

CODE OF CONDUCT

UNIVERSITY ORDINANCES & LEGISLATIONS FOR THE STUDENTS

PART I

ANTI-RAGGING AND PROCTORIAL/DISCIPLINE-RELATED RULES

The college follows the ORDINANCE XV-B: Maintenance of discipline among Students of the University as followed by the University of Delhi. Following is the document.

ORDINANCE XV-B

Maintenance of discipline among students of the University

1. All powers relating to discipline and disciplinary action are vested in the Vice-Chancellor.
2. The Vice-Chancellor may delegate all or such powers as he/she deems proper to the Proctor and to such other persons as he/she may specify in this behalf.
3. Without prejudice to the generality of power to enforce discipline under the Ordinance, the following shall amount to acts of gross indiscipline:
 - i. Physical assault, or threat to use physical force, against any member of the teaching and non-teaching staff of any Institution/Department and against any student within the University of Delhi
 - ii. Carrying of, use of or threat to use of any weapons
 - iii. Any violation of the provisions of the Civil Rights Protection Act, 1976
 - iv. Violation of the status, dignity and honour of students belonging to the scheduled castes and tribes
 - v. Any practice-whether verbal or otherwise derogatory of women
 - vi. Any attempt at bribing or corruption in any manner
 - vii. Wilful destruction of institutional property
 - viii. Creating ill-will or intolerance on religious or communal grounds
 - ix. Causing disruption in any manner of the academic functioning of the University system;
 - x. Prohibition of Ragging as per Ordinance XV-C.
4. Without prejudice to the generality of his/her powers relating to the maintenance of discipline and taking such action in the interest of maintaining discipline as may seem to him/her appropriate, the Vice-

Chancellor, may in the exercise of his/her powers aforesaid order or direct that any student or students

- i. be expelled; or
 - ii. be, for a stated period rusticated; or
 - iii. be not for a stated period, admitted to a course or courses of study in a College, Department or Institution of the University; or
 - iv. be fined with a sum of rupees that may be specified; or v. be debarred from taking a University or College or Departmental Examination or Examinations for one or more years; or
 - v. that the result of the student or students concerned in the Examination or Examinations in which he/she or they have appeared be cancelled.
5. The Principals of the Colleges, Heads of the Halls, Deans of Faculties, Heads of Teaching Departments in the University, the Principal, School of Open Learning and Librarians shall have the authority to exercise all such disciplinary powers over students in their respective Colleges, Institutions, Faculties and Teaching Departments in the University as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the Institutions, Halls and teaching in the concerned Departments. They may exercise their authority through, or delegate authority to such of the teachers in their Colleges, Institutions or Departments as they may specify for these purposes.
6. Without prejudice to the powers of the Vice-Chancellor and the Proctor as aforesaid, detailed rules of discipline and proper conduct shall be framed. These rules may be supplemented, where necessary, by the Principals of Colleges, Heads of Halls, Deans of Faculties and Heads of Teaching Departments in this University. Each student shall be expected to provide himself/herself with a copy of these rules. At the time of admission, every student shall be required to sign a declaration that on admission he/she submits himself/herself to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Vice-Chancellor and several authorities of the University who may be vested with the authority to exercise discipline under the Acts, the Statutes, the Ordinances and the rules that have been framed therein by the University. Appropriate action will be taken as deemed necessary to maintain discipline. Any conduct that involves mental or physical abuse, such as bullying or exclusion, directed towards a fellow student, whether a fresher or not, based on their ethnicity, race, religion, color, gender (including transgender), appearance, sexual orientation, nationality, place of birth, place of residence, linguistic identity, or economic background, constitutes ragging and is strictly prohibited. Any type of ragging is strictly forbidden,

whether it occurs within the college premises or on public transportation. Ragging, whether it is an individual or collective act, is a severe form of indiscipline and will be handled according to the University of Delhi Ordinance XV-C. Each student and their parents or guardians are required to submit an online undertaking annually at www.antiragging.in. The UGC has made it obligatory for all students and their parents or guardians to submit anti-ragging affidavits during admission to educational institutions. It is now being communicated to all universities, institutions, students, and parents that the affidavits can be downloaded from the UGC website

PART II

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS

Students who show disrespect to the learning environment, disrupt the learning process, harm the well-being of members of the college community, or cause damage to college/individual property, will face disciplinary measures, which may include suspension or expulsion from the college. Once a formal complaint has been registered under this process, students will not have access to an informal resolution process.

