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FIRST ORDINANCES, 2025 OF THE SRI VENKATESHWARA UNIVERSITY, SIKKIM

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 33 of the SVU Act, No.4 of 2025 (SIKKIM Act No. 04 of 2025), the Governing Body hereby makes the following First Ordinances for the Sri Venkateshwara University Sikkim.

1. Short Title, and Commencement	
1.1.	The Ordinances shall be called the First Ordinances, 2025 of the Sri Venkateshwara University, Sikkim.
1.2.	These First Ordinances shall come into effect from the date of approval from the Government of SIKKIM.
1.3.	Nothing in these Ordinances shall be deemed to prevent the University to amend these Ordinances subsequently.
1.4.	Any abbreviation or shortened form of a word shall represent and mean exactly that word as defined in the Act, the Statutes, these Ordinances, and such other documents of the University, as may be framed from time to time.

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2. Definitions

(i) Department" means the department of studies of a School / Institute / College conducting teaching, training and research in a specific field/subject of specialization;
(j) "School" means an institution established, started and created for monitoring, supervising and guiding, teaching, training and research activities in broadly related fields of studies;
(k) "College" means an institution established, started and created for monitoring, supervising and guiding, teaching, training and research activities in broadly related fields of studies;
(l) "Course" means a subject offered as a unit of studies within an academic program;
(m) "Curriculum" means the courses of the program with the structure, sequence, pedagogy, evaluation criteria and other details related to the program;
(n) "Syllabi" mean and include the detailed content of courses, duration, pedagogy and other related details of the course;
(o) "Examination Centre" means a college or a department where the University examinations are conducted;
(p) "Centre In-charge" means a person appointed by the University to conduct the examinations at the examination center;
(q) "Examinee" means a student who fulfills all the eligibility criteria for appearing in the University examination;
(r) "Examination Hall" means a room/hall in the examination center, where the University examination is being conducted;
(s) "Examination Cell" means a department constituted by the University to deal with all issues related to University examinations;
(t) "Dean(s)" means the Dean(s) of Faculty or other Deans of the University.
(u) "Vice Chancellor" means the Vice Chancellor of the University;
(v) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the University;
(w) "University" means the Sri Venkateswara University Sikkim;
(x) Words denoting the singular shall include the plural & also vice versa;
(y) Words denoting any gender shall include all genders; and

Words and expressions used in these Ordinances but not defined shall have the same meaning respectively as assigned to them in the Act and/or Statutes.

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3. The admission of students to the University and their enrolment as such; [Section 33(a)]

3.1. The students shall be admitted to the University in accordance with the provisions of the Act (Section 33 (a) and Statutes made in this regard.

3.2. Admission to the University shall be open to all persons irrespective of caste, creed, religion, gender, or domicile, subject to eligibility conditions prescribed by the University and relevant statutory councils (UGC/AICTE/BCI/NMC/PCI/INC, etc.).

3.3. Admission to programmes of study shall be made on the basis of:

a) Merit in the qualifying examination, or

b) Entrance Test / Interview conducted by the University, or

c) National / State level entrance examinations as applicable.

d) Reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC), Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Persons with Disabilities (PwD), and other categories shall be provided in accordance with the **Government of Sikkim / UGC regulations.**

e) The Academic Council shall frame and notify from time to time the detailed Admission Policy, including eligibility, criteria for selection, intake capacity, and fee structure.

f) The University may prescribe admission procedures separately for Indian nationals, foreign nationals, and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in accordance with UGC guidelines.

3.4 All Admissions shall be based on merit without any prejudice towards gender, religion, caste, creed or nationality of a candidate.

3.5 The University shall make suitable provisions for reservation of the students belonging to weaker sections of the society and others in accordance with the prevalent Government of SIKKIM norms/rules and Act of University.

3.6 The Admission Committee, as specified and empowered by the Statutes, shall recommend the policy, norms and criteria governing the Admissions to all Programs of the University to Academic Council for approval.

3.7 Provided further that the eligibility and admission process criteria, if any, prescribed by respective Regulatory Bodies / Councils shall be followed in admissions to such Programs.

3.8 The University may make provisions for admission through lateral entry in the select programs as decided from time to time.

3.8 Every student admitted to the University shall be allotted an "Enrollment Number" after paying the enrollment fee as prescribed by the University and submission of all the requisite documents certifying her/his eligibility to the Program being admitted.

