

THE NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, ORISSA
(HOSTEL, DISCIPLINE AND CONDUCT) RULES, 2010

In exercise of the powers vested in it under Section 5(zn) of the National Law University Orissa Act, 2008 (Act 4 of 2008), and without prejudice to the generality of powers vested in the University by the said Act, the University makes the following rules in respect of discipline, conduct and other issues relating to its Hostels and also its Campus as a whole:

1. GENERAL

1. Short Title, Application and Commencement:

- (1) The following rules shall be known as the National Law University, Orissa (Hostel Discipline and Conduct) Rules, 2010.
- (2) They shall apply to the National Law University, Orissa campus in its entirety.
- (3) They shall come into force on 26 January, 2010.

2. Definitions:

- (a) “Act” means the National Law University Orissa Act, 2008 (Act 4 of 2008);
- (b) “Authority” and “Appropriate Authority” means and includes, unless the context otherwise requires, the Chief Warden, the Hostel Superintendent, and the Deputy Superintendent;
- (c) “Campus” including any and all buildings and lands in the possession of NLUO and in which activity relating to any aspect of the University’s functioning is being undertaken;
- (d) ‘Curriculum-related, co-curricular or extra-curricular activity’ includes, but is not limited to, academic conferences, moot court competitions, law reform competitions, debates, sports competitions and so on;
- (e) “Grounding” means suspension of the privilege of being absent from the Hostel as specified in Rule 6, but does not include going out of the hostel for emergencies or necessities as permitted by the appropriate authority on a written application by the student under grounding, and with the consent of the Chief Warden.
- (f) “Hostel” and “Hostel Premises” mean and includes any hostel or hall of residence maintained by the University, and shall, unless the context requires otherwise, extend to any arrangements made through tie-ups with private bodies for the residence of students;
- (g) “Hostel Disciplinary Committee” and “HDC” mean the Hostel Disciplinary Committee constituted under Rule 26;
- (h) “Local Guardian” means local guardian within the meaning of Rule 9. Unless the context otherwise requires, if a parent/guardian of a student is a resident of Cuttack, s/he shall be entitled to the rights and privileges accorded to local guardians under these Rules;
- (i) ‘NLUO’ and ‘University’ mean the National Law University, Orissa;
- (j) “Pirated” refers to any work that enjoys protection under the Copyrights Act, 1957 or any other law relating to copyright and neighbouring rights and has been

reproduced or distributed (whether electronically or otherwise) without proper authorisation;

- (k) "Pornographic or sexually explicit material" extends to any material that is pornographic or sexually explicit in nature, including but not restricted to text, photographs, films and so on, in any form, whether electronic (*i.e.* stored in computer hard disks, flash drives, CD or DVD disks etc.) or otherwise;
- (l) "Resident" means any student who has been lawfully admitted to any NLUO hostel;
- (m) "Rule" means any Rule or any sub-division thereof contained in the National Law University Orissa (Hostel, Discipline and Conduct) Rules, 2009;
- (n) "Rules" means the National Law University Orissa (Hostel, Discipline and Conduct) Rules, 2009;
- (o) "Student" means and includes a student enrolled in any full-time or part-time course offered by the University;
- (p) "Student Disciplinary Committee" and "SDC" mean the student Disciplinary Committee constituted under Rule 25;
- (q) "University Disciplinary Committee" and "UDC" mean the University Disciplinary Committee constituted under Rule 27;
- (r) Unless the context otherwise requires, the other words and phrases used herein shall be constructed in the light of their ordinary meaning.

II. ADMISSION TO HOSTELS

- 3. **Eligibility:** Students who have joined a regular course offered by the University shall be eligible for hostel accommodation for the duration of their course.

