

SOCIAL MEDIA AND DIGITAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY FOR S' RESIDENCES RESIDENTS

Purpose and Scope:

This policy aims to provide guidelines on the responsible use of social media and digital platforms by residents of S' Residences. It ensures that all digital communications uphold the dignity, privacy, and values of the residential community, and that inappropriate use of digital tools does not cause harm to individuals, the hostel, or the institution.

Expected Digital Conduct:

- 1.1. Residents are expected to maintain respect, discretion, and professionalism when using social media platforms including but not limited to Instagram, Facebook, WhatsApp, X (Twitter), YouTube, and other platforms.
- 1.2. Posts, stories, videos, and comments must not:
 - Defame or misrepresent fellow residents, staff, or S' Residences, Violate privacy of individuals or groups
 - Spread false or misleading information, Use obscene, abusive, or offensive language
- 1.3. Respect for community diversity and sensitivity to race, religion, gender, culture, and personal identity is mandatory in all online behavior.

Photography and Video Recording:

- 2.1. No resident is permitted to photograph or record other individuals in the hostel premises (rooms, common areas, or events) without clear consent.
- 2.2. Live-streaming or sharing of visual content from hostel premises is strictly regulated.
- 2.3. Any recorded content that depicts hostel infrastructure, events, or staff must have prior written approval from hostel administration before public sharing.

Prohibited Online Activities:

- 3.1. Residents are strictly prohibited from:
 - Creating or spreading false rumours or screenshots related to hostel life
 - Engaging in cyberbullying or online harassment of any kind
 - Uploading unauthorised photos or videos from hostel premises
 - Impersonating staff or other residents on any platform
 - Promoting illegal activities or use of prohibited substances online

Consequences of Violation:

- 4.1. Violation of this policy will be treated as a serious disciplinary offense, and consequences may include:
 - Written warning, Suspension of hostel privileges
 - Monetary fines, Expulsion from S' Residences
- 4.2. Severe cases involving defamation, cybercrime, or harassment will be escalated to institutional authorities and, if necessary, legal action will be initiated as per Indian IT Act provisions.

Digital Responsibility in Group Chats and Forums:

- 5.1. Official WhatsApp or student group chats must maintain a respectful and academic tone.
- 5.2. Spamming, meme forwarding, or off-topic debates in official groups is discouraged.
- 5.3. Any resident who instigates conflict or promotes toxic behaviour in digital spaces may be removed from the group and formally warned.

Amendments:

- 6.1. This policy may be updated from time to time in accordance with university norms, technology changes, and evolving legal standards regarding digital use.

By adhering to the Social Media and Digital Responsibility Policy, residents of S' Residences help foster a respectful, secure, and inclusive digital environment that mirrors the values of the physical campus community.