3.9 A candidate shall be deemed to have been enrolled as a **student of the University** upon:

a) Submission of prescribed admission form with required documents;
b) Payment of fees as determined by the University; and

3.10 Issuance of an **Enrolment Number / Registration Card** by the Registrar.

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3.11 The enrolment shall be valid for the **normal duration of the programme** plus the maximum permissible extension period as decided by the Academic Council.

3.12 A student shall not be simultaneously enrolled for more than one full-time programme of study in the University, except as permitted under UGC dual degree / multidisciplinary provisions.

3.13 Migration from other universities shall be permitted only after evaluation of eligibility, equivalence of curriculum, and approval of the Academic Council.

3.14 Enrolment may be **suspended, cancelled, or terminated** in cases of:

a) Non-payment of prescribed fees,
b) Proven cases of misconduct or indiscipline,
c)Suppression of material information at the time of admission.

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4. The courses of study to be laid down for the degrees, diplomas and certificates of the University; [Section 33 (b)]

4.1. **Ordinance :General Framework**

The University shall lay down and prescribe the **courses of study** leading to the award of Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates in accordance with the provisions of the Act, Statutes, and UGC Regulations.

All courses of study shall be structured on the principles of:

Choice Based Credit System (CBCS),

Outcome Based Education (OBE), and

National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 guidelines.

Programmes shall be designed to meet the requirements of relevant statutory/regulatory bodies (UGC, AICTE, BCI, PCI, INC, NMC, etc.).

4.2. **Ordinance - Classification of Programmes**

The University may offer the following categories of programmes (as per section 22(f) of UGC Act,1956

Undergraduate Degree Programmes (e.g., B.A., B.Sc., B.Com. B.Tech. BBA, BCA, BPT, LL.B., etc.).

Postgraduate Degree Programmes (e.g., M.A., M.Sc., M.Com., M.Tech., MBA, MCA, LL.M., etc.).

Research Degrees (Ph.D., and Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships).

Diploma Programmes (UG and PG Diplomas in professional, vocational, and skill-based areas).

Certificate Programmes (short-term and modular courses for skill enhancement, continuing education, or professional development

4.3. **Ordinance : Programme Structure**

Each programme shall be structured into **Semesters**, consisting of:

Core Courses (compulsory for all students of the programme),

Elective / Discipline-Specific Courses,

Skill Enhancement / Ability Enhancement Courses,

Internship, Field Work, Project/Dissertation, wherever applicable.

The minimum **credit requirements** for each award shall be as follows (in line with UGC norms):

Undergraduate Degree: 120–160 credits,

Postgraduate Degree: 60–80 credits,

Ph.D.: As per UGC Regulations,

Diploma: 30–40 credits,

Certificate: 10–20 credits.

The **duration** of programmes shall be as per UGC/Statutory Council guidelines (e.g., 3–4 years UG, 2 years PG, minimum 3 years Ph.D.).

4.4. **Ordinance – Syllabus & Curriculum Development**

The **Board of Studies (BoS)** of each Faculty shall design the detailed syllabi, course

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contents, credits, and evaluation scheme.

The proposed syllabi shall be reviewed by the **Faculty Board** and submitted to the **Academic Council** for approval.

No course of study shall be introduced or discontinued without the approval of the Academic Council.

4.5. **Ordinance – Interdisciplinary and Flexible Learning**

The University shall encourage **multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary courses,** credit transfer, and mobility of students across programmes and institutions.

Courses offered on platforms such as **SWAYAM, NPTEL, or other MOOCs** may be credited towards degree requirements as per UGC guidelines.

Students may opt for **minor specializations, double majors, or dual degrees,** subject to UGC regulations and approval of the Academic Council.

4.6. The Program Structure, Curriculum, Syllabi, Study, Pedagogy and Evaluation scheme shall be made by the Board of Studies constituted for that Program. The recommendations of the Board of Studies shall be reviewed by the Faculty Board concerned. The Faculty Board shall send its recommendations to the Academic Council of the University for consideration and approval thereof.

4.7. The University may also offer courses through private mode, distance learning, correspondence and in online modes, as per the guidelines of the UGC.

4.8. The administrative and academic structure of a School/Institute/College shall be as decided by the Governing Body. The Governing Body shall also lay guidelines for smooth running and effective management of academic programs, the co-operation and coordination amongst the Schools/Institutes/Colleges and the linkages with other Academic and Research organization as well as the Industry.

