

HOSTEL MESS CODE OF CONDUCT

Guidelines for a Harmonious Dining Experience

I. TIMINGS & ATTENDANCE

- ❖ **Adherence to Schedule:** Meals will only be served during the following windows. No requests for late entry will be entertained.
 - **Breakfast:** 07:30 – 09:00
 - **Lunch:** 12:30 – 14:00
 - **Dinner:** 19:30 – 21:00
- ❖ **Identification:** Residents must present their **Hostel ID card** upon entry. Sharing meal plans with non-residents is strictly prohibited.

II. DINING ETIQUETTE

- ❖ **Zero Waste Policy:** Take only what you can consume. We encourage a "Clean Plate" habit to minimize food wastage.
- ❖ **Dining Hall Only:** All meals must be consumed within the mess hall. Carrying mess utensils (plates, spoons, glasses) to hostel rooms is a fineable offense.
- ❖ **Dress Code:** Students are expected to be decently dressed. Nightwear or inappropriate attire is not permitted in the dining area.

III. HYGIENE & MAINTENANCE

- ❖ **Self-Service Stations:** After finishing your meal, please dispose of leftovers in the designated bins and stack your tray/plates at the cleaning counter.
- ❖ **Sanitation:** Utilize the hand-wash stations before approaching the food counters. Maintain cleanliness at the tables for the next person.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

- ❖ **Staff Respect:** Any grievances regarding food quality or service must be noted in the **Complaint Register**. Direct confrontations or misbehavior with mess staff will result in disciplinary action.
- ❖ **Guest Policy:** Guests are allowed only upon the purchase of a **Guest Meal Coupon** at the warden's office prior to the meal time.
- ❖ **No Outside Appliances:** Using personal electric heaters or cooktops within the mess premises is strictly forbidden due to safety protocols.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in a suspension of mess privileges or a monetary fine as decided by the Hostel Committee.