

## **THE GOA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' DISCIPLINE AND CONDUCT RULES 2018**

**Preamble:** Students indiscipline leads to serious issues including ragging. It has been observed by Hon'ble Courts of Law and UGC that common places where indiscipline/ragging could occur includes canteens and hostels. This necessitates relooking into disciplinary rules for hostel management as well as Disciplinary Rules by Goa University, probably in the year 1988. A proctorial system needs to be established as suggested by the Academic Council of the Goa University.

Whereas it is considered necessary and expedient to frame rules under which disciplinary action may be taken at various levels against students of the University Teaching Departments/Schools/Centers, established and maintained by Goa University.

The following Rules are framed under section 22 (q) of the Goa University Act, 1984 read with clause 5 of the Statute no. 26.

Before proceeding further, the Committee would like to reproduce some important guidelines in this context:

*Section 22 (q) of GU Act, 1984 read with clause 5 of Statute 26 provides for the Maintenance of discipline among students of the University –*

- (1) All powers relating to discipline and disciplinary action in relation to student of the University shall vest in the Vice-Chancellor.*
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate all or any of his powers as he deems proper to the Registrar and to such other officers as he may specify in this behalf.*
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of his powers relating to the maintenance of discipline and taking such action, as may seem to him appropriate for the maintenance of discipline, the Vice-Chancellor may, in the exercise of his powers, by order, direct that any student or student be expelled or restricted for a specified period or be not admitted to a course or courses of study in a college, institution or Department of the University for a stated period or be punished with fine for an amount to be specified in the order or be debarred from taking an examination or examinations conducted by the University, college, institution or a Department for one or more years, or that the results of the students or students concerned in the examination or examinations in which he or they have appeared be cancelled.*
- (4) The Principals of the colleges, institutions, Head of Special Centers, Deans of Faculties and Heads of teaching Departments in the University shall have the authority to exercise all such disciplinary powers over the students in their respective colleges, institutions Special Centers, Faculties and teaching Departments in the University as may be necessary for proper conduct of such colleges, institutions, special centers, faculties and teaching in the departments.*
- (5) Without prejudice to the powers of the Vice-Chancellor, the Principals and other persons specified in clause (4), detailed rules of discipline and proper conduct shall be made by the University. The Principals of colleges, institutions, Heads of Special Centers, Deans of Schools of Studies and Heads of teaching Departments in the University may also make such supplementary rules as they deem necessary for the aforesaid purpose. Every student shall be supplied with a copy of the rule made by the University and a copy of the supplementary rules shall be supplied to the students concerned.*

- (6) *At the time of admission, every student shall be required to sign a declaration to the effect that he submits himself to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Vice-Chancellor and other authorities of the University.*

***Hon'ble Supreme Court of India delivered many judgements during 2001-2009 defining ragging and giving directives to curb the problems:***

*Any disorderly conduct whether by words spoken or written or by an act which the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any other student, indulging in rowdy or indisciplined activities which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or a junior student or asking the students to do any act or perform something which such student will not do in the ordinary course and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of a fresher or a junior student.*

- ***Ragging is as severe a criminal act as rape.***
- *FIR will be filed without any delay.*
- *Such cases will be accorded priority trial.*
- ***Those found guilty may be fined up to Rs. 8,000/-***
- ***Those found guilty may be expelled up to four semesters.***
- ***Those found guilty may be denied admission elsewhere.***
- ***Authorities are also accountable for any failure or delay.***
- ***Defaulter institutions are likely to lose grants.***

***Important Clauses of UGC Regulations on CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING in Higher Educational Institutions 2009 to be noted by the students.***

***CLAUSE 3: WHAT CONSTITUTES RAGGING?***

*Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts:*

- a) *Any conduct by any student or students whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness a fresher or any other student.*
- b) *Indulging in rowdy or indiscipline activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student.*
- c) *Asking any student to do any act which such student will not in the ordinary course do and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame, or torment or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of such fresher or any other student.*
- d) *Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher.*
- e) *Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.*
- f) *Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students*
- g) *Any act of physical abuse including all variants of it: sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person;*

- h) Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, post, public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to fresher or any other student.*
- i) Any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of a fresher or any other student with or without an intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or any other student.*