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5. The award of Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other Academic Distinctions, the minimum qualifications for the same and the means to be taken relating to the granting and obtaining the same; [Section 33(c)]

5.1 The students who have pursued the approved academic program (courses of studies) in the University, its Constituent Colleges, Faculty/School or its Department, and have successfully completed the prescribed requirements for a particular degree, diploma, certificate or other academic distinctions or title, as per the Academic Ordinances laid in this regard by the University, shall be eligible for the award of Degree / Diploma / Certificate or other academic distinctions or title respectively as per the section 22(f) of UGC Act,1956.

5.2 The Degrees shall be awarded in the Annual Convocation of the University or in a function specially organized for the purpose.

5.3 The Certificates will be awarded from time to time as required.

5.4 The Academic Council shall approve the text and the format of the Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and Citations.

5.5 The Visitor/The Chancellor or in his absence, the Vice Chancellor shall preside over the Convocation/
Special function.

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6. The conditions of the award of fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes; [Section 33 (d)]

General Principles

6.1. The University may institute, out of its own funds or out of endowments, donations, grants, or sponsorships, various **fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals, and prizes** to encourage academic excellence, research, innovation, and all-round development of students.

6.2. All such awards shall be made strictly on the basis of the conditions prescribed under these Ordinances and approved by the **Academic Council** and the **Governing Body**.

6.3. No award shall be made to a student who has been found guilty of misconduct, breach of discipline, or unfair means in examinations.

Fellowships

6.4. The University may award **Research Fellowships** (Junior/Senior) to deserving candidates enrolled in Ph.D. or Post-Doctoral research programmes.

6.5. Eligibility and value of such fellowships shall be as per: UGC / CSIR / ICSSR / ICMR or other statutory body guidelines, or norms framed by the University with approval of the Governing Body.

6.6. Fellows shall be required to undertake academic/research duties as may be prescribed by the University.

Scholarships

6.7. Scholarships may be awarded to students on the basis of: **Merit,** for securing high academic performance in qualifying or University examinations;

Means-cum-merit, for deserving students from economically weaker backgrounds;

Special categories, such as SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwD, as per Government of Sikkim/UGC regulations;

6.8. Endowment scholarships created by donors or alumni.

6.9. The value, duration, and conditions for renewal shall be notified annually by the University.

6.10. No student shall ordinarily hold more than one University scholarship at a time, unless specifically permitted by the Academic Council.

Studentships

6.11. The University may award **studentships** (including fee waivers, stipends, or assistantships) to deserving students in return for part-time academic or administrative assistance.

Such awards shall be regulated by rules framed by the University and subject to satisfactory performance and conduct.

Medals and Prizes

6.12. The University shall award **Gold Medals, Silver Medals, Certificates of Merit, and Prizes** to students securing highest marks or outstanding performance in:

University examinations,

Specific subjects, faculties, or courses,

Sports, cultural, co-curricular, or community service activities.

The conditions for each medal or prize shall be laid down by the donor (if endowed) or by the Academic Council, and notified by the University.

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6.13. In case two or more candidates secure the same distinction, the medal or prize may be divided or awarded jointly, as decided by the Examination Committee.

6.14. **Administration of Awards**

6.15. All matters relating to the administration of fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals, and prizes shall be managed by a **Scholarship & Awards Committee** constituted by the Vice-Chancellor.

The Committee shall recommend names of students eligible for awards to the Academic Council for approval.

The decision of the Academic Council shall be final and binding.

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7. The conduct of examinations, including the terms of office and manner of appointment and the duties of examining bodies, examiners and moderators; [Section 33 (e)]

7.1. **Conduct of Examinations**

(a) The Controller of Examinations shall be the Principal Officer for conducting all examinations of the University and declaring the results.

(b) The University examinations for all the programs shall be conducted in accordance with the guidelines framed from time to time by the Academic Council and/or the Board of Examinations and the Academic and Examination Ordinances made in this regard.

(c) The University examination shall be held at the designated examination centres of the University.

(d) The Controller of Examinations, in consultation with the Dean Academics and the approval of the Vice Chancellor, shall prepare and publish a schedule of examinations for each program conducted by the University at least 01 (one) month before the scheduled date of examinations.

(e) The Controller of Examinations may appoint a Centre-in-Charge for smooth conduct of University examination with prior approval of the Vice Chancellor.

(f) The Centre-in-Charge shall be responsible for the smooth conduct of the University examinations at his/her center.

