

Annexure 5

TERMINATION / SUSPENSION OF FACULTY AND STUDENTS

In this table, apart from listing cases of termination, suspension, and rustication, of faculty and students, we have also included cases where faculty have not taken up jobs or have resigned due to pressure, whether from the RSS and its fronts or from the Government. The list is illustrative and not exhaustive.

Termination (also 'Resignation') of Faculty

S. No.	Year	Individual/Group	Place	Action	Source
1.	January, 2016	Prof. Sandeep Pandey (Magsaysay Awardee)	IIT, BHU	Admin terminated him 1. On the suspicion of him being a Naxalite 2. For being involved in anti-national activities 3. Showing banned documentary 'India's Daughter' to his students	https://thewire.in/politics/magsaysay-awardee-pandey-purged-from-bhu-on-anti-national-charge
2.	March, 2016	Amit Sengupta	IIMC, Delhi	Resigned after arbitrary transfer order; claims he was targeted for supporting protests against Vemula's death by suicide, JNU and FTII issues	https://www.thequint.com/news/hot-news/iimc-prof-resigns-says-targeted-for-backing-vemula-jnu-protest/#read-more
3.	Dec 2016	Narendra Singh Rao	IIMC, Delhi	Terminated; known for being vocal on illegal sacking of 25 Dalit safai karamcharis, harassment of Muslim student, saffronisation of media education	https://caravanmagazine.in/vantage/iimc-sacked-protesting-dismissal-dalit-workers
4.	Dec 2016	Rajendran Narayanan	Ashoka University, Delhi	Resigned after non-teaching staff were made to 'resign' after having signed a petition on Kashmir	https://indianexpress.com/article/india/lone-teacher-to-sign-kashmir-petition-quits-ashoka-university-4495235/
5.	February 2019	Salman Shaheen	LPU, Punjab	Kashmiri Professor, forced to resign after commenting on the social media post of one of his students on Pulwama.	https://www.newslick.in/pulwama-aftermath-kashmiri-professor-forced-resign-lovely-professional-university
6	July 2019 Nov 2019	Ramachandra Guha	IISC Bangalore Ahmedabad University	Ramachandra Guha's appointment at IISC objected to by right-wing in July 2019 Ramachandra Guha withdrew from the Professorship (and position of Director Gandhi winter school) at Ahmedabad University he had been offered after ABVP objected to his joining	https://www.deccanherald.com/city/top-bengaluru-stories/ramachandra-guhas-iisc-appointment-sparks-controversy-744258.html https://thewire.in/education/abvp-ramachandra-guha-ahmedabad-university

7.	January 2020	Brijesh Kumar Rai	IIT-Guwahati	Ordered to go on compulsory retirement on grounds of misconduct; has spoken out against alleged corruption and malpractices in the institute	https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/iit-guwahati-professor-who-spoke-against-corruption-forced-to-retain-over-misconduct-charges-1635090-2020-01-08
8.	March 2021	G.N. Saibaba	Ram Lal Anand College, University of Delhi	Terminated as professor after suspension despite the lack of judicial proceedings being in process. Had been charged with life imprisonment under UAPA in 2017 for his alleged links with Maoist groups	https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/jailed-du-professor-gn-saibaba-terminated-by-ram-lal-anand-college-101617387964098-amp.html
9.	March 2021	Pratap Bhanu Mehta	Ashoka University	Resigned as professor after pressure from govt through funders; earlier resigned as VC for the same reasons. Has been a vocal critic of the Modi Government and the BJP	https://thewire.in/education/pratap-bhanu-mehta-resigns-as-professor-at-ashoka-university
10.	March 2021	Arvind Subramanian	Ashoka University	Resigned in protest at funders caving in to govt on Pratap Mehta, cited lack of academic freedom	https://thewire.in/education/arvind-subramanian-ashoka-university-academic-freedom-pratap-bhanu-mehta
11.*	May 2021	R. G. Sudharson	Madras School of Social Work	Summarily dismissed; appeal for enquiry into the circumstances for dismissal ignored. Reinstated in February 2022 following an order issued by the Collegiate Education Department.	https://thewire.in/rights/academic-freedom-dissent-university-professor-india-government https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0CuYNFUsvASTo4dXjWpPUDYteuPnFiBmY6jCkeKVrdesk683ghSoEfFvRR1C6Qc9xl&id=1181805696
12.*	October 2021-present	Individual wishes to remain anonymous	St. Xavier's University, Kolkata	Allegedly forced to resign after the parent of a student complained against pictures she had uploaded on her private Instagram account. Filed an FIR against the university on grounds of sexual harassment and character assassination and sent a legal notice to the governing body; Xavier's responded with a legal notice seeking Rs. 99 crore	https://frontline.thehindu.com/news/st-xaviers-university-in-kolkata-seeks-rs-99-crore-damages-from-professor-who-was-asked-to-resign-over-instagram-pictures/article65759314.ece

