

**KERALA UNIVERSITY OF FISHERIES AND OCEAN STUDIES STUDENTS'  
[CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY] CODE (REVISED) – 2019**



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PANANGAD P.O., KOCHI -682506  
KERALA, INDIA**

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### **PROCEEDINGS**

KUFOS, Panangad – KUFOS Students' (Conduct and Disciplinary Code (Revised) 2019 - Disciplinary Actions – Orders issued.

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### **ACADEMIC SECTION**

No.Acad 2/2930/2011

Panangad, Dated,

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Read : 1) Judgement of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in R.P.No.435/2003

2) The Hon'ble High Court direction banning students politics in the campus in 2007 and 2009 in WP(C ) 28239/2017 dt.28239/2017

3) Report of the Committee constituted by Ministry of Human Resource Development , Government of India as per the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to frame guidelines of Students' Union Elections in Colleges/Universities.

4) Directions issued by UGC/Government in pursuance to the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dt.08.05.2009 in civil appeal no.887/2009.

### **ORDER**

The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala vide paper read (1) above has directed that certain norms be prepared for enforcing campus discipline of the students.

The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala vide paper read (2) above has ordered that if any student is found to be resorting to and/or enforcing 'Dharna', Strike or disruption of academic atmosphere of any college, the Principal or the authorities of the institution would have a right to rusticate them, for these are no means to ventilate their grievance. If called upon by the college authorities, the police would be under an obligation to assist the authorities in maintaining peace and quiet orderly conduct of academics in the college premises. The erection of tents, stalls, pickets set up in and around the institution shall not be allowed as per the order.

Vide paper read (4) above, Any students indulged in Ragging shall be immediately suspended and the matter shall be reported to the police as per the direction issued by UGC/Government in pursuance to the Judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dt.08.05.2009 in Civil Appeal No.887/2009.

The Vice Chancellor invoking the powers of the University under section 7(w) of KUFOS Act 2010 and the powers vested with him under 34 (2); 34(4); 34(6); 34 (12) and 56 of KUFOS

Act 2010 approved the code of Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies Students' (Conduct and Disciplinary Code (Revised ) 2019 with immediate effect. This code will be applicable to all students of the University and all its recognized institutions. Orders are issued accordingly.

REGISTRAR

To

- 1) All Heads/Directors /of Departments/Schools in the University.
- 2) The Finance Officer/Joint Director, LFA/Controller of Examinations.
- 3) The Director, Public Relations and Publications
- 4) The Director, Planning /University Engineer
- 5) PS to Vice Chancellor/PS to Pro-Vice Chancellor/PA to Registrar
- 6) All Deputy Registrars/Asst. Registrars/All Sections in the University Admn.office
- 7) Day File/Stock file/File Copy/Website of KUFOS
- 8) All students

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**Section 1. Preamble**

WHEREAS the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in R.P.No.435/2003 (Sojan Francis V., M.G. University 2003 (2) KLT 582) has directed that certain norms be prepared for enforcing campus discipline of the students. The Hon'ble High Court has directed about the students' discipline in the campus in 2007 and 2009 in WP(C ) 28239/2017 dt.28239/2017.

WHEREAS The Vice Chancellor invoking the powers of the University under section 7(v) of KUFOS Act 2010 and the powers vested with him under 34 (2); 34(4); 34(6); 34 (12) and 56 of KUFOS Act 2010 approved the code of Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies Students' (Conduct and Disciplinary Code (Revised ) 2019 with immediate effect.

**Section 2. Title and Commencement**

This code may be called Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies Students' (Conduct and Disciplinary Code (Revised ) 2019. The Code shall deemed to have come into force from the date on which the Vice Chancellor approves it to implement the Judgement of the Hon'ble High Court in R.P.No.435/2003 and Judgement in WP(C)28239/2017 dt.28239/2017.

**Section 3. Objectives of the Code**

The mission of the university is to serve as a flagship of higher learning through demonstrated and growing excellence in teaching, research, extension, scholarship and creative work in fisheries and ocean studies, comparable with global standards that will benefit the country and the world at large. The establishment and maintenance of a University community where uninterrupted dissemination of knowledge takes place and where both the teacher and the taught are illumined is invariable dependent on maintaining order and discipline that allows the pursuit of these objectives in an ambience, that is both safe and free of invidious disruption. Rules and regulations are needed to mark the contours of this needed order. It is necessary that the University should cultivate higher values of honesty, integrity, responsibility, mutual respect for persons and property, respect for human rights among its students. For achieving this the student community should necessarily practice these values and see that the rules envisaged in this code are strictly followed so that their conduct will be in consonance with and supportive of and conducive to the University's central purpose and core values.