(g) The Centre-in-Charge shall ensure that no person other than the examinees, invigilators, and such persons, as may be authorized by him/her or by the University, shall be allowed to enter the Examination Hall.

(h) Examinees at all examination centers shall strictly abide by the instructions that may be issued to them from time to time by the University.

(i) Examinee shall report to the examination hall at least 15 (fifteen) minutes prior to the commencement of the examination and shall not be allowed to enter the examination hall after 05 (five) minutes of the commencement of examination. The examinee shall not be allowed to leave the examination hall till 01 (one) hour before the end of the examination.

(j) The Examination Cell shall supply adequate number of copies of question papers (in sealed packets) and answer booklets required at each centre to the Centre-in-Charge in reasonable time.

(k) The Centre-in-Charge shall return the unused question paper & answer booklets to the Examination Cell within the time as prescribed by the Examination Cell.

(l) The HOD/Director/Principal of the School/Institute/College and/or Head of the Department, where the practical examinations are to be held, shall make all necessary arrangements for smooth conduct of the practical examinations.

(m) Vigilance Squad (Flying Squad):

(i) To ensure conduct of University examinations as per norms, a Vigilance Squad of not less than 03 (three) members of whom 01 (one) shall be a lady member, shall be constituted.

(ii) The Vigilance Squad shall be authorized to visit any Examination Hall and

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enter in the office of the Centre-in-Charge without prior intimation to check the records and other materials relating to conduct of University examination. For ascertaining the authenticity of the examinee by checking the identity, the Vigilance Squad may enter the Examination Hall. The Vigilance Squad shall be authorized to detect use of malpractices and unfair means in the University Examination, by physical check, if necessary. In case of female candidates, the physical check shall be made by the lady member of the squad in complete privacy.

(iii)The Centre-in-Charge shall extend all co-operation to the Vigilance Squad.

(n) The Centre-in-Charge shall dispatch the used answer booklets to the Examination Cell of the University immediately on conclusion of examinations, each day.

(o) After receiving the answer booklets, the Examination Cell shall ensure coding and masking, if applicable, of the answer booklets. After coding, if applicable, the answer booklets shall be sent for evaluation.

(p) The results of the examination shall be tabulated and prepared in a prescribed format by the appointed tabulators.

(q) The results tabulated by the tabulators shall be compared and verified.

(r) The results of the examinations shall normally be declared as per date(s) stipulated in the academic calendar but not later than 15 (fifteen) days from the last day of examination (theory and practical) after due process as prescribed by the Academic Ordinances.

(s) The answer booklets shall be preserved for a period of at least 06 (six) months from the date of declaration of the results after which the answer booklets shall be shredded and disposed of by the Examination Cell with prior approval of the Vice Chancellor.

7.2. **Conditions and mode of appointment, duties of examining bodies, examiners, and moderators:**

(a) The Academic/Examination Ordinances of the University shall specify the manner of appointment, terms of office and duties of various bodies/committees and functionaries responsible for the smooth conduct of the entire assessment process, both internal/continuous and final examinations of the University.

(b) The Controller of Examinations of the University shall maintain the list of examining bodies, examiners and moderators (where applicable), proposed by the Chairman, Board of Studies and duly scrutinized by the Board of Examinations.

(c) The Controller of Examinations of the University shall maintain a panel of Paper Setters, Moderators, Internal and External Examiners for each course.

(d) The Paper Setter, Moderator, Internal and External Examiners shall be appointed from a panel of examiners. In case of unavailability of Paper Setter and Examiner so appointed, another Paper Setter and Examiner shall be appointed from the panel.

(e) Appointment as Paper Setter, Moderator and Examiner or for any other work related to examination shall not be claimed as a matter of right by any employee of the University or any other person.

(f) Under normal circumstances, appointment of a faculty member as an examiner, moderator, invigilator, tabulator and other works related to examination shall be binding on her/him. She/he shall also ensure that her/his unavailability for assignment is communicated to the Examination Cell well in advance to enable the Examination Cell to make alternative arrangements.

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(g) The examiners, examining bodies, and other functionaries involved in the examination process shall follow all the instructions given by the University from time to time in respect of pattern of question papers, setting of question papers, model answers, scheme of evaluation, grading, etc.

(h) The Controller of Examinations shall send intimation to the Paper Setter, Moderator (as applicable) and Examiner regarding their appointment with appropriate instructions, guidelines relating to the examination.

