



दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

Ref. No.: CEO/DUSU/Elec/2025-26

Date: 27 August 2025

To
All Principals of Colleges,
University of Delhi

Subject: Prevention of Defacement of Property in and around College Campuses in respect of Student Union Elections – 2025-26.

Dear Madam/Sir,

As the Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) election has already been announced, I seek your earnest cooperation in ensuring our campuses remain orderly, clean, and reflective of academic decorum. In this context, it is imperative that we collectively comply with the directives of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in W.P.(C) 7824/2017 (Prashant Manchanda v. Union of India & Ors.), including the order dated 29 May 2018 and subsequent reinforcements in 2024, which mandates stringent measures against defacement of public and private property. These guidelines aim to prevent acts such as pasting posters, banners, wall writings, or hoardings that disfigure property which undermine the orderly conduct of elections.

In pursuant to the Hon'ble High Court orders, the University has recently constituted the University Committee for Prevention of Defacement of Property (UCPDP) vide Notification No. CEO/DUSU/Elec/2025-26 dated 18 August 2025. This committee, consists of the Vice-Chancellor's Nominee (Prof. Bipin Kumar Tiwary, Estate Officer), representatives from faculty, Delhi Police, DMRC, and municipal corporations, as mandated by the Court. It will oversee University-level efforts to ensure compliance across all campuses.

In line with these guidelines, all Principals are deemed to be Anti-Defacement Heads for their respective colleges. This role entrusts you with the responsibility to lead efforts in maintaining the aesthetic and structural integrity of college premises and surrounding areas. I urge you to direct all teaching and non-teaching staff to vigilantly ensure that no posters, banners, wall writings, hoardings, or similar materials are permitted within or around college campuses. Such defacement not only contravenes the law but also undermines the scholarly atmosphere we strive to foster.

Furthermore, each college must promptly constitute a College-level Committee for Prevention of Defacement of Property, as outlined in the Court's guidelines. This committee should comprise: (a) A Senior Faculty Member nominated by the Principal; (b) A Nominee of the Station House Officer (SHO) of the local Police Station.

The constitution of this committee, along with the names and contact details of its members, must be notified prominently on the college website and notice boards without delay. This will facilitate transparency and enable swift communication in case of any concerns.

The functions of the College Committee, as specified in the High Court guidelines, include but are not limited to:

- Organising sensitisation workshops for students, candidates, and supporters before the commencement of elections to educate them on the provisions of the Delhi Prevention

of Defacement of Property Act, 2007, and the Delhi Metro Railway (Operation and Maintenance) Act, 2002.

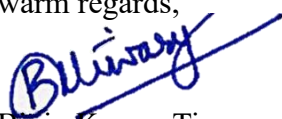
- Encouraging candidates to use e-communication platforms (such as emails, messaging apps, and social media) for campaigning, thereby moving away from paper-based materials.
- Conducting periodic workshops post-elections to maintain awareness among students about anti-defacement laws.
- Maintaining a strict vigil and record of any defacement incidents during elections and reporting them to the Returning Officer/Election Officer.
- Ensuring that nomination forms for student union elections include a written undertaking from candidates stating they and their supporters will not indulge in defacement, with the understanding that violations may lead to disqualification.
- Arranging designated "Walls of Democracy" within college premises: one for DUSU candidates and one for college union candidates, where handmade banners, posters, and slogans can be displayed without defacing other areas.
- Coordinating with local police for surveys of printers, stockists, and sellers of campaign materials to prevent unauthorised production.

To ensure effective implementation, I request that you organise regular coordination meetings with the concerned SHO and officials from the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) or New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), as applicable. These meetings should focus on continuous monitoring and proactive steps to prevent defacement before, during, and after the elections.

In the event of any violations, Principals are required to report them immediately to the appropriate authorities, including the UCPDP, and initiate disciplinary action against the involved parties, in accordance with the High Court's rulings. This may include disqualification from the electoral process or other penalties under relevant statutes. Continuous vigilance is mandatory to safeguard our shared spaces and uphold the principles of responsibility and respect that define our university community.

These measures, rooted in the Delhi High Court's 2018 guidelines and reinforced through 2024 orders, emphasise accountability and prompt action. I trust you will ensure full compliance in both letter and spirit to uphold a fair and orderly electoral process. For any clarification or support, you may contact the undersigned.

With warm regards,



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