- 4. **Allotment:**

- (1) Allotment of the hostel shall be generally made on triple or double-sharing basis.
- (2) The hostel admission shall be renewable at the beginning of each academic year. Every boarder shall be admitted or re-admitted to the hostel within seven days of the opening of the University. Thereafter, no admission or re-admission shall be allowed, except with the prior permission of the Vice-Chancellor.
- (3) Every resident shall vacate his/her room within seven days of the completion of his/her course.
- (4) Rooms once allotted to the students for an academic year will not be changed, except in special circumstances, with the permission of the Chief Warden.
- (5) Students suspended from the University for any reason may not be considered for hostel accommodation.

III. VISITS BY OUTSIDERS, RESIDENTS' ABSENCE FROM HOSTELS

- 5. **Hostel Opening and Closing:** The Hostel shall remain closed during the vacations, as specified in the academic calendar of the University from time to time. Residents shall not be allowed to stay in the hostel during that period. However, in exceptional cases, the Chief Warden, with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, may permit a resident to stay in the hostel for a specific period of vacation.

6. Absence from the Hostel – General

- (1) Residents shall not remain absent from the hostel except under conditions prescribed under these rules.
- (2) Residents will not be permitted to leave the hostel or remain outside the hostel when the University is in session except according to procedures specified in these rules.
- (3) Short-term absences from the hostel not exceeding five days may be permitted only with the prior written permission of the appropriate authority. Absences of longer duration may be permitted by the Chief Warden after consultation with the Vice-Chancellor. This includes visits to the residence of the local guardian.
- (4) The foregoing shall not apply to residents who wish to absent themselves from the hostel on account of a curriculum-related, co-curricular or extra-curricular activity within the meaning of Rule 7(2).
- (5) In general, and without prejudice to the foregoing, no student shall leave Cuttack without the prior permission of the appropriate authority.
- (6) Subject to further notice, students are permitted to leave the hostel premises between [12:00 PM to 5:00PM on Sundays], ¹ and [on other days of the week, between 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM in winter and 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM in summer. Changes in applicable timing are to be effected through appropriate notification].²
- (7) Except in an emergency, no resident shall be absent from the hostel beyond the hours permitted in the rules, without the prior written permission of the appropriate authority.

7. Absence from the Hostel – Procedures

- (1) Residents who wish to absent themselves from the hostel in accordance with Rule 6 (3) shall be permitted to do so only after they have obtained the written permission from the authority prescribed therein.
- (2) Residents who wish to absent themselves from the hostel on account of a curriculum-related, co-curricular or extra-curricular activity shall, before leaving the hostel, inform the Chief Warden in writing wherein they will specify the activity, its venue, the duration of their absence and appropriate contact information.
- (3) Residents are required to make entries in the in/out register kept in the security guards' office
 - (a) Whenever they leave the hostel for any personal purpose, including the purposes mentioned in Rule 6 (4); and
 - (b) When they return from the above.

This shall apply to all absences, of any and all durations, that does not strictly pertain to students' academic activities.

Explanation: For the purpose of this Sub-Rule, "academic activities" shall include visits to the Library.

1. Submitted by Rule 2(1) of the National Law University, Orissa (Hostel, Discipline and Conduct) (Amendment) Rules, 2010 (notified on 20 February, 2010).

2. Substituted by Rule 2(2) of the National Law University, Orissa (Hostel, Discipline and Conduct) (Amendment) Rules, 2010 (notified on 20 February, 2010).
- (4) The security guard has instruction to lock the gate outside of the stipulated time.
- (5) Residents returning to the hostel after the permitted time without prior permission or without valid reason shall be subjected to monetary fines or stoppage of outings. Regular offenders shall invite graver penal consequences, extending to even expulsion from the hostel.

8. Visitors

- (1) The visiting time for parents, other relative and local guardians is between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM every Sunday. At other times they may meet residents within hostel premises only with the permission of the appropriate authority. This also applies to visitors not covered earlier in the paragraph, whether within or beyond the mentioned timings.
- (2) No visitors apart from parents, other relatives and local guardians shall be allowed inside the hostel premises except with the permission of the appropriate authority.
- (3) Visitors are not permitted beyond the ground floor of the hostel. In exceptional circumstances, parents/legal guardians may be permitted to enter the room of their child/ward with the permission of the appropriate authority.
- (4) Visitors shall park their vehicles outside the hostel gate.