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13.*	February 2022	Chandini Naz	Jain PU College	Naz resigned after the administration allegedly asked her to remove her hijab while teaching. Naz termed this directive as 'a hit to my self-respect'.	https://scroll.in/latest/1017702/karnataka-lecturer-resigns-after-college-allegedly-asks-her-to-remove-hijab
14.*	April 2022	Gursang Preet Kaur	Lovely Professional University	Employment terminated after comments made on Ram and Ravana in an online lecture went viral on social media and drew backlash.	https://thewire.in/education/lovely-professional-university-professor-sacked-after-derogatory-comments-about-ram
15.	August 2022	Asst. Professor at St Xavier's University	St Xavier's University	A former assistant professor reportedly resigned under pressure from university authorities who accused her of sharing 'objectionable' and 'inappropriate' photos on her Instagram account. The university claimed that these photos had allegedly tarnished the institution's reputation.	https://thewire.in/education/kolkata-st-xaviers-university-professor-instagram
16.	August 2023	Ashoka University	Sabyasachi Das	A former faculty who wrote a paper on possible manipulation in 2019 electoral polls resigns after the University distances itself from his study. The paper had been attacked by BJP leaders.	https://thewire.in/education/author-of-paper-on-possible-manipulation-in-2019-polls-quits-ashoka-university
17.	September 2023	Six ad-hoc faculty members	Satyawati (Evening) College, University of Delhi	Six ad-hoc faculty members, including five with over a decade of service at the institution, were terminated from the Dept. of Hindi. The newly recruited 11 teachers are claimed to have allegedly inferior qualifications. This situation arises amidst accusations from certain teachers that the current appointment procedures in DU colleges prioritize "recommendations" and "networking" over qualifications and experience.	https://www.telegraphindia.com/edugraph/delhi-university-college-sacks-six-ad-hoc-professors-recruits-11-teachers-with-inferior-qualifications/cid/1968946
18.	October 2023	Five ad-hoc teachers	Indraprastha College for Women,	Five ad-hoc teachers in the Department of Sociology were replaced, and the displaced	https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/delhi/5-

			University of Delhi	teachers claimed that the new appointees were selected based on personal preferences.	ad-hoc-teachers-at-indraprastha-college-displaced-549279
19.	December 2023	8 Ad-Hoc professors	Ramjas College, University of Delhi	8 Ad-hoc professors were displaced from the English Department and replaced.	https://www.indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/8-of-10-ad-hoc-teachers-of-dus-ramjas-college-displaced-9054334/
20.	June 2024	55 faculty members, 60 non-teaching staff	TISS Mumbai, Hyderabad, Tuljapur	More than 100 employees of TISS were arbitrarily terminated via an email sent on 28th June 2024, due to the failure of the Tata Education trust to grant funds to the universities. After significant opposition to the decision by academics, student groups, and civil society, the notice was withdrawn and the terminations reversed. However, no clarification has been given about the status of the faculty and staff in Advanced Centre for Women's Studies (ACWS) employed under the University Grants Commission (UGC) schemes.	https://maktoobmedia.com/india/tiss-sends-termination-letters-to-55-faculty-members-60-non-teaching-staff-two-days-before-contract-ends/
21.	November 2024	2 tenured faculty members: Dr. Salil Misra and Dr. Asmita Kabra	Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD)	The contract of Dr. Salil Misra and Dr. Asmita Kabra, two tenured professors of History and Human Ecology, was terminated due to "procedural lapses" in a collective decision of regularising 38 non-teaching staff members of Ambedkar University Delhi in 2018	https://maktoobmedia.com/india/termination-of-two-professors-at-ambedkar-university-delhi-government-crackdown-on-dissenting-voices/
22.	May 2025	Mahzeeb "Mahi" Ansari	Saraswati Vidya Mandir School, Panipat, Haryana	This Sanskrit teacher was dismissed after allegations of teaching Islamic verses to students. However, she and the Principal claim she only answered students' query about Muslim worship practices.	https://theprint.in/india/teacher-fired-for-teaching-kalma-in-haryana-school-after-protest-by-parents-right-wing-group/2629232/
24.	June 2025	Monika Malik	Department of Law, Central University of Haryana (CUH)	On a dharna over her selection and seniority process. Amidst this academic conflict between Malik and the CUH, the authorities dismissed her on May 7 and another professor, alleging their selection process was a "procedural and regulatory violation".	https://www.indianexpress.com/article/cities/chandigarh/haryana-teacher-body-professors-termination-illegal-10043074/