**CLAUSE 7: ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION:**

*On receipt of the recommendation of the Anti-Ragging Squad or on receipt of any information concerning any reported incident of ragging, the Head of Institution shall immediately determine if a case under the panel laws is made out and if so, either on his own or through a member of the Anti-Ragging Committee, authorized by him in this behalf, proceed to file a First Information Report (FIR), within twenty-four hours of receipt of such information or recommendation. with the police and local authorities, under the appropriate penal provisions relating to one or more of the following, namely;*

- i. Abetment to ragging;*
- ii. Criminal conspiracy to rag;*
- iii. Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging;*
- iv. Public nuisance created during ragging;*
- v. Violation of decency and morals through ragging;*
- vi. Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt;*
- vii. Wrongful restraint;*
- viii. Wrongful confinement;*
- ix. Use of criminal force;*
- x. Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences;*
- xi. Extortion;*
- xii. Criminal trespass;*
- xiii. Offences against property;*
- xiv. Criminal intimidation;*
- xv. Attempts to commit any or all of the above-mentioned offences against the victim(s);*
- xvi. Threat to commit any or all of the above-mentioned offence against the victim(s);*
- xvii. Physical or psychological humiliation;*
- xviii. All other offence following from the definition of “ragging”*

*Provided that the Head of the Institution shall forthwith report the occurrence of the incident of ragging to the District Level Anti-Ragging Committee and the Nodal officer of the affiliating University, if the institution is an affiliated institution.*

*Provided further that the institution shall also continue with its own enquiry initiated under clause 9 of these Regulations and other measures without waiting for action on the part of the police/local authorities and such remedial action shall be initiated and completed immediately and in no case later than a period of seven days of the reported occurrence of the indent of ragging.*

**CLAUSE 9: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION IN THE EVENT OF RAGGING:**

- 9.1 The institution shall punish a student found guilty of ragging after following the procedure and in the manner prescribed here in under:*

- a) *The Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution shall take an appropriate decision, in regard to punishment or otherwise, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging and nature and gravity of the incident of ragging established in the recommendations of the Anti-Ragging Squad.*
- b) *The Anti-Ragging Committee may, depending on the nature and gravity of the guilt established by the Anti-Ragging Squad, award, to those found guilty, one or more of the following punishments, namely;*
  - i. *Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.*
  - ii. *Withholding/ withdrawing scholarship/ fellowship and other benefits.*
  - iii. *Debarring from appearing in any test/ examination or other evaluation process.*
  - iv. *Withholding results.*
  - v. *Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.*
  - vi. *Suspension/ expulsion from the hostel.*
  - vii. *Cancellation of admission.*
  - viii. *Rustication from the institution for period ranging from one to four semesters.*
  - ix. *Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period.*  
*Provided that where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment.*
- c) *An appeal against the order of punishment by the Anti-Ragging Committee shall lie,*
  - (i) *in case of an order of an institution, affiliated to or constituent part, of a University, to the Vice-Chancellor of the University;*
  - (ii) *in case of an order of a University, to its Chancellor.*
  - (iii) *in case of an institution of national importance created by an Act of Parliament, to the Chairman or Chancellor of the institution, as the case may be.*

## **The Goa University Students' Discipline and Conduct Rules 2018.**

### **1. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT**

- (a) These Rules shall be called "The Goa University Students' Discipline and Conduct Rules 2018" hereafter referred to as the "Rules".
- (b) These Rules shall come into force with effect from the date of their notification.

### **2. APPLICATION OF RULES**

- (a) These Rules shall apply to all students of the University whether admitted prior to the commencement of these Rules or after the commencement of these Rules.
- (b) Any breach of discipline and conduct committed by a student inside or outside the Goa University Campus shall fall under the purview of these Rules.
- (c) Without prejudice to the generality of the power to enforce discipline under Section 22 (q) of the Goa University Act, 1984 and Statue 26 thereunder, the acts mentioned in Rules 4 shall amount to acts of misconduct or indiscipline or both.
- (d) These rules are not meant to deny the democratic rights of the students to dissent/air their grievances/protest in a peaceful and lawful manner.
- (e) Peaceful and lawfully conducted sit-ins/*dharanas* at a designated place with prior intimation to the University administration will not invite any punishment under these rules.