(i) English or any other language as per the requirement of the course shall be the medium of examinations, which would be proposed by Board of Studies and approved by the Academic Council.

(j) Each Paper Setter shall set and submit to the Examination Cell within the prescribed period, the question paper(s) that she/he sets and its required number of copies/sets, in a sealed cover, enclosed in another sealed cover. She/He shall also furnish a certificate to the effect that she/he has destroyed all the notes and manuscripts in connection with the question paper(s) he has set.

(k) Copyright of any question paper set by an examiner shall vest with the University only.

(l) Paper Setters, who do not set and submit the question paper to the Examination Cell within the prescribed time limit, shall, ipso facto, cease to be Paper Setter.

(m) The examiners shall be required to maintain confidentiality regarding their appointment as examiner and shall also maintain confidentiality regarding marks awarded by them and any other work related to conduct of University examinations.

(n) The Examiners appointed by the University shall be eligible for reappointment.

(o) All Examiners and Paper Setters shall furnish certificate to the fact that no relations of his is appearing in the examination. Relations include husband, wife, blood relation or in-laws.

(p) A record of misconduct, if any, committed by the Paper Setter, Moderator, Examiner, Tabulator and any other person with University examination shall be maintained by the office of the Controller of Examinations.

(q) All complaints and incidents regarding unfair means shall be dealt as per the Ordinance made in this regard.

7.3. **Remuneration/Honorarium for Examinations**

(a) The Vice Chancellor, with the consent of Board of Management, may from time to time decide the remuneration for the external paper setters, moderators, examiners, evaluators, invigilators, tabulators and other staff members engaged in examination work.

(b) The duties shall, however, be mandatory for the University faculty and staff members and the remuneration for the examination related work assigned to University faculty and staff members, shall be decided by the Vice Chancellor with the consent of the Board of Management. However, the faculty / staff members of the Examination Department of the University are not eligible for the remuneration mentioned above.

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8. Fees to be charged for the various courses, examinations, degrees and diplomas of the University; [Section 32 (f)]

8.1. The fee structure for the various Programs offered by the University would be concomitant with the objective of providing high quality education to the University students.

8.2. The tuition and other fees and deposits chargeable to the students, and the University Fee Policy shall be decided by the Governing Body upon the recommendations of the Finance Committee and the Board of Management of the University on yearly basis.

8.3. The University Fee Policy as determined by the Governing Body shall specify, from time to time, the Tuition Fees, Enrollment Fees, Examination Fees, Development Fees, Academic Services Fees and other such Fees to be charged on an annual basis, and Interest-free refundable Security Deposits, and other fees to be charged on a one-time basis, that every student registered for a specific program of study shall be charged with, and, the student shall complete the payment of the prescribed fees as per the dates and process specified by the University Fee Policy.

8.4. The Fee Policy published by the University, specifying the various fees, mode of payment and penalties for default, will be binding on all students.

8.5. Fees and Deposits for hostel, mess, laundry and such other fees as determined by the Governing Body from registered students shall be charged additionally.

8.6. Any matter related to refund of fees shall be governed by the Policy issued in this regard at the start of each admission year and the policy mentioned therein shall be final and binding on all the concerned.

8.7. The fee revision shall be duly notified. The revised fee shall be applicable to all the students admitted in that Academic year and over all students studying in the University.

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9. The conditions of residence of the students in the hostels of the University; [Section 33 (g)]

9.1. The University may provide hostel/ residential accommodation, if available, to the students admitted in it.

9.2. For Programs that are specified as mandatorily residential, all students of that Program will be provided hostel/residential accommodation and the students must reside in the hostels.

9.3. A separate fee for the Hostels, Mess and Laundry will be applicable as specified by the University from time to time.

9.4. The resident students shall follow ordinances, guidelines, and all other terms and conditions made for the residents of the hostel(s).

9.5. The University shall constitute the Hostel Administration Committee(s) and Offices for administration, supervision, maintenance and inspection of facilities provided in the hostel / residential accommodation for the students.

9.6. The University shall ensure periodic health check-ups of each student residing in a hostel managed by the School/Institute/College/ University or in an approved residential accommodation and ensure that no such student has any contagious disease. The health check-ups should be arranged either at the Infirmary of the University, or any other hospital, approved by the University.