- 9. Local Guardians:** If a resident has any relative or family friend [living in or near Cuttack who is] ³ of sufficient seniority and maturity to stand *in loco parentis*, the latter may be designated as local guardian to the student. This shall be done only after the student furnishes relevant details duly authenticated by a parent/guardian, such as the name of the appropriate person, her relationship with the student, her contact address, etc.

IV. CONDUCT WITHIN HOSTELS

10. General Rules of Conduct:

- (1) In general, residents are required to observe due decorum when in the hostel. This includes maintaining due standards of discipline, courtesy, good behaviour, and cleanliness (within hostel premises and especially within rooms), and also generally upholding a peaceful atmosphere conducive to academic activities and befitting an institution of higher learning.
- (2) Wearing of indecent clothes is strictly prohibited.
- (3) Residents are not allowed to keep any powered vehicles in the hostel premises.
- (4) No student shall ill-treat or misbehave with any hostel or mess staff, including staff members on housekeeping duty. If any student has a grievance against any staff member, she may submit a written complaint to the Chief Warden, who shall take appropriate action.
- (5) [Subject to the other provisions of these Rules, a resident may visit or remain in a room allotted to others after 10:15PM only with the consent of *all* the residents of that room. Even if one resident of the room objects, the visitor must leave the room immediately. In the interests of privacy, discipline and the

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3. Inserted by Rule 3 of the National Law University, Orissa (Hostel, Discipline and Conduct) (Amendment) Rule, 2010 (notified on 20 February, 2010).

need to sustain an academically conducive atmosphere, this shall be enforced strictly.]⁴

11. Use of Resources:

- (1) Wastage of food, electricity and water is a national loss, and is prohibited.
- (2) The use of electrical appliances such as air conditioners, heaters, irons, or refrigerators is strictly prohibited.
- (3) Residents are not permitted to remove any fixture or fitting, or extend or alter existing electric wiring, or tamper with any water or sanitary fitting.
- (4) Residents shall not damage any furniture or move any furniture from its allotted place.
- (5) If any hostel property is damaged or misplaced, the cost of the same shall be recovered from those responsible for the act. If it is not possible to identify them, then the cost may be recovered from the residents collectively, or from one or more identifiable sections of the resident population, if the Hostel Disciplinary Committee, after due consultation, deems so.

12. Discipline – General:

- (1) Ragging or bullying of students or any other persons, whether in the hostels or anywhere else within the University premises, is absolutely prohibited, and shall invite the most stringent consequences.
- (2) The consumption and possession of tobacco or alcoholic drinks within the hostel premises is strictly prohibited. Students who are in an intoxicated state shall not be permitted to enter the hostel. Any breach of the foregoing shall invite stringent consequences.
- (3) The consumption and possession of narcotic and psychotropic substance, whether or not prohibited by the law *per se*, is viewed very seriously by the University. Any breach of this shall invite the gravest of consequences, including but not limited to rustication from the University, and even criminal prosecution.
- (4) Inappropriate intermingling among the sexes is not permitted under any circumstance. As a rule, intermingling beyond [10:00 PM]⁵ is not permitted. Violation of norms of decency and good conduct shall be dealt with strictly.

[*Explanation:* It is hereby stated out of abundant caution that entering those parts of the hostel reserved exclusively for members of the opposite sex shall amount to “inappropriate intermingling” of the most serious type, both within the meaning of this Clause and otherwise.]⁶

- (5) Residents are not permitted to go to the hostel roof. Any violation would lead to serious punishment.
- (6) Twice in a day, once in the morning before the students leave for the academic block and once at 10PM, attendance may be taken by the hostel staff.