### **3. DEFINITIONS:**

For the purpose of application of these Rules-

- (a) 'Department' means any teaching Department established and maintained by the Goa University offering P.G. Degree/Diploma/Certificate/Integrated Courses and also includes Schools, Centers, Library, Hostels, Play grounds, Canteens, Shopping Centers, Gymkhana, University Guest House, Administrative Offices, Staff quarters and entire University campus.
- (b) 'Student' means any person admitted to a Department of the University as given in (a) above for receiving instructions either full-time or part-time and whose names is on the rolls of the University. The word student with reference to the context if required shall mean students also.
- (c) 'Teacher' means Dean, Director, Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor Warden of hostel, Librarian, Director of Physical Education, Assistant Director of Physical Education, Physical Culture Instructor, and Coaches Etc.
- (d) 'Disciplinary Authority' means an authority competent to impose penalty on a student under these Rules for any act of indiscipline or misconduct.
- (e) 'Inquiry Authority' means a Committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor or an Inquiry Officer appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to inquire into the charges of act/s of indiscipline or misconduct by a student or a group of students.
- (f) 'Chief Proctor' means a senior teacher appointed by the Vice-Chancellor under the provisions of these Rules.
- (g) 'Assistant Proctor' means a teacher appointed by the Vice-Chancellor under the provisions of these Rules.

### **4.0 ACTS OF MISCONDUCT AND INDISCIPLINE:**

#### **(a) Acts of misconduct and indiscipline Category-I:**

- i) Causing disturbance within the University premises, Laboratory or Reading Room, Common Room, Playground or Hostel.
- ii) Any act leading to diverting the attention of the students from the Lectures or of the teacher from Teaching.
- iii) Insubordination and/or disrespect to the teacher within or outside the University premises.
- iv) Habitual inattention to classwork and assignments.
- v) Disturbing a class from outside by loitering aimlessly in the corridors, making noise.
- vi) Picking up quarrel with the teaching or non-teaching staff or with other students.
- vii) Using filthy language and abuses in the University premises or 'Sports-grounds'
- viii) Smoking openly within the University campus.
- ix) Playing any kind of musical instrument inside the class or outside during class hours.
- x) Hunger strikes, *dharnas*, group bargaining and any other form of protest by blocking entrance or exit of any of the academic and/or administrative complexes or disrupting the movements of any member of the University Community.
- xi) Furnishing false certificates or false information in any manner to the University.
- xii) Teasing or disrespectful behavior or any misbehavior with a boy/girl student, staff member/ visitor.
- xiii) Causing or colluding in the unauthorized entry of any person/guest into the Campus or in the unauthorized occupation of any portion of the University premises, including residential quarters/hostels or residence by any person.

- xiv) Unauthorized occupation of the hostel rooms or unauthorized acquisition and use of University furniture in one's hostel room or elsewhere.
- xv) Damaging or defacing, in any form any property of the University or the property of any member of the University community.
- xvi) Not disclosing one's identity when asked to do so by a faculty member or employee or security staff of the University who is authorized to ask for such identity.
- xvii) Improper behavior while on tour or excursion.
- xviii) Coercing the medical staff to render medical assistance to persons not entitled for the same or any other disorderly behavior in the Health Centre of University.
- xix) Blockade or forceful prevention of any normal movement of traffic, violation of security or safety rules notified by the University.
- xx) Littering of any kind of waste including plastic waste in the University buildings, grounds/roads/premises.
- xxi) Disturbing other students/ teachers using a mobile phone inside the class or outside during class hours.
- xxii) Driving and parking the vehicles on University campus in violation of guidelines to that effect.
- xxiii) Distributing any material related to political parties/movements.
- xxiv) Any other act which may be considered by the Vice-Chancellor or any other competent authority to be a minor act of violation of discipline and conduct.

**(b) Acts of misconduct and indiscipline Category-II:**

- i) Repetition of acts given under Category-I of indiscipline in spite of repeated warnings and penalties imposed.
- ii) Attending the University dressed in a manner contrary to social norms prevailing from time to time or violation of dress code if any.
- iii) Indecent exposure in a proactive manner or behaving in a manner tending to rouse baser passions among the members of the same or opposite sex.
- iv) Disfiguring the walls, floors, furniture etc. of the University.
- v) Forcibly entering/ reaching places which have restricted entry or unauthorizedly handling of equipment or performing acts which would be a threat to one's life.
- vi) Instigating others to commit acts of indiscipline.
- vii) Engaging in any attempt at wrongful confinement of any member of the faculty, staff, student or anyone camping inside the Campus.
- viii) Any Intimidation of or insulting or abusive behavior towards a student, staff or faculty or any other person.
- ix) *Wanton destruction of University properties.*
- x) *Consuming or possessing narcotic drugs or other intoxicants or alcohol anywhere in the University premises.*
- xi) *Indulging in criminal acts of any kind under the law of land including gambling and possession of arms/weapons.*
- xii) *Arousing communal, caste or regional feelings or creating disharmony among students.*
- xiii) *Demonstration of disloyalty to the country, its constitution and its flag.*
- xiv) *Ragging of any kind tending to cause physical and mental torture to other students or forcing others to submit to indignity and nuisance.*