9.7. The University Administration Department shall maintain records of the following, namely:

(i) Number of hostels and the number of the Wardens;
(ii) Number of resident students in each hostel and approved lodging;
(iii)Number of non-resident students living with their parents;
(iv)Number of non-resident students living with their guardians; and
(v) Number of non-resident students living independently.

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10. Provisions regarding disciplinary action against the students; [Section 33 (h)]

10.1. The initial powers relating to maintenance and enforcement of discipline and taking disciplinary action against the students shall vest in the Dean / Principal / Director / HoD of Faculty / School/Institute/College. However, the final powers will vest in the Vice Chancellor.

10.2. On the recommendation of Vice Chancellor, the Board of Management may, however, delegate any or all of the disciplinary powers, to such other Officers / Persons, as it may deem fit.

10.3. The Governing Body shall publish the University Conduct Rules and Guidelines for Students to create a harmonious and conducive environment in the University and to uphold the decorum and values of the University.

10.4. The Disciplinary Board shall be constituted by the Vice Chancellor. The composition and tenure of the Disciplinary board shall be as under:

(i) Proctor /Professor of the University: Chairman
(ii) Three teachers of the University as members.
(iii) A senior Lady teacher as member.
(iv) A nominee of the Director /Dean/Principal / HoD of the School /Institute / College to which the act of indiscipline or misconduct pertains.

The tenure of Disciplinary Board shall be for a period of one year.

10.5. Ragging in any form is strictly prohibited within the University premises, on public transport or at any other place, public or private. Any individual or collective act or practice of ragging shall be treated as an act of gross indiscipline and shall be dealt with under the provisions of the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, and the provisions of the Law enacted from time to time.

10.6. Notwithstanding anything contained above, the Dean/Principal/Director or Registrar may *suo moto* inquire into an incident of ragging or likelihood of such an incident and make a report to the Vice Chancellor, clearly pinpointing, among other details, the identity of the student(s) involved in the incident and the nature of the incident. The Vice Chancellor, if satisfied that it is not expedient to hold an enquiry into an incident of ragging, impose a penalty on the perpetrators of ragging and record in writing the reasons for taking such a decision.

10.7. Without prejudice to the generality of the power to maintain and enforce discipline under this Ordinance, the following shall constitute as an act of misconduct on the part of a student of the University:

(a) Physical assault or threat to use the physical force against any member of the teaching or non-teaching staff of the University or against any student of the University.

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(b) Remaining absent from a class, test or examination or any other curricular or co- curricular activity without permission of the competent authority;
(c) Carrying of, use or threat to use any weapon;
(d) Misbehavior with a member of Faculty, Staff or a fellow student.
(e) Encouraging or indulging in violence or any act of moral turpitude;
(f) Violation of status, dignity and honor of a student belonging to scheduled caste, Scheduled tribe or a socially deprived class.
(g) Discrimination against any student or staff on grounds of Nationality, Caste, Creed, Gender, Language, Place of origin or Social and Cultural background;
(h) Practicing caste-ism and untouchability in any form or inciting any other person to do so;
(i) Any act, whether verbal or otherwise, derogatory to the status of a woman;
(j) Any violation of the provisions of the Civil Rights Protection Act, 1976;
(k) Any form of gambling;
(l) An attempt at bribing or corruption of any manner or description;
(m) Willful defacing and/or destruction of the University property;
(n) Behaving in a rowdy, intemperate or disorderly manner in the premises of the University or encouraging or inciting any other person to do so;
(o) Creating discord, ill-will or intolerance among the students on sectarian or communal grounds or inciting any other student to do so;
(p) Causing disruption in any manner or description of the academic functioning of the University;
(q) Indulging in or encouraging any form of disruptive activity related with the assessment or the examination work or any other activity of the University.
(r) Indulging in an act of Ragging.
(s) Use and/or possession of drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco (Smoking or Chewing) or other intoxicants except those prescribed by a qualified doctor;
(t) An act of sexual harassment perpetuated against a student, employee or a visitor in and around the University campus.
(u) Resorting to "mass bunking" of classes.
(v) Participation in any political activity.
(w) Staging "dharna" or any other form of protest.
(x) Committing theft and/or damage of equipment, books, appliances and gadgets belonging to the University, or other students or staff members of the University.