25.	July 2025	10 professors	Bangalore University	Resigned from their additional administrative responsibilities, alleging caste-based discrimination in role allotments, being relegated to mere “in-charge” positions as a deliberate attempt to curtail their authority, and the denial of earned leave benefits.	https://maktoobmedia.com/india/10-dalit-professors-from-bangalore-university-resign-from-administrative-roles-alleging-caste-discrimination/
26.	September 2025	Snehashish Bhattacharya	South Asian University	Formally terminated from position, two years after supporting student campus protests. Said to have engaged in conduct “against university interests”	https://thewire.in/education/two-years-after-his-suspension-sau-fires-faculty-member-who-supported-protesting-students
27.	October 2025	Ram Kumar Kakani	Indian Institute of Management, Raipur	Sought early retirement via resignation due to the increasing tensions with the institutes HR policy interfering with institutional autonomy	https://thewire.in/education/resignations-of-iim-directors-in-recent-years-put-institutes-autonomy-under-scan-report
28.	December 2025	Lora Santhakumar	SRM University	Permanently dismissed from position due to “anti-war” remarks made by her on social media in May 2025	https://www.thenewsminute.com/tamil-nadu/srm-uni-dismisses-dalit-christian-professor-targeted-by-right-wing-for-anti-war-views
29.	December 2025	5 state university vice chancellors	Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner; Agricultural University, Jodhpur; Brij University; Mohanlal Sukhadia University (MLSU)	Vice chancellors removed and one forced to resign under increasing political pressure from ABVP	https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2025/Dec/11/rajasthan-faces-academic-turmoil-as-five-university-vice-chancellors-ousted-amid-protests

Suspension of Faculty

S. No.	Year	Individual/Group	Place	Action	Source
1.	March 2016	Shrey Bhattacharjee	Central University, Jharkhand	Lecture on Nation building by Prof. Panini called off since Panini was a JNU professor. 2) Prof. Shrey Bhattacharjee who invited him was suspended.	https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/academics-with-jnu-pedigree-find-their-speeches

					-cancelled/article8375155.ece
2.	February 2017	Rajshree Ranawat	Jodhpur University	Rajshree Ranawat (RR) suspended for inviting Nivedita Menon (NM) to seminar on History Reconstructed through Literature: Nation, Identity; police complaint filed against RR for hosting, NM for alleged anti-national remarks	https://scroll.in/article/829656/debate-is-vital-for-change-says-jodhpur-professor-suspended-in-the-latest-nationalism-controversy
3.	October 2017	Nivedita Menon	Delhi	Removal of Nivedita Menon as chairperson of the Centre for Comparative Politics and Political Theory at JNU. Protest by JNUTA	https://thewire.in/education/stop-victimising-jnus-nivedita-menon-academics-write-president-ram-nath-kovind
4.	April 2018	9 Teachers	Central University, Gujarat	Show cause notice to 9 teachers for attending Congress event. ABVP complained that the teachers were campaigning for Congress.	https://www.india.com/news/india/central-university-of-gujarat-serves-showcause-notice-to-nine-teachers-for-attending-congress-event-teachers-cry-foul-3025866/
5.*	September 2018	Prasad Pannian	Central University of Kerala	Suspended as HoD for a Facebook post in which he criticized the arrest of a PhD student.	https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/questioning-student-s-arrest-central-university-kerala-prof-suspended-88060
6.	December 2018	Md. Tajjudin, Pol Sci	Kashmir Univ	Suspended for allegedly calling Bhagat Singh a terrorist	https://www.outlookindia.com/website/story/jammu-university-professor-suspended-for-allegedly-calling-bhagat-singh-a-terrorist/321049
7.	February 2019	Abid Majeed	Alpine College of Management, Dehradun	Hindu activists demanded suspension of the Kashmiri Dean. No reason given by the concerned authority. Mob pressure was the main reason for suspension. Post Pulwama	https://scroll.in/latest/913791/kashmiri-dean-of-dehradun-college-suspended-after-a-protesting-mob-demanded-it-report
8.	February 2019	Papri Z Banerjee	Icon Commerce College, Guwahati	Suspended and detained by police for FB post critical of army in Kashmir.	https://thewire.in/rights/assam-professor-detained-for-facebook-post-criticising-armys-role-in-kashmir
9.*	July 2019	Indranil Bhattacharya	Film and Television Institute of India	Suspended for criticizing the BJP and Modi government on Facebook; one of the three show-cause notices served explicitly charged him with	https://www.hindustantimes.com/mumbai-news/no-hc-relief-for-ftii-staff-suspended-for-cr