- xv) *All acts of violence and all forms of coercion such as gheraos, sit-ins or any variation of the same which disrupt the normal academic and administrative functioning of the University and or any act which incites or leads to violence.*
- xvi) *Gheraos, laying siege or staging demonstrations around the residence of any member of the University Community or any other form of coercion, intimidation or disturbance of right to privacy of the residents of the campus.*
- xvii) *Sexual harassment of any kind which shall also include: unwelcome sexual proposition/ advancements, sexually graphic comments of a body unwelcome touching, patting pinching or leering of parts of the body or persistent offensive or unwelcome sexual jokes and or comments.*
- xviii) Committing forgery, tampering with the Identity Card or University records, impersonation, misusing University property (movable or immovable), documents and records, tearing of pages of, defacing, burning or in any way destroying the books, journals, magazines and any material of library or unauthorized photocopying or possession of library books, journals, magazines or any other material.
- xix) Any act of moral turpitude.
- xx) Use of abusive, defamatory, derogatory or intimidatory language against any member of the University Community.
- xxi) Any other act or acts which the Vice-Chancellor considers as major acts of misconduct and indiscipline.

## **5.0 PUNISHMENT**

The competent authority may impose any one or suitable combination of the following punishments on any student found guilty of any of the acts of indiscipline or misconduct mentioned under Category-I or Category-II as the case may be, in Rule 4.

### **Category-II:**

- 1) Cancellation of admission or withdrawal of degree or denial of registration for a specified period.
- 2) Rustication up to four semesters and/or declaring any part or the entire Goa University Campus out of bounds.
- 3) Fine up to Rupees five thousand depending upon gravity of the issue.
- 4) Expulsion.

### **Category-I:**

- 1) Admonition/Reprimand.
- 2) Sending the student out of his class and not letting him into his class up to a maximum of two consecutive periods.
- 3) Marking the student absent on repeating the misconduct at Sr No. 2.
- 4) Fine up to Rupees Twenty Thousand depending upon gravity of the issue.
- 5) Recovery of any kind, such as scholarship/fellowship, any dues, cost of damages, etc.
- 6) Withdrawal of any or all facilities available to a student as per, various Goa University Rules (such as Scholarship/Fellowship, Hostel etc.) permanently or for a time period up to two semesters.
- 7) Stoppage of any or all academic processes.
- 8) Rustication up to two semesters and/or Declaring any hostels, premises, building or the entire Goa University Campus out of bounds to any students.

## 6.0 AUTHORITIES EMPOWERED TO IMPOSE PUNISHMENT AND APPELLEATE AUTHORITIES:

For acts of indiscipline & misconduct under Category-I			For acts of indiscipline/ misconduct under Category-II		
Penalties	Authority empowered to impose them	Appellate authority	Penalties	Authority empowered to impose them	Appellate authority
i) Admonition/ Reprimand.	Teacher, Head of the Department.	No Appeal		Chief Proctor	Vice-Chancellor
ii) Sending the student out of his class/ laboratory and not letting him into his class/ laboratory up to a maximum of two consecutive periods/hours in a day.	Concerned Teacher/s	No Appeal	Rustication up to four semesters and/or declaring any part or the entire Goa University Campus out of bounds.	Chief Proctor	Vice-Chancellor
iii) Marking the student/s absent for repeating the type of misconduct involved in (ii) above, more than once.	Concerned Teacher/s	Head of the Department	Fine up to Rupees Five Thousand depending upon gravity of the issue.	Vice-Chancellor on recommendation of the Chief Proctor and after considering the report of the Inquiry Authority.	Executive Council
iii) Fine up to Rupees Twenty Thousand depending upon gravity of the issue.	Chief Proctor	Vice-Chancellor	Expulsion.	Vice-Chancellor on recommendation of the Chief Proctor and after	Executive Council