Students must make themselves aware of the following:

1. As an 'apolitical' institution, Gargi College is not associated with any political party or politically motivated activities, nor does it endorse any particular ideology. Gargi College has a Students Council, which is the only official student body recognized by the college, and it is not affiliated with any other student organizations such as ABVP, NSUI or SFI etc. Using the name of the college on any other platform (social media, political rallies or events, and public speeches or statements) without authorisation is considered a violation of the code of conduct. Any violation of the college's code of conduct can result in disciplinary action.
2. Engaging in the deliberate act of providing untrue information to any member of the college's staff is prohibited, especially when holding a position of responsibility.
3. Disciplinary measures will be taken in response to any unfounded allegations made against a member of the College community.
4. Any behavior involving violence, coercion, or disruption, such as gheraos (encirclement/ blockade/coercive confinement, hunger strikes, dharnas, or any similar variation interrupting the college's regular academic and administrative operations is strictly prohibited. Furthermore, any actions that incite or lead to violence are also prohibited.

5. Any student found consuming or possessing prohibited drugs or intoxicants within the college premises will face strict disciplinary action.
6. Any act that results in damage or defacing of college property or property owned by a member of the college community is strictly forbidden.
7. Engaging in any activity that is considered morally reprehensible is strictly prohibited such as fraud, embezzlement, forgery, bribery, perjury, theft, assault, sexual misconduct, bullying or harassment, discrimination, and hate crimes.
8. Avoid using abusive, defamatory, derogatory or intimidating language towards any individual of within the college Community.
9. Allowing or facilitating the unauthorized entry of any person (without prior information of the college authorities) into the college premises will result in disciplinary action.
10. Refusing to reveal one's identity upon request by a college faculty member, employee, or authorized security personnel is a violation.
11. Any form of physical or verbal abuse or harassment or insult directed towards a member (student, teaching, or non-teaching) of the college or community is strictly prohibited.
12. Engaging in any activity that poses a threat to the mental or physical well-being, safety, or rights of any member of the college community is strictly prohibited.
13. Encouraging or assisting others to commit infractions is strictly prohibited.
14. The possession, usage, sale, or purchase of any illicit substances while on campus or in residence is strictly prohibited.
14. The use or exhibition of pornographic material while on College premises, including the use of College computers to access pornographic Internet sites, is strictly prohibited.
15. Disregarding the rules and regulations of the college is misconduct.
16. Engaging in cyber-bullying, which encompasses the use of derogatory language, threats, harassment, or intimidation on public platforms against any member of the college, is strictly forbidden. This code extends to making online threats or sending threatening messages through digital channels such as email or text messages. It also covers posting messages on social media platforms or online forums that are harassing or intimidating. Any student who is found responsible for creating or sharing manipulated images or other inappropriate content using electronic means will be subject to disciplinary measures.
17. Any conduct or behaviour that violates the college's code of conduct and discipline, which has not been explicitly listed above, will be subject to

legal consequences. A notice of the disciplinary action taken will also be sent to the parents or guardians.

CONSEQUENCES OF MISCONDUCT/PUNISHMENT:

Any student found to have engaged in acts of indiscipline or misconduct, as listed above, may be subject to disciplinary action imposed by the competent authority. The disciplinary action may take the form of any of the punishments listed.

1. Warning or reprimand
2. The college administration reserves the right to impose disciplinary action on any student who violates the code of conduct. This includes:
 - i. Suspension or rustication or termination from classes or academic activities for a specified period.
 - ii. Withholding of results, recovery of scholarships, or other benefits for a specified period.
 - iii. Fine or monetary penalty.
 - iv. Community service or assignment of extra academic work.
 - v. Mandatory counselling or therapy.
 - vi. Probationary period with specific conditions to be fulfilled.
 - vii. Expulsion from the college.
 - viii. Legal action in case of a criminal offense.
 - ix. The suspension/stoppage of any or all academic proceedings (Suspension of classes or exams, or denial of access to the library or other academic resources).
 - x. The withdrawal of any or all student facilities available under the college's regulations may be imposed as a disciplinary action (such as suspension of library or laboratory access, prohibition of participating in extracurricular activities, scholarship/fellowship etc.)

In conclusion, we emphasize the significance of upholding this code of conduct as responsible members of our college community. By adhering to these principles, we contribute to maintaining a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment that fosters learning, growth, and mutual respect. Let us embrace our shared commitment to uphold these standards and work together towards creating a positive and supportive college experience for all.