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Student Safety

Policy for

Dr D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth

(DPU), Pimpri, Pune



Implemented in April 2025



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Registrar

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NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of the resolution passed by the **Executive Council** at its meeting held on **8th April 2025**, vide **Resolution No. EC-12(i) -25**.

It is hereby notified that Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pimpri, Pune, has published a **"Student Safety Policy"**. This policy is to establish a structured, proactive framework that systematically addresses and ensures student safety in all its dimensions – physical infrastructure, mental health, grievance redressal, digital conduct, and emergency preparedness.

The **Student Safety Policy** comprises the following parts:

1. Policy Objective,
2. Physical safety on campus,
3. Psychological and Emotional Safety,
4. Gender and sexual Harrassment Prevention,
5. Cyber and Digital Safety,
6. Safe Transport and off- Campus Engagements,
7. Grievance Redressal and Reporting,
8. Roles and Responsibilities,
9. Review and Updates,
10. Conclusion

The **Student Safety Policy** will serve as a detailed guideline and will be useful to all concerned. This will come into force with immediate effect.



(Dr. J. S. Bhawalkar)
Registrar

Copy to;

1. P.S. to Chancellor for the Kind information of Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Pune.
2. P.S. to Vice Chancellor for the Kind information of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
3. P.S. to Pro Vice Chancellor for the Kind information of Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
4. Director (IQAC), Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
5. Director (Administration: Quality Assurance, Faculty Development & Research), Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune
6. Director (Research), Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
7. Controller of Examinations, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
8. Finance Officer, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
9. All the Heads of the Colleges / Institutes of DPU
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Encl.: As above

STUDENT SAFETY POLICY FOR DR D.Y. PATIL VIDYAPEETH (DPU), PIMPRI, PUNE

WHEREAS, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (DPU), Pimpri, Pune (Deemed to be University was granted the status of a Deemed to be University by the UGC in 2003, has rapidly earned notable distinctions, including its classification as a Category I University by the UGC. Furthermore, DPU received NAAC accreditation (3rd Cycle) with CGPA of 3.64 on a four-point scale, securing an ‘A++’ grade on 8th February 2022, valid through 2029.

WHEREAS, as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Institution Deemed to be University) Regulations, 2019 sub clause 10.7 and sub-sub Clause No. 10.07.1 and 10.07.2 of the Regulations and also provisions of the Bye-Laws of Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (DPU), Pimpri, Pune (Deemed to be University), Byelaw No 1.1.4 clause No. i, ii, xx(19) provides that the Board of Management shall be the Principal Organ of Management and the Apex Executive Body of the Institution Deemed to be University, with powers to make rules and shall be the final decision making body in respect of every matter including academic, administrative, personnel, financial, development matters of institution Deemed to be University.

AND WHEREAS, as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Institution Deemed to be University) Regulations, 2023 Clause 11 and Sub Clause No. 11 (3) and 11 (4), Clause 13 and Sub Clause No. 13 (1) and 13 (2) of the Regulations provides that the Executive Council shall be the Principal Organ of Management and the Apex Executive Body of the Institution Deemed to be University, with powers to make rules and shall be the final decision making body in respect of every matter including academic, administrative, personnel, financial, development matters of institution Deemed to be University.

AND WHEREAS, this Student Safety Policy is framed in accordance with the guidelines and directives issued by statutory and regulatory bodies such as the University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), National Medical Commission (NMC), and other competent authorities. It also integrates relevant legal provisions under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act), and the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging. Recognizing the need to ensure the physical, psychological, and digital safety of students, the University is committed to establishing structured procedures, preventive mechanisms, and responsive systems that uphold the dignity, security, and well-being of every learner within its ecosystem.

AND WHEREAS, in line with the University Grants Commission (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023, and other applicable legislative instruments—including the UGC (Grievance Redressal) Regulations, 2023; the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016; the Disaster Management Act, 2005; and the Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2008—Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune (Deemed to be University) has resolved to implement this Student Safety Policy as a comprehensive and formal framework. This policy shall govern all safety-related functions, responsibilities, and practices across its constituent institutions, administrative departments, and student-support structures such as the Gender Sensitization Committee and Student Grievance Redressal Cell. The policy shall remain in effect from the date of its issuance, unless amended or repealed by the Competent Authority, and strict compliance is mandated for its effective institutionalization.

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1. INTRODUCTION:

At Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pune, we recognize that a safe and supportive environment is a prerequisite for student learning and development. This Student Safety Policy outlines the University's commitment to protecting students from physical, emotional, psychological, and digital harm and personal growth without fear or threat. It integrates national regulatory standards and institutional best practices to foster a secure campus climate across all its constituent institutions. This policy thus outlines the institutional mechanisms to ensure physical, emotional, and digital safety across all DPU campuses and affiliated units.

2. VISION:

Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune envisions a future where every student learns and grows within a secure, supportive, and inclusive academic environment — feeling protected, respected, and empowered to achieve holistic personal and academic excellence.