10.8. The Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendation received from Dean / Principal / Director HoD / of a School/Institute/College or through a committee appointed by the Vice Chancellor, and in exercise of the powers vested in him/her, order or direct that a student:

(a) Be expelled from the University, in which case he/she shall not be re-admitted to any program in the University in future,
(b) Be for a stated period, rusticated in which case he/she shall not be admitted/registered to any program in the University, till the expiry of the

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period of rustication;

(c) Be for a stated period, not admitted/registered to a course or courses,

(d) Be imposed fine of a specified amount of money;

(e) Be debarred from taking examination(s) for a specified period;

(f) Be penalized by cancellation of his/her examination results;

(g) Be placed on probation for such period as may be specified in the order

10.9. At the time of admission, every student shall be required to sign a declaration on oath that he shall submit to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Vice Chancellor and Dean/Principal/Director / HoD of the School/Institute/College where he/she has been admitted.

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11. The creation, composition and functions of any other body which is considered necessary for improving the academic life of the University; [Section 33 (i)]

11.1. For smooth and efficient functioning of the University, the Governing Body may constitute Standing, Advisory and / or other Committee(s) as it may deem fit. The composition, powers, functions and the tenure of these Committees shall be as decided by the Governing Body.

11.2. The Vice Chancellor or the Academic Council may propose, within the framework of the Act, Statutes and Ordinances, detailed Ordinances governing various aspects of growth and improvement of the academic life and quality of the University (e.g. Faculty Development Programs, Service Policy and Guidelines for the Staff of the University, establishment of multidisciplinary centers for learning/research, etc.) for efficient and transparent functioning, growth and development of the University.

11.3. These proposed Ordinances shall be considered by the respective Authorities/ Officers of the University as laid down in the Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances, and recommend it to the Governing Body for approval.

11.4. On the recommendation of the Academic Council, the Governing Body may establish Special Schools, Institutes, Colleges, Centers and Specialized laboratories for undertaking Interdisciplinary and Special Research & Studies programs. The Governing Body may also constitute Special Board(s) of Studies (BOS), Inter-disciplinary Faculty Boards and Academic Committee(s) for the appropriate guidance, research, innovation and allied training to these centers/ laboratories.

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12. The manner of co-operation and collaboration with other Universities and institutions of higher education; [Section 33 (j)]

12.1. The University may cooperate and collaborate with other Universities, Institutions, Centers of Excellence and "Persons of Eminence" on mutually agreed terms in areas including the following:

a) Establishment of University Centers in India and abroad.
b) Joint Research projects funded by national and international agencies and others.
c) Exchange of Student and Faculty.
d) Twinning / Articulation of syllabi / Exchange of students at Bachelors, Masters level and higher levels under credit transfer arrangement.
e) Sharing of course and instruction materials.
f) Developing e-courses for interactive and interactive-integrated learning.
g) Sharing of Library, Laboratory and other learning resources.
h) Joint arrangement for: Holding Conferences, Seminars and Workshops
(ii) Training and Internship Programs
(iii) Skill Development and Vocational Courses
(iv)Refresher and Continuing Education Courses
(v) Expert lectures.
i) Any other activity of mutual benefit.
j) The scope and the terms and conditions of cooperation and collaboration shall be as approved by the Governing Body from time to time.

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13. All other matters which are required to be provided by the ordinances under the provisions of this Act or the Statutes made thereunder. [Section 33 (k)]

13.1. Detailed Ordinances governing various aspects (e.g. Academics, Examinations, Convocation, Research, Consultancy and Extension activities, HR policies, processes and service conditions for employees, maintenance of discipline, etc.) shall be framed by the Vice Chancellor within the provisions of the Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances for smooth, efficient, fair and transparent functioning of the University. These Ordinances shall be considered and approved by the respective Authorities/ Officers of the University as laid down in the Act or Statutes.

13.2. The Governing Body shall have the authority to add new Ordinances and modify or delete any existing Ordinances as and when required for the proper functioning of the University.

13.3. The Registrar of the University shall maintain a record of all the Ordinances of the University and shall provide the same to the Authorities/Officers of the University as and when required by them.

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14. Interpretation
14.1. Any question relating to a typographical error, spelling mistake, clarification or interpretation related to any of the provisions of these Ordinances shall be referred to the Chairman, Governing Body whose decision shall be final and binding.
14.2. Notwithstanding anything stated in the rules framed herein, any unforeseen issues not covered by these Ordinances, or a differences of opinion in interpretation and in respect of all the matters, whether expressly provided herein or not, the Chancellor may take such measures as may be necessary for removal of discrepancies and to issue Clarifications wherever necessary and expedient to do so.

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