#### **Section 4. Applicability of the Code**

The Code shall be applicable to all the students admitted to any academic programme, activity or event conducted by the University. It is the responsibility and duty of each and every students to become acquainted with all the provisions of the Code. It is presumed that every students from the date of his/her admission to any of the academic programme/activity/event has knowledge of this Code. All the students are required to strictly adhere to this Code as a condition of their admission to the University.

#### **Section 5. Responsibilities of the students.**

It shall be the responsibility of the students :

- i) To read, become familiar with and adhere to this Code and any amendment brought to this Code.
- ii) To foster and maintain a vibrant academic, intellectual, cultural and social atmosphere which is consistent with the objectives of the University.
- iii) To report any violation of this Code to the functionaries under this Code.
- iv) To access all educational opportunities and benefits available at the University and make good use of them to prosper academically and develop scientific temper.
- v) To respect the laws of the country, human rights and to conduct in a responsible and dignified manner at all times.
- vi) To respect the cultural and societal values nurtured and followed by people in this State.

#### **Section 6. Prohibited Behaviour of the students**

The students shall abstain from the following :

- i) Any act that causes or intends to cause psychological, emotional or physical stress and harm to any person/persons.
- ii) Any conduct that causes unauthorized removal, destruction or malicious damage of University property or property under University custody or control and also destroying, removing or maliciously damaging the property of others in University premises or at events/functions sponsored/organized by the University.
- iii) Disorderly, lewd, indecent, obscene or offensive conduct in the premises of the University or causing any damage to property under the control of the University or at events/functions sponsored/organized by the University.
- iv) Obstructing or disrupting the educational process by entering into a class/programme when the class is in session without the permission of the teacher in charge of the class.
- v) Engaging in any sort of political activity inside the Campus or in any property owned/managed by the University and organizing or attending meetings other than the

official ones or other than those for which prior permission of University authorities have not been obtained.

- vi) Possessing any banners, flags, posters, pamphlets etc. other than the official ones or disfiguring the walls, doors, windows, furniture etc. with graffitis, bills, engravings etc.
- vii) Engaging in gherao, keeping under captivity or illegally confining any official of the University.
- viii) Possessing, using, distributing or being under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or other controlled substance in the University Campus or at any property owned/managed by the University.
- ix) Possessing or using any weapon, explosive or any thing that can cause injury/danger to the life and limb.
- x) Rashly or negligently driving the vehicles in the University premises.
- xi) Any other conduct which leads to the lowering of esteem of the University in public.
- xii) Using mobile phone during class hours/office hours in Administrative office/Departments/Schools.
- xiii) Disturbing the peace and tranquility of the campus.
- xiv) Ragging : Any students indulged in Ragging shall be immediately suspended and the matter shall be reported to the police as per the direction issued by UGC/Government in pursuance to the Judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dt.08.05.2009 in Civil Appeal No.887/2009.

## **Section 7 : Disciplinary Sanctions**

Any student/students exhibiting prohibited behavior mentioned in Section (6) of the Code shall depending upon the gravity of the misconduct or depending on its recurrence be subjected to any of the following disciplinary sanctions.

### **I Minor sanctions**

#### **i) Warning or reprimand**

This is the least sanction envisaged in this Code. The student engaged in any prohibited behavior will be issued a warning letter.

#### **ii) Tendering apology**

The student engaged in any prohibited behavior may be asked to tender an apology for his act, undertaking that he shall not indulge in such or any of the prohibited behavior in future.

### **II Major sanctions**

#### **i) Debarring from Examinations :**

A student/group of students may be debarred from writing all/any/some of the examinations which forms part of the academic programme for which he/she has joined.

**ii) Suspension**

A student may be suspended from the University for violation of any of the provisions of this Code. The period of suspension and conditions if any, shall be clearly indicated in the communication addressed to the student. The student shall lose his attendance for the suspended period.

**iii) Restitution**

Restitution implies reimbursement in terms of money and /or services to compensate for personal injury or damage/disfiguration to property of the University or any property kept in the premises of the University. The students/group of students or their parents may be asked to compensate in money terms for the loss that has been caused to any person or property of the University due to the act of vandalism perpetrated by the students. The students/group of students shall also be liable to put in their service to restore any loss or damage caused to any property and thereby bringing it to its original form.

**iv) Forfeiture**

Any student engaged in any prohibited behavior shall forfeit his caution deposit.