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4. Substituted by Rule 4 of the National Law University, Orissa (Hostel, Discipline and Conduct (Amendment) Rules, 2010 (notified on 20 February, 2010).
 5. Substituted by Rule 5(1) of the National Law University, Orissa (Hostel, Discipline and Conduct (Amendment) Rules, 2010 (notified on 20 February, 2010).
 6. Inserted by Rule 5(2) of the National Law University, Orissa (Hostel, Discipline and Conduct (Amendment) Rules, 2010 (notified on 20th February, 2010).

- (7) Neglecting to make entries, or making incorrect or misleading entries in the exit register, signing the register or behalf of any other person, tampering with the entries, proxy attendance and misguidance of any nature are punishable.
- (8) No resident shall be allowed to hold any political meeting in conjunction with any outside organisation within the hostel premises.
- (9) No student is allowed to go to a river or sea. No student will even attempt to hire any cruise. Any violation of this rule shall lead to immediate expulsion from the University.
- (10) A resident shall also abide by further disciplinary and other regulations framed by the University from time to time.

13. Discipline – Noise and Other Disturbances:

- (1) Residents are not permitted to play any music or musical instruments between 9:00PM and 9:00AM. Even during permitted hours, students are required to maintain appropriate volume levels so as not to disturb other residents.
- (2) Use of TV or playing of games, whether in the common room or outside, is not permitted after 10PM.
- (3) No party or celebration shall be allowed in the hostel premises after 9PM.

V. MESS DINING HALLS AND COMMON ROOM

14. Dining Halls and Common Rooms:

- (1) Students are not allowed to use mobile phones, musical instruments, or devices for playing sound recordings (e.g. iPods, laptops etc.), or to talk in unduly loud voices, in the hostel dining halls.
- (2) Subject to Rule 12 (3), residents desiring to organize a party or celebration in the dining hall, they may do so only after obtaining prior written permission from the appropriate authority. Mishandling of dining hall furniture or fittings is strictly forbidden. The cost of damages, [if any, shall]⁷ be recovered from the students. Students should clean the dining hall after the celebration is over.
- (3) At meal times, residents are required to queue in an orderly manner near the serving counters. Similarly, in case not enough dining chairs are available, residents shall not create

commotion, but instead wait for others to finish, and then occupy vacant chairs on a first-come-first-served basis.

15. Mess:

- (1) Once a student becomes resident of the hostel, s/he is deemed to have become a member of the mess until s/he vacates the hostel officially.
- (2) All residents shall accept the responsibilities of the membership of the mess committee by rotation.
- (3) All residents shall deposit the mess charges in advance as per schedule on the date fixed by the University administration. Failing this, they shall no longer be entitled to mess food as long as they fail to deposit the aforementioned charges.

- (4) Meals and other food shall be served in the mess at the following times:

Breakfast: 7:00 AM to 8:15 AM

Lunch: 1:30 PM to 3:00PM

7. Substituting by Rule 6 of the National Law University, Orissa (Hostel, Discipline and Conduct (Amendment) Rules, 2010 (notified on 20 February, 2010).

Tea: 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Dinner: 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM

- (5) The foregoing timings shall be displayed at the entrances of the dining halls, and are to be observed strictly. It is not obligatory on the part of the kitchen/dining hall staff to serve the meals outside the prescribed timings.

- (6) Food shall not be served in rooms. Residents are not permitted to take food to their rooms. In case a resident is unwell, the hostel superintendent will make suitable arrangements.

- (7) Residents are not allowed to enter into pantry or kitchen, unless authorized by the appropriate authority.

VI. HEALTH, SECURITY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF RESIDENTS

16. Students' Welfare – General:

- (1) For reasons of hygiene and safety, residents are advised to avoid consuming food sourced from outside.
- (2) Residents are advised not to use in their rooms potential fire-hazards such as oil lamps, incense sticks and mosquito coils. It is recommended that liquid repellents be used instead. Every student shall use mosquito nets to prevent themselves from malaria.