				posting such messages on Facebook.	itcising-govt-bjp/story-mxCiiGjd4uVa0YFhdGAzWO.html
10.*	August 2019	7 faculty members	Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla	Suspended on various charges; were involved in strikes and protests against VC/administration.	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhubaneswar/4-more-teachers-of-vssut-suspended-for-indiscipline/articleshow/70858096.cms
11.	December 2019	Robin Verma	Shia Post Graduate College, Lucknow	Suspended for taking part in anti-CAA protest	https://scroll.in/latest/947902/citizenship-act-college-teacher-suspended-student-expelled-in-lucknow-for-protests
12.*	January 2020	Yogesh Soman	Mumbai University	Sent on forced leave for alleged objectionable comments against Rahul Gandhi.	https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/mumbai-professor-sent-on-forced-leave-for-comments-on-rahul-gandhi-leaves-students-divided-1637174-2020-01-15
13.	March 2020	Abrar Ahmed,	Jamia Millia Islamia	Suspended and inquiry ordered for sarcastic tweet. The tweet according to the prof was a satire and he was being misunderstood.	https://www.thekashmirmonitor.net/jamia-professor-suspended-for-failing-non-muslim-students/
14.	April 2020	Md. Shahid	Allahabad University	Suspended for attending an event which spread covid at Nizamuddin Markaz.	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/education/news/au-prof-who-attended-nizamuddin-markaz-suspended/articleshow/75385390.cms
15.	January 2021	Sudipta Bhattacharyya	Visva-Bharati, Kolkata	Suspended for alleged political differences with VC of the institute; vocal on various social, political, and economic issues	https://thewire.in/education/political-vendetta-alleged-in-suspension-of-visva-bharati-professor
16.*	May 2021	Gilbert Sebastian	Central University of Kerala	Suspended for referring to the Sangh Parivar as a proto-fascist organization in a lecture on fascism and Nazism. Suspension revoked after mounting pressure and criticism. Administration subsequently released a circular threatening disciplinary action against faculty members who made 'anti-national' statements.	https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/kerala-central-uni-revokes-suspension-professor-who-called-rss-proto-fascist-150457 https://thewire.in/education/central-university-of-kerala-gilbert-sebastian-anti-national https://thewire.in/education/central-university

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17.*	December 2021	Kamlesh Kumar Gupta	Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University	Suspended for holding a peaceful protest against VC; notices issued to faculty members who supported him. Three-member committee (including the VC) constituted to investigate Gupta.	https://www.livehindustan.com/uttar-pradesh/story-professor-kamlesh-gupta-suspended-just-after-starting-satyagrah-against-vice-chancellor-ddu-students-protested-5386084.html
18.*	April 2022	Dr. Jitendra Kumar	Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University	Suspended on grounds of hurting religious sentiments—alleged to have made objectionable references to Hindu deities during a lecture. Admin issued show-cause notice.	https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2022/apr/07/aligarh-muslim-university-professor-suspended-for-reference-to-hindu-deities-2438975.html
19.*	May 2022	Waqas Farooq Kuttay	Sharda University	Suspended for setting an exam question on similarities between fascism/Nazism and Hindutva. Three-member team constituted to investigate the matter issued a show-cause notice.	https://thewire.in/education/sharda-university-professor-hindutva-nazism
20.*	June 2022	S. R. Khalid	Sri Varshney College, Aligarh	Sent on compulsory leave after Hindutva outfits objected to Khalid offering namaz in the college lawns. Following pressure from these groups, the college also ordered an inquiry into the issue.	https://thewire.in/communalism/aligarh-college-namaz-professor-bjp-hindutva
21.	June 2023	Snehashish Bhattacharya, Srinivas Burra, Irfanullah Farooqi, and Ravi Kumar	South Asian University	Suspended based on allegations of misconduct, including running a Marxist study circle and allegedly inciting student protests on campus.	https://theprint.in/india/education/4-saarc-university-professors-suspended-for-misconduct-accused-of-inciting-student-protest/1635729/
22.	October 2023	Mamta Gautam and Shweta Sharma	ABES Engineering College, Ghaziabad	Suspended for asking a student to step down from the stage after he greeted the audience during a student induction ceremony with a loud 'Jai Shri Ram' slogan.	https://thewire.in/communalism/ghaziabad-college-two-teachers-suspended-for-asking-student-to-leave-stage-over-jai-shri-ram-slogan
23.	November 2023	Prof. Ashish Kumar Sen	IIT Madras	Suspended for many cases of harassment of students and suicide of Ashish Kumar Jain, a PhD scholar	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/iit-madras-suspends-faculty-over-phd-sc