				considering the report of the Inquiry Authority.	
iv) Recovery of any kind, such as scholarship/ fellowship, any dues, cost of damages, etc.	Chief Proctor	Vice-Chancellor			
v) Withdrawal of any or all facilities available to a student as per, various Goa University Rules (such as Scholarship/ Fellowship, Hostel etc.) permanently or for a time period up to two semesters.	Chief Proctor	Vice-Chancellor			
Stoppage of any or all academic processes.	Chief Proctor	Vice-Chancellor			
Rustication up to two semesters and/or Declaring any hostels, premises, building or the entire Goa University Campus out of bounds to any students.	Chief Proctor	Vice-Chancellor			

## **7.0 PROCTORIAL BOARD**

- a. There shall be a Proctorial board for the University consisting of a Chief proctor and two Proctors. The Proctors shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor as follows.

One Assistant Professor.

One Associate Professor.

The tenure of the Proctors shall be for a period of three years. One of the Proctors shall be a woman. All the matters concerning indiscipline and misconduct by student/s shall be dealt by the Proctorial Board.

### **b. CHIEF PROCTOR**

- (1) The Chief Proctor shall be appointed from amongst the employees of the University preferably of the rank of Professor, by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor. The Chief Proctor shall exercise such powers and performs such duties as may be assigned to him by these Rules or by the Vice-Chancellor. The tenure of the Chief Proctor shall be for a period of three years.
- (2) When the office of Chief Proctor is vacant or when the Chief Proctor is, by reason of illness or absence for any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his office, the duties of the office shall be performed by one of the Assistant Proctors as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.
- (3) The Chief Proctor shall be the competent authority to impose fine/penalty as per the provisions of the clause 6 of these Rules to the student/s on the recommendation of the Proctorial Board.

### **c. POWERS OF THE PROCTORIAL BOARD AND PROCEDURES**

- (1) The Proctorial Board shall be the inquiry authority for all the cases of misconduct/ indiscipline by the student/s and shall make suitable recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor as per the provisions of these Rules. This shall, however, exclude the cases to be handled by the ICC.
- (2) The Proctorial Board (PB) is authorized to take up the cases *suo moto*. However, complainants shall be required to report any of the matters mentioned above within three days of the occurrence of the incident to the Chief Proctor. The student(s) charged shall be notified within four working days of the charge against him/her. It shall be the responsibility of the students(s) thus charged to submit in writing his/her defense within two working days to the PB. If the PB does not receive a defense within two working days, it will take an *ex parte* decision on the charge. The PB shall, however, have powers to relax the time-frames mentioned above based on the merit of the case in question.
- (3) Under normal circumstances the PB shall issue a show cause notice within four working days of receiving a complaint calling for explanation within two working days. If the explanation is not received within two working days or in the further time as may be granted, the PB may, by powers vested in it, record hearings from the other side and/or itself conduct an enquiry or may entrust the process of enquiry including framing of charges and conducting the actual inquiry to any other official of the University. However, if the situation so demands, the PB may convene an emergency meeting and call those concerned to depose before it immediately.
- (4) Evidence to the PB shall normally be presented orally. The student charged may be required to provide written/material evidence, if the PB so demands.
- (5) It shall be the responsibility of the student charged and the complainant to arrange for their respective witnesses to give oral evidence or to submit any written statements/material

evidence in their defense. A Witness giving oral evidence may be cross-examined by the PB. A witness not available for cross-examination may submit evidence in writing. The PB shall not consider evidence from persons who are not prepared to have their names revealed to the PB. The names of persons appearing as evidence/witness shall be kept confidential.

- (6) The PB shall have the power to determine the order of proceedings and to exclude any material which appears irrelevant or repetitive or even seek clarification on oral/written submissions/material evidence.
- (7) The student charged will be invited to be present with a representative [optionally and who shall be another bonafide student only] whenever oral evidence is being heard. Representation through legal counsel/lawyer shall NOT be allowed in any case to any of the parties. Non-attendance of the student charged or his/her representative shall not bar the PB from proceeding ahead. The PB may at its discretion adjourn its proceedings in order to enable the student charged or the representative to be present.
- (8) The PB may adjourn a hearing in order to require a witness to attend for cross-examination. Where a witness who, in the opinion of the PB, is a vital witness, fails to attend, the PB may, at its discretion, postpone its deliberations or even continue with its proceedings. The PB may also adjourn / proceed with a case where it is of the opinion that its proceedings are being impeded by any circumstance beyond its control.
- (9) The PB shall meet to consider an adjourned case, as soon as it is feasible, and not later than 15 days after the adjournment, although the case may not be determined at the resumed meeting. Where it is not reasonably practicable for the same members to attend the PB meeting reconvened to hear an adjourned case, it may co-opt one or two additional members to form the quorum.
- (10) The PB is authorized to invite members where it deems necessary. However, the members so invited shall not have voting rights.