17. Health:

- 1) A resident may requisition the University ambulance with the prior permission of the appropriate authority in writing, strictly on medical grounds.
- 2) All the medical expenses shall be borne by the resident at the time of visiting to the hospital. Provided that in cases, emergency or otherwise, where the University has paid for treatment, the resident shall reimburse to the University the cost of treatment within seven days of notification to this effect.
- 3) For the purpose of this Rule, “appropriate authority” also includes the Assistant Superintendent.

18. Valuables:

- (1) Residents desirous of keeping in their rooms cash and valuable items like personal computers, laptops, tape recorders, camera, mobile phones, ornaments etc. shall do so at their own risk. The University shall be neither responsible nor liable for any loss of such items.
- (2) Residents are advised to procure a securely lockable briefcase in which they may store their valuables and cash.

19. Extra – Curricular Activities:

- (1) Residents may, with the prior written approval of the Chief Warden, organize sports, games, cultural programmes and competitions.
- (2) Committees may be formed for this purpose.
- (3) Meetings of these Committee should be held between 8:00PM and 10:00PM.

VII. CONDUCT WITHIN THE CAMPUS

20. **Applicability:** Rules contained in this Part shall apply to the NLUO campus in its entirety, including the hostels.

21. General Rules:

- (1) Students are required to wear the University uniform to the class and elsewhere within the Campus as and when directed by the University.
- (2) In general, even when they are not required to wear the University uniform, students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate to an institution of learning.
- (3) Students must at all times carry with them their ID Cards issued by the University.

(4) If a student loses or misplaces her/his ID Card, s/he is required to report the matter without any delay to the Assistant Registrar.

(5) After reporting the loss, the student is required to pay a fine of Rs. 150/- following which the University shall issue her/him a duplicate ID Card.

(6) [Subject to the provisions of these and other Rules, a student shall not permitted to leave the Campus without written permission from a member of the Faculty.]⁸

22. Discipline – Altercations:

- (1) Students are advised to settle in an expeditious and amicable manner any dispute that may emerge *inter se*.
- (2) In case a dispute escalates into an altercation, witnesses or participants are required to report the same initially to the Student Disciplinary Committee. If necessary, the SDC may take up the matter with the appropriate authority for further action.
- (3) No physical violence is permitted under any circumstances. All students have a duty a duty to report to the appropriate authority any instance of physical violence they may witness. The matter will then be taken up in the appropriate manner by the HDC as provided in the Rules.

23. Computer and IT Related Matters:

- (1) Students shall not introduce into the University campus or possess inside the University campus any pornographic or sexually explicit material.
- (2) Students shall not introduce into the University campus or possess inside the University campus any pirated material.
- (3) Students shall not use the University internet connection and IT infrastructure for the purpose of downloading, procuring, accessing or storing any pornographic, sexually explicit, or pirated material, or for hacking into any other network, sending spam e-mails, or any other act prohibited by law.

8. Inserted by Rule 7 of the National Law University, Orissa (Hostel, Discipline and Conduct) (Amendment) Rules, 2010 (notified on 20 February, 2010).

VIII. SEXUAL HARASSMENT

24. **Sexual Harassment:** Sexual harassment or any practice derogatory to human dignity and personal privacy are strictly prohibited. As per the Supreme Court's mandatory guidelines issued in *Vishaka v. State of Rajasthan* (AIR 1997 SC 3011), the University shall constitute a Complaints Committee to look into and prevent cases of sexual harassment or violence. Any instance of such an act being committed shall be placed before the Complaints Committee for taking immediate and appropriate action.

Until such a Committee is constituted, the HDC shall have all powers necessary to address cases of sexual harassment or violence within the University Campus.

IX. DISPLINARY PROCEDURES

25. Student Disciplinary Committee – Constitution:

- (1) There shall be a Student Disciplinary Committee (SDC).
- (2) The purpose of this is to inculcate a sense of self-discipline within the undergraduate student community.
- (3) The SDC shall comprise of six elected representatives each from the B.A LL.B (Hons.) and B.B.A LL.B (Hons.) streams.
- (4) The SDC shall have one convener and one co-convener elected from amongst its members, and subject to their willingness to serve in such capacity.