3. MISSION:

We at Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune, are committed to cultivating a secure, inclusive, and nurturing environment that ensures the physical, emotional, psychological, and digital safety of all students. We are committed to upholding student well-being as a foundational pillar of academic and personal growth.

4. POLICY OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this policy is to establish a structured, proactive framework that systematically addresses and ensures student safety in all its dimensions—physical infrastructure, mental health, grievance redressal, digital conduct, and emergency preparedness— while complying with all relevant legal and institutional mandates.

We Aim at:

- Establishing clear safety standards and responsibilities
- Identifying, Preventing, and responding to threats to student well-being
- Providing safe infrastructure, transparent grievance redressals and precautionary education.

5. PHYSICAL SAFETY ON CAMPUS:

Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune frames its giving policy around the following goals to ensure relevance, equity, and social value:

Ensuring the physical security of students is foundational to DPU's campus culture. We deploy preventive infrastructure and trained personnel to maintain a secure and responsive learning environment.

- 24x7 security personnel across all campus gates, hostels, and academic blocks.
- CCTV monitoring in key public and access-controlled zones.
- Emergency contact numbers displayed prominently.
- Fire safety drills, first aid training, and medical emergency protocols in collaboration with DPU Hospital.
- Identity card checks and visitor management protocols.
- Safe housing and hostel facility management with wardens and night checks.

6. PSYCHOLOGICAL AND EMOTIONAL SAFETY:

Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune follows a structured process to ensure that all initiatives and support systems related to student mental health and well-being are effective, accountable, and well-documented. We aim to create an environment that fosters emotional resilience and psychological safety for every student prioritizing mental well-being and emotional resilience by providing proactive support services and a culture of openness and respect.

We aim at:

- Providing accessibility to certified counsellors and psychologists through the DPU Student Wellness Centre.
- Promoting mental health awareness
- Following Anti-ragging measures strictly enforced as per UGC and AICTE regulations.
- Access to Peer mentoring, student clubs, and emotional support groups
- Following Strict anti-bullying rules in classrooms, hostels, and online platforms
- Accessibility for Faculty sensitization and referral mechanism for students in distress
- Encouraging open dialogue on emotional well-being

7. GENDER AND SEXUAL HARRASSMENT PREVENTION:

Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune supports individuals and organizations whose activities are:

DPU adopts a zero-tolerance approach to any form of gender-based violence or harassment. We ensure preventive education and legal compliance under the POSH Act.

- Functional Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) as per UGC & POSH guidelines
- Gender sensitization programs and awareness drives across all faculties
- Anonymous complaint mechanism for students
- Protection against victimization and confidentiality during redressal
- Disciplinary action against any proven misconduct in line with university rules

8. CYBER AND DIGITAL SAFETY:

As a technology-enabled campus, DPU ensures students are protected from online threats while engaging with digital platforms for learning and interaction.

- Policy on appropriate digital conduct and responsible use of university resources
- Monitoring of university network activity to prevent cyberbullying, impersonation, or data misuse
- IT Grievance Cell to address online safety concerns.
- Awareness workshops on data privacy, phishing, and digital hygiene
- Prohibition of sharing or circulation of offensive material via official platforms

9. SAFE TRANSPORT AND OFF- CAMPUS ENGAGEMENTS:

- DPU is equally attentive to student safety during field activities, academic tours etc.
- Verified university transport with GPS-enabled tracking.
- Clear protocols for outstation field visits, internships, or medical rural service

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- Emergency contact chain in place for off-campus programs
- Safety advisories issued for high-risk locations or events.
- Buddy system and reporting norms for late returning students.

10. GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL AND REPORTING.

Every student must have a safe space to report violations, raise concerns, and seek timely redressal.

- Student Safety Monitoring Cell under the Dean of Student Affairs
- Online and offline complaint portals (confidential and accessible)
- Defined turnaround times for grievance resolution
- Appeal mechanism with escalation to university-level committees
- Periodic audits of complaint data and corrective actions taken

11. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

Dr. D.Y Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune has created a safe campus is a shared responsibility involving every stakeholder.

- Administration: This Department Implements policies, monitor systems, and allocate resources accordingly.
- Faculty & Staff: Faculty & Staff across DPU categorically Serve as first responders and mentors as their allocations.
- Students: Follow safety norms and report unsafe conditions. The In-campus & out-campus students always maintain the decorum and follow all relevant safety norms.
- Security & Hostel Teams: Act as frontline support and enforcement units across the DPU campus.

11. REVIEW AND UPDATES.

This policy shall be reviewed annually by the Student Welfare & Safety Committee and updated as per new regulations, feedback, and emerging risks. Students will be notified of any significant changes through the official website and internal communication channels.

12. CONCLUSION.

Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune is unwavering in its commitment to student safety across every sphere of university life. The Higher Education Institute is committed to providing a safe, secure, and inclusive environment conducive to academic excellence and student well-being. Through this policy, we aim to build a secure, respectful, and compassionate learning environment that empowers every student to thrive — in body, mind, and voice.