**d. GENERAL**

- (1) No punishment shall ordinarily be imposed on a student unless the PB has followed normal procedures including due opportunity to the student(s) charged with an offence.
- (2) The PB shall draw up:
  - I) the substance of the imputation of major acts of indiscipline into definite and distinct articles of charge.
  - II) a statement of imputation of acts of indiscipline in support of each articles of charge, which shall contain-
    - a) a statement of all relevant facts including any admission or confession made by the student (to be signed by the concerned student/s)
    - b) a list of documents by which and list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained. (to be signed by the concerned witness).
- (3) The Inquiry Authority shall prepare the report of inquiry which shall contain: -
  - a) The articles of charge and the statement of imputation of acts of major indiscipline.
  - b) The defense of the student if any in respect of each article of charge.
  - c) An assessment of the evidence in respect of each article of charge, separately in respect of each student.
  - d) The finding on each article of charge and the reasons thereof.

- (4) In case the Vice-Chancellor or any Competent Authority is of the opinion that on the basis of the available material and evidence on record, a prima facie case exists against a student s/he may order suspension of the student including withdrawal of any or all facilities available to a bonafide student pending inquiry.
- (5) Notwithstanding any punishment mentioned above, the Vice-Chancellor may, keeping in view the gravity/nature of misconduct/act of indiscipline, the manner and the circumstances in which the misconduct/indiscipline has been committed, award a punishment in excess of or less than or other than what has been mentioned thereon for reasons to be recorded.
- (6) The Office of the Chief Proctor shall immediately report its decision to all the officials concerned for necessary action. It shall also report annually to the Vice-Chancellor and any such body that the Vice-Chancellor deems fit, on all cases arbitrated by it during the preceding academic year.

#### 8.0 **PLACING THE REPORTS OF INQUIRY BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.**

- (i) The Vice-Chancellor on the receipt of the record of inquiry from the Inquiry Authority shall cause the records to be placed before the Executive Council at its next meeting or at a special meeting, if necessary.
- (ii) The Executive Council after due consideration of the report and record of inquiry with the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor shall pass such order as may be considered just and necessary.
- (iii) The Registrar of the University shall then communicate the orders of the Executive Council to the student if the decision is to rusticate the student.
- (iv) If the student rusticated was allowed to appear for the University Examination with a condition that the results will be with-held until the completion of the inquiry and the decision of the Executive Council thereon, the Registrar shall inform the Controller of Examinations that the result of the student shall not be announced.

#### 9.0 **APPEAL**

- (i) Student/s shall be allowed to appeal against the fine/penalty imposed by the competent authority subject to provisions of the Rule 6.0. However, such an appeal shall be preferred by the concerned student/s within ten working days after the receipt of order of the competent authority.
- (ii) There shall be no appeal against the order of the Executive Council where student/s is/are subjected to expulsion from the University or is subjected to monetary fine by the EC. The decision of the Executive Council shall be final.

#### 10.0 **ACT/ACTS OF INDISCIPLINE MISCONDUCT OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS:**

- i) The University shall not ordinarily take cognizance of act/acts of indiscipline committed by a student outside the University campus.
- ii) If a student is arrested or detained by orders of a magistrate on a charge of criminal act involving moral turpitude committed outside the campus, the Vice-Chancellor after verifying the fact of such arrest and detention shall place him/her under suspension until s/he is released on bail or otherwise.
- iii) If a student is sentenced to imprisonment for an offence indulging moral turpitude, the Vice-Chancellor shall place him/her under suspension.
- iv) The Vice-Chancellor shall place the matter before the Executive Council which shall rusticate him/her from the University.
- v) If on appeal, the conviction is set aside, his/her rustication shall post facto cease.

#### 11.0 **INTERPRETATION**

In case of a dispute with regards to the interpretation of any of the Rules mentioned above, the decision of the Vice-Chancellor shall be final.