26. Hostel Disciplinary Committee – Constitution:

- (1) There shall be a Hostel Disciplinary Committee (HDC).
- (2) The HDC shall comprise of the Chief Warden as the *ex officio* Chairperson, and two members each from the B.A. LL.B. and B.B.A. LL.B streams nominated by and from amongst the SDC.

27. University Disciplinary Committee – Constitution:

- (1) There shall be a University Disciplinary Committee (UDC)
- (2) The UDC shall comprise of the following:
 - (a) The Registrar (as *ex officio* Chairperson);
 - (b) The Chief Warden;
 - (c) The Hostel Superintendent;
 - (d) The Hostel Deputy Hostel Superintendent;
 - (e) Two Faculty Members nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (f) The Assistant Registrar; and
 - (g) Two Student Representatives elected by and from the members of the SDC.

28. Powers and Responsibilities of Student Disciplinary Committee:

- (1) The SDC shall be entrusted with the responsibilities relating to maintaining discipline and decorum amongst the students in the University Campus, specifically the Hostel.
- (2) The SDC shall have such powers are conferred upon them by the University from time to time regarding student discipline and misconduct.
- (3) It is hereby stated out of abundant caution that such powers conferred shall not extend to the power to institute rules or regulations inconsistent with or contrary to any other rules or regulations of the University. Any rule made in contravention of this shall be deemed as void *as initio*.

29. Powers of Hostel Disciplinary Committee:

- (1) The HDC shall have the power to examine in the first instance any violation of a Rule, or of any other disciplinary or misconduct norm, which occurs anywhere in the Campus, whether in the Hostel premises or otherwise.
- (2) The HDC shall also have the power to examine in the first instance any violation of a Rule, or of any other disciplinary or misconduct norm, which occurs outside the Campus but which is of such serious nature as to damage the reputation of the University.

- (3) Nothing stated in Sub-Rules (1) and (2) shall apply to any instance in respect of which Rule 30(4) or Rule 34 has been applied, or any instance falling under Part VIII, or under any other Rules framed under the Act, such as the The National Law University, Orissa (Library Users) Rules (2010), or the The National Law University Orissa (Examination) Rules, 2010.

30. Institution of Disciplinary Proceedings:

- (1) Disciplinary proceedings shall be instituted whenever a violation of any provision of the Rules is reported to the appropriate authorities by either an SDC member or any other person.
- (2) If the authority is a person other than the Chief Warden, s/he shall promptly report the matter to the Chief Warden.
- (3) When the Chief Warden receives intimation of the violation, s/he shall as expeditiously as possible constitute a hearing of the HDC.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything contained in Sub-Rule (3) above, the Chief Warden may directly refer the matter for hearing by the UDC if s/he is of the belief that the matter is serious enough to warrant such action.
- (5) Except in cases falling within Sub-Rule(4) above, the HDC shall then issue a notice to the student in respect of whom the violation has been alleged, in which shall be included details of the violations s/he has been accused of, and also other pertinent details about the hearing, such as its date, time and venue.

31. Hearings by Hostel Disciplinary Committee:

- (1) In the course of the hearing, the HDC shall give fair opportunity to all concerned parties to present their case.
- (2) Once this is concluded, the HDC shall decide on the appropriate course of action in the light of the following Sub-Rules within this Rule.
- (3) The HDC shall have the power to impose punishments comprising fines not exceeding Rupees Five Hundred only (Rs. 500/-) and/or grounding for a period not exceeding two weeks.
- (4) If the HDC collectively reaches decision that violation calls for a greater punishment, then it shall refer the matter for hearing by the UDC.
- (5) Notwithstanding anything contained in Sub-Rule (3) above, if the Chairman of the HDC feels that the matter is not being adjudicated in a proper manner by the HDC, s/he shall have the discretion to refer the matter for hearing by the UDC. However, this discretion shall be exercised judiciously and only in exceptional circumstances.
- (6) Student members of the HDC shall keep proper records of hearings and other proceedings, and submit the same to the Chairman of the UDC from time to time.

