

DUSU Elections 2026-27

University of Delhi

The DOs (Permissible Acts) and Don'ts (Non-Permissible Acts) for Student Candidates who intend to contest the upcoming DUSU Elections 2026-27. (Based on the Lyngdoh Committee Recommendations (as accepted by the Supreme Court) and the Delhi High Court / University of Delhi Directions and Orders).

DOs (Permissible Acts)

- Be a regular, full-time student on the rolls and satisfy age/attendance/academic eligibility (no academic arrears; attendance at or above University's prescribed minimum or 75%, whichever is higher).
- File nomination papers honestly and comply with all procedural requirements set by the Election Authority/Delhi University.
- Keep campaign spending within the prescribed limit (Rs. 5,000 per candidate unless the University sets a different limit).
- Submit complete, accurate and audited election accounts within two weeks of declaration of results; allow public scrutiny.
- Contest only within the allowable number of attempts for posts (one opportunity for office-bearer posts; two opportunities for executive members) and within permitted age limits/caps for UG/PG/research students.
- Use only permitted campaign materials: hand-made posters (not printed material) placed only in designated "Walls of Democracy"/designated locations notified by the Election Authority.
- Obtain prior written permission from university/college authorities before holding any procession or public meeting on campus, and ensure such events do not disrupt classes or co-curricular activities etc.
- Cooperate with election officers, observers, and the Grievance Cell; attend mandatory meetings called by the Election Committee (with at least 24 hours' notice).
- Respect the election timetable; ensure that the entire process from filing nominations to declaration results generally stays within the prescribed period (Lyngdoh recommends not exceeding 10 days for the election period).
- Remove any posters or campaign material put up by you within specified timeframes; promptly rectify any unintentional defacement that bears your name (and report unauthorized use of your name to Police + University/College Committee, if you were unaware).
- Cooperate in cleaning the polling area and ensure removal of campaign material within 48 hours after polling, as required.
- Abide by the Grievance Cell processes, attend hearings if summoned, and produce documents when subpoenaed.
- Follow any additional University-specific rules or reforms (e.g., anti-defacement affidavit, bonds, or sensitization/orientation sessions) notified by Delhi University or your College.

Don'ts (Non-Permissible Acts)

- Do not involve non-students, political party functionaries, or outsiders in campaigning, decision-making, or any part of the election process. Non-students cannot participate in any capacity in election related activity.
- Do not accept funds or in-kind support from political parties, external organizations, or any source other than voluntary student contributions.
- Do not exceed the campaign expenditure limit. Excess spending or failure to submit audited accounts may lead to nullification of election or disqualification.
- Do not print or distribute **printed** posters/pamphlets/leaflets for canvassing (hand-made posters only, within designated areas, are permissible).
- Do not paste or stick posters, banners, graffiti, or other propaganda on public walls, hoardings, DMRC property, MCD property, or any college/university property except in designated “Walls of Democracy” or authorised locations.
- Do not deface, damage, soiling, or destroy college/university/public property. Such acts may attract police action, university disciplinary action, fines, rustication, or debarment from elections. (Court orders specifically emphasize strict action for defacement.)
- Do not canvass within 100 meters of the polling station, nor, on the polling day, distribute propaganda, food (except water), nor convey voters to or from polling booths.
- Do not use loudspeakers, vehicles for parades, dhols, or animals for campaigning on campus. These are prohibited. Use of any **Mascot** for campaigning is strictly prohibited.
- Do not hold processions, rallies, or public meetings outside the campus for election purposes.
- Do not make appeals based on caste, religion, language, community, or use communal/casteist propaganda to solicit votes. Do not exploit communal or caste differences.
- Do not engage in corrupt practices: bribing voters, intimidating voters, impersonation, or other criminal acts. These can attract criminal liability and require immediate reporting to police as serious offences.
- Do not criticize opponents' private life or make unverified or distorted allegations; confine criticism to public record, policies, and past work only.
- Do not allow your supporters to deface or damage property—candidates are jointly and severally liable for damage caused by supporters.
- Do not enter polling booths without valid authority during polling; only voters and authorised persons with valid passes may enter.
- Do not file anonymous complaints to the Grievance Cell; complaints must be in the complainant's name and filed within the prescribed time (three weeks from results).
- Do not violate any orders of the Grievance Cell while an appeal is pending; the Grievance Cell's decision remains in effect until the institutional head stays or overturns it.