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24.	December 2023	Mukesh Khatik, Vipul Patel, Vanrajsinh Chavda	Gujarat University	Suspended for mental and sexual harassment of a colleague and illegal appointments	https://timesofindia.in/diatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/three-gu-professors-suspended-by-new-board-alleged-financial-irregularities/articleshow/105852902.cms
24.	April 2024	Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Dr. Vinay Verma	Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University, Jaunpur	Suspended for passing students who wrote 'Jai Shri Ram' and names of Indian cricketers in their D Pharma exam	https://www.financialexpress.com/jobs-career/education-up-college-professors-suspended-as-students-allegedly-pass-exams-writing-jai-shri-ram-3470442/
25.	April 2024	HOD, Performing Arts	Pondicherry University	<p>The Pondicherry University has asked its Head of the Department of Performing Arts to step down, following the controversy surrounding a play staged by students at the annual cultural festival, Ezhini 2k24, on campus last week.</p> <p>Following outrage on social media over the play allegedly hurting Hindu sentiments, the territorial police had registered a case on charges of "outraging religious sentiments." The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), an affiliate organisation of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), had staged a protest on the campus alleging that the characters of the epic <i>Ramayana</i>, had been depicted in an objectionable manner in a play titled <i>Somayanam</i>, staged on the campus on March 29, 2024.</p>	https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/puducherry/drama-controversy-pondicherry-university-asks-hod-of-performing-arts-to-step-down/article68018706.ec

26.	May 2024	Prof. Vikas Siwach, Sandeep Malik, Rajesh, Suresh Malik, Randeep Rana	Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU), Rohtak	Suspended for “canvassing for Congress candidate and for taking part in press briefings”	https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.hindustantimes.com/cities/chandigarh-news/5-mdu-faculty-members-suspended-for-canvassing-for-congress-candidate-101716487692035-amp.html
27.	April 2025	Seema Panwar	Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut	Debarred from setting exam papers for life, after ABVP’s objection to two “anti-national” questions about the RSS set by her	https://thewire.in/education/abvp-question-anti-national-rss-up-professor
28.	April 2025	Students and faculty at Dr B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD)	Dr B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD)	Students were suspended and an associate professor was issued a show-cause notice for protesting against harassment and bullying.	https://frontline.thehindu.com/news/ambedkar-university-delhi-suspensions-student-protests-crackdown-dissent-academic-freedom/article69448488.ece https://maktoobmedia.com/india/sfi-accuses-ambedkar-university-of-being-biased-as-suspension-of-three-students-not-revoked/
29.	May 2025	S Lora	SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Tamil Nadu	For posting WhatsApp messages that criticised India’s action during Operation Sindoor and expressed concern over civilian casualties in Pakistan.	https://www.deccanherald.com/india/tamil-nadu/chennai-professor-suspended-for-anti-india-comments-over-operation-sindoor-against-pakistan-3531403
30.	May 2025	Zeba Afroz	Primary School Maloghat Chopan, Uttar Pradesh	For defending Pahalgam attack survivor Himanshi Narwal, who urged people not to target Kashmiris and Muslims, in light of the hate campaign against her. Also, posting regarding the murder of a Muslim man, Gulfam, in Agra, highlighting the communal angle.	https://maktoobmedia.com/india/muslim-woman-teacher-suspended-in-up-over-social-media-post-backing-pahalgam-attack-survivor-himanshi/