32. Hearings by University Disciplinary Committee:

- (1) When any matter reaches the UDC, whether through the application of Rule 30(4), Rule 31(4), Rule 31(5) or any other Rule, the UDC shall constitute a hearing.
- (2) Subsequently, it shall issue a notice to the student in respect of whom the violation has been alleged, in which shall be included details of the violations s/he has been accused of, and also other pertinent details about the hearing, such as its date, time and venue.
- (3) In the course of the hearing, the SDC shall give fair opportunities to all concerned parties to present their case.
- (4) Once this is concluded, the SDC shall decide on the appropriate course of action in the light of the following Sub-Rules within this Rule.
- (5) The HDC shall have the power to impose punishments comprising fines not exceeding Rupees Five Hundred only (Rs. 500/-) and/or grounding for the period not exceeding two weeks.
- (6) If the HDC collectively reaches a decision that violation calls for a greater punishment, then it shall refer the matter to the UDC.

33. Penal Powers of the University Disciplinary Committee: The UDC, after hearing all parties concerned, may impose the following punishments and penalties on Students in accordance with the provisions of the Rules:

- (a) Written warning and **intimidation** to the parents/guardians;
- (b) Fine exceeding Rupees Five Hundred only (Rs.500/-) and which may extend up to Rupees Ten Thousand Only (Rs. 10,000/-);
- (c) Grounding for a period exceeding two weeks;
- (d) Suspension from the University for a specific period of time;
- (e) Suspension or cancellation of any scholarship, fellowship or any other financial assistance;
- (f) Recovery of pecuniary loss to the University;
- (g) Debarring from participation in any student activity committees or any student activity;
- (h) Suspension from the Mess or Library;
- (i) Expulsion from the University; and
- (j) Any other penalty that the UDC deems fit in the light of the facts and circumstances of the case.

34. Appeal:

- (1) Any student aggrieved by any disciplinary action may file an appeal before the Vice-Chancellor, who shall then hear and adjudicate upon the matter.
- (2) The powers of the UDC to impose punishments as provided in Rule 31 extends *mutatis mutandis* to the Vice-Chancellor.
- (3) The decision of the Vice-Chancellor shall be final and the same shall be considered as the final decision of the University.

35. Powers of the Vice-Chancellor and the University:

(1) Nothing contained in the Rules shall be constructed as in any way restricting or modifying the powers conferred on the University or the Vice-Chancellor by the Act or any other law, specifically the powers conferred on the University by Section 5 (i) of the Act and on the Vice-Chancellor by Sections 18(9) (c) and 18(9)(d) of the Act.

(2) Nothing contained in the Rules shall be construed as in any way restricting or modifying the Vice-Chancellor's power to take in exceptional circumstances *suo motu* cognizance of any violation of a Rule, or of any other disciplinary or misconduct norm, adjudicate on the same, and impose such punishment under the Rules as he deems fit.

(3) In particular, the Vice-Chancellor has the power to suspend from the University any student against whom a charge of Rule violation, indiscipline or misconduct of sufficient gravity has been brought, pending hearing by the HDC or UDC as the case may be, or trial for a cognizable offence in a court of law.

36. **Natural Justice:** It is hereby stated out of abundant caution that in respect of any violation of the Rules or other disciplinary and misconduct norms, and in relation to any hearing by the SDC, HDC, UDC, or the Vice-Chancellor, all hearings shall be conducted, and all punishments and penalties shall be imposed on students, only in accordance with the norms of natural justice. In particular, a student alleged to have committed any violation shall be given at each stage a reasonable opportunity to be heard.