**v) Expulsion**

This is extreme form of disciplinary action and shall be resorted to only in cases where stringent action is warranted. Expulsion is the permanent dismissal of a student from the University. Such a student will not be eligible for readmission to any of the courses of the University.

**Section 8. Functionaries under the Code**

**i) Heads of Departments/Dean, Fisheries/Directors of Teaching Departments/ Schools/ Warden of Hostels/ Student staff advisor/NSS Coordinator/ NCC officer in charge.**

As the persons in charge of the Department, the respective Heads/Dean Fisheries/ Directors of all the teaching Departments/ Schools shall have the power and duty to take immediate action to curb any prohibitory behavior as envisaged under this Code. As the Heads/Dean, Fisheries/ Directors cannot single handedly manage the entire issues, he can assign part of the work to the teachers and the teachers of all the Departments have the responsibility to inform any incident of prohibited behaviour to the Heads/Dean, Fisheries/ Directors so that any serious issue can be settled before the same goes out of control. The Heads/Dean, Fisheries/ Directors shall have the power to impose minor sanctions as envisaged under Section 7(1) of this Code. They can also

recommend to the Vice Chancellor to impose major sanctions as envisaged under Section 7(II) of this Code. The Heads/Dean, Fisheries/ Directors while taking any action as envisaged in the code shall do so in an impartial manner and see to it that the sanction imposed/proposed is commensurate to the gravity of the prohibited behavior. Any lapse on the part of a teacher to report any instance of violence and misconduct on the part of the students shall be reported to the Vice Chancellor by the respective Heads/Dean, Fisheries/ Directors. The Warden/ Matrons of Hostels shall be responsible for maintaining strict discipline and decorum in the hostel. He/She shall specifically see to it that the inmates of the hostel do not involve themselves in any prohibited behavior mentioned under Section 6 of this Code.

**ii) Registrar**

The Registrar shall have the power to visit/inspect any premises/buildings or any property of the University when there is a genuine doubt that any act of prohibited behavior is taking place and can take any lawful actions to curb such behavior. The Heads/Dean, Fisheries/ Directors shall report to the Registrar any instances of prohibited behavior, who in turn shall bring it to the notice of the Vice Chancellor. The Registrar shall forward the recommendations from the Heads/Dean, Fisheries/ Directors to impose a major sanction under Section 7(II) of this Code to the Vice Chancellor after noting his observations. The Registrar can also suo-motu recommend action against any student/students indulging in prohibited behavior which is brought to his notice.

**iii) Vice Chancellor**

The Vice Chancellor shall be the ultimate authority in imposing major sanctions as envisaged under Section 7(II) against the students for acts of prohibited behavior. The Vice Chancellor can also entertain any appeal from any student/students aggrieved by the action of the Heads/Dean, Fisheries/ Directors and decide the case on merits and in an impartial manner.

**Section 9. Right to Appeal**

The student/students aggrieved by the action of the Heads/Dean, Fisheries/ Directors can appeal to the Vice Chancellor. The decision of the Vice Chancellor shall be final and binding on the student/students.

**Section 10. Assistance from Law Enforcement Agencies.**

The Heads/Dean, Fisheries/ Directors shall have the power and duty to call the Police immediately when there is a Law and Order situation in the campus and also when there is a genuine apprehension that any incident of rioting, vandalism or any other act prohibited by law is likely to take place. The Heads/Dean, Fisheries/ Directors shall in such a case give a detailed



report to the Registrar. The Heads/Dean, Fisheries/ Directors can also arrange videography of the entire situation.

#### **Section 11. Counselling**

The University shall arrange for initial counseling of fresh entrants by the Heads/Dean, Fisheries/ Directors of the respective Department.

#### **Section 12. Grievance Redressal Committee**

The University had already set up “Grievance Redressal Committee” where the students can air their grievances. The Committee is constituted as per the direction of UGC in the University and the names of members in the committee are displayed in all the campuses.

#### **Section 13. Undertaking by the students**

The students joining any academic programme of the University will have to give an undertaking to the effect that he/she will fully comply with the provisions envisaged in this Code in letter and spirit. In any student has not submitted the undertaking shall execute the same immediately to the Registrar, KUFOS.

#### **Section 14. Amendments to the Code**

The Vice Chancellor of the University shall have the power to amend any of the provisions in this Code. The amendments shall be brought to the notice of the students and teachers of the University.

#### **Section 15.**

No order other than an order suspending or warning a student, shall be passed without giving an opportunity of hearing to the student/students.