31	May 2025	Veeranna Madiwalar	Government primary school in Ambedkar Nagar, Nidagundi, Belagavi district, Karnataka	Fasting in front of the Block Education Office to demand the development of four additional classrooms. Fired for “protest not befitting a government servant”.	https://www.thenewsmminute.com/karnataka/karnataka-headmaster-demands-more-classrooms-gets-suspended
32.	June 2025	Rafat Khan	Government primary school in Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh	An online video depicted the name of their Primary School Sahanpur II written in both Hindi and Urdu on its exterior and interior walls	https://www.telegraphindia.com/india/head-teacher-of-up-govt-school-suspended-after-viral-video-shows-school-name-written-in-urdu/cid/2106517
33.	July 2025	Om Prakash	Government school, Sultanpur district, Uttar Pradesh	Suspension over denying a student the permission to meet ‘Kanwariyas’ which included her relatives while he allegedly made “objectional remarks”	https://thewire.in/rights/govt-school-teacher-in-up-suspended-for-allegedly-making-objective-remarks-on-kanwar-yatra
34.	September 2025	Assistant professor M. Venkatesh Naik	Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MNNIT), Allahabad	Suspended over reports of “misbehaviour”. Naik had been demanding action against the caste based discrimination in assigning PhD students for supervision under him.	https://www.telegraphindia.com/india/st-faculty-member-suspended-without-inquiry-at-mnnit-amid-discrimination-complaint-prnt/cid/2125038#goog_rewarded
35.	October 2025	Jaboor Tadvi	Government school Madhya Pradesh’s Burhanpur district	Suspended for teaching student yoga poses which resembled poses similar to the ones used in namaz.	https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2025/Oct/27/mp-teacher-suspended-after-row-over-yoga-class-accused-of-teaching-namaz-under-guise-of-surya-namaskar-report

36.	November 2025	Shamshul Hasan	School in Aligarh District, Uttar Pradesh	Suspended and later booked for refusing to sing Vande Mataram	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/lucknow/up-govt-school-teacher-suspended-opposing-vande-mataram-education-dept-fir-10363066/
37.	December 2025	Professor Virendra Balaji Shahare	Jamia Milia Islamia	Suspended over setting a question on description of atrocities faced by muslims in India in an undergraduate social work paper.	https://thewire.in/education/describe-atrocities-against-muslims-in-india-jamia-suspends-professor-over-question
38.	January 2026	Sikha Soni	Government primary school, Nakti, Tilda block, Raipur district, Chattisgarh	Suspension over a dog being named 'Ram' instead instead of 'Ramu' in an English paper, sparking outrage over using the Hindu deity's name in such a context	https://www.deccanherald.com/news/crime/chhattisgarh-school-headmistress-suspended-for-turning-ramu-into-ram-1929829
29.	February 2026	Sarover Zaidi	O.P. Jindal University, Haryana	Allegedly compared Modi to Hitler in teaching the paper 'Politics of representation' at the university. Zaidi had denied these allegations.	https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/haryana/haryana-prof-suspended-for-hitler-pm-remark/
30	March 2026	Saket Purohit	Government school, Shivpuri town, Madhya Pradesh	Suspended over mimicking PM Modi's speaking style while riffing on the rising cost of LPG cylinders during a happiness curriculum class	https://indianexpress.com/article/india/mp-shivpuri-teacher-saket-purohit-suspended-mimicry-pm-modi-happiness-department-10583485/

Expulsion / Suspension of Students

S. No.	Date	Individual/Group	Place	Action	Source
1.	2015	Sudhanshu Bajpai, UP President of All India Students Association	Lucknow University	Expelled for organising a talk on 'love jihad' and for burning an effigy of the Chief Minister of UP	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/lucknow/for-holding-talk-on-love-jihad-lu-expe-ls-aisa-state-chief/
2.	January 2017	Rohin Kumar	IIMC, Delhi	Suspended for social media post supporting sacked professor	https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/IIMC-student-suspended-for-post-backing-sacked-teacher/article17025023.ece
3.	February 2018	Sadaf Rafiq Zaffar, an undergraduate student	Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary University, Haryana	Engaged in a social media post on the atrocities done by the armed forces in Kashmir. The university decided to expel her, reportedly calling the posts "anti-national"	https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?story=20191122070158754
4.	October 2018	Ethnic tensions on campus flared following a fight between an Indian student and an Afghan student. The university suspended three students who were allegedly involved in the fight. Hundreds later gathered on campus to demand that the university take more severe action in response to the incident	Sharda Univ, Noida	Student witnesses reported that the violence was incited by members of a right-wing Hindu extremist group from outside the university. The campus was later closed for three days, and police reportedly filed complaints for rioting against 350 individuals in connection with the protest.	https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?story=20191122070158754
5.	March 2018	Fakeha Badami	Sai Homeopathic Medical College and Nityanand Hospital	The college management had