



CODE OF CONDUCT

Sri Venkateswara College Students Union Election

(As per the Supreme Court Judgement)

CODE OF CONDUCT :- *The students contesting Election for the College Students' Union must strictly adhere to the following guidelines relating to Code of conduct during the Elections :-*

1. The union/representative body so elected shall only comprise of regular students enrolled in a full time course in the College of the University. No candidate or his supporters will indulge in any act of gross indiscipline as stated in Ordinance XV-B as per rules. Students of a College/Institution may become office bearers of the Union by a resolution passed by absolute majority of the total number of students on rolls of the College/Institution concerned on the last working day of July of that year. No elected office-bearers shall be entitled to hold the same office twice. The official year of the Union will be as per university directives.
2. Those studying only Foreign Language Courses or Diploma or Certificate Courses of the College/University shall not be the members of the Union.
3. Under-Graduate Students between the ages of 17 and 22 as on 16th August of that academic year may contest elections. For Post-Graduate Students the maximum age limit to legitimately contest an election would be 25 years as on 16th August of the year of the 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). The candidate should have attained the minimum percentage of attendance as prescribed by the University or 75% attendance, whichever is higher. However, this condition is not applicable for a student of First Year in the College. The candidate shall have one opportunity to contest for the post of Office-Bearer, and two opportunities to contest for the post of Central Councillor. No candidate can contest simultaneously for more than one post.

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- 5 The candidate should not have a previous criminal record, that is to say he/she should not have been tried and/or convicted of any criminal offence or misdemeanor. The candidate shall also not have been subjected to any disciplinary action by the College/University authorities. Further, the contestants should not have failed in the preceding academic year and/or re-admitted in the current year as per university rules.
- 6 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. Places of worship, within or without the Campus shall not be used for election propaganda.
- 7 *Inviting College students to any Birthday parties or any parties under any pretext to get favours after the announcement of the Schedule of Elections, is banned till the elections are completed.*
- 8 *Distribution of Campaign material in the form of Book-Marks, Posters or Hand Bills are banned.*
- Pasting posters (including Stickers with adhesive) hoarding or defacement of walls in any form is strictly prohibited. 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 severely liable for any destruction/defacing of any University/College property. Please display handmade posters only on the College Canteen Notice Board.
- Public Address System and beating of drums is not allowed inside or in the vicinity of the College. The Candidates should not be accompanied by more than four bonafide students of the University/College for canvassing. Entry of the outsiders in the College premises is barred.
- No candidate contesting elections should have been convicted of any Criminal Offence by the Court of Law or punished by the College/University in terms of clause 9 of DUSU Constitution. Every candidate is required to furnish an affidavit to the effect that he/she does not have any previous criminal record and has not been subjected to any disciplinary action by the College/University. The last date for receipt of affidavit duly completed in all the aspects along with the nomination paper is 19th September, 2024 till 3:00 PM.

- 9 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 paste handmade posters for the purpose of canvassing at designated places in the College Campus, which shall be notified in advance by the College Authority. The Candidates should not bring outsiders or ex-students of the college for canvassing in the college. The Candidates should not pass any derogatory remarks or make any personal attack on/against the rival Candidates. No candidate contesting election of the Union will be allowed to enter the College or Hostel Premises for the purpose of canvassing without proper Identification i.e. College Identity Card or an Identity Slip issued by the Office of the Principal/Election Officer.
- 10 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)
- 11 All candidates 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 within 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.
- 12 No canvassing shall be allowed in the Hostel of the College after 8:00 P.M. on any day. No Candidate or his/her supporters shall deface or cause any destruction to any property of the College/University Campus, for any purpose whatsoever. All candidates shall be held jointly and severally liable for any destruction / defacing of any College/University property.
- 13 Any Telephonic/Personal Threats/Intimidation or any violence inside the College either by the Candidates or Candidates' supporters will attract stern disciplinary action including cancellation of Nomination and expulsion from the College. The Grievance Redressal Cell will consider the written complaints (if any) by the Candidates or his/her Supporters. The Committees will decide and recommend appropriate action, if any.
- 14 Contravention of any of the above guidelines 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.
- 15 The Hon'ble Supreme Court has made the provisions contained in Section 153A and Chapter IX-A "Offences relating to election" 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 IPC.

16 On the day of the polling, if a candidate visits the College, the College Principal or Election Officer or some other college teacher deputed by the Principal may take him/her around the Polling Booths for his/her satisfaction.

17 On the day of polling, Student Organizations and Candidates shall:-

a. Cooperate with the Officers on Election Duty to ensure peaceful and orderly polling and complete freedom to the voters to exercise their franchise without being subjected to any annoyance or obstruction;

b. Not hand out any propaganda on the Polling Day.

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

ELECTION RELATED EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY:-

1. The maximum permitted expenditure per candidate shall be Rs 5000/-.
2. Each candidate shall, within two weeks of the declaration of the result, submit complete and certified account to the College Authorities, as per notification by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The College shall publish such accounts within two days of submission of such accounts, through a suitable medium so that any member of the student body may freely examine the same.
3. The election of the candidate will be nullified in the event of any non-compliance or in the event of any excessive expenditure.

NOTE :-

1. All candidates and their supporters are directed to adhere to the above guidelines relating to Code of Conduct for the candidates contesting the Sri Venkateswara College Students Union Elections. **Any one violating the above norms will attract disqualification from contesting the Elections and disciplinary action as well.**
2. The Sri Venkateswara College Students' Union (SVCSU)/Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) constitution, or any amendment thereof, shall come into force with effect from a date to be notified by the Patron.
3. Any addendum/corrigendum shall be posted on the college website(www.svc.ac.in) only.

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