and Chapter IX "Offences relating to elections" applicable to Students election. Objectionable incidents, therefore, must be reported to the police, within 12 hours after the alleged commission of offence, for registering cases under relevant Sections of BNS.

21. There shall be Grievances Redressal Cell for DUSU elections with the Dean Students Welfare of the University/teacher in charge of student affairs for college students union elections as its Chairman. In addition, one senior faculty member, one senior administrative officer and two final year students – one boy and one girl will be the members as the case may be (till the election results are declared, students can be nominated on the basis of merit and/or participation in the co-curricular activities in the previous year).

22. Notwithstanding anything contained in the aforesaid code of conduct, the directives of the Supreme Court judgment dated 22.09.2006,

Hon'ble Delhi High Court orders in WPC 7824/2017 "Prashant Manchanda v. Union of India & Ors (Defacement Case) & WPC No. 13538/2024 "Akhilesh Kumar Mishra & Ors. Vs University of Delhi & Ors., Delhi Metro Rail (O & M) Act 2002, Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act 1984, The Delhi University Acts & Statutes, The Delhi Prevention of Defacement of Property Act, 2007, Hon'ble National Green Tribunal Order in O.A. No. 402/2015 Nitin Chandran Vs Union of Indian & Ors. and the Notification DU/124/LEGAL6272(17)/2025/2377 dated 08/08/2025 issued by the Registrar, University of Delhi shall prevail.

FACILITIES FOR PAPERLESS CAMPAIGN BY CONTESTING CANDIDATES

The University has made the following arrangements for a paperless campaign by the contesting candidates:

a) A space has been designated at DU website by Delhi University Computer Centre to upload the Election related material by the office of Chief Election Officer.

b) The candidates can submit an electoral speech in a video clipping, not exceeding ten minutes, to the office of the Chief Election Officer latest by 12th September, 2026 by 02:00 PM. This would be uploaded on the DU website after the **approval** of the Chief Election Officer.

c) Candidates may use Social Media available free of cost instead of paper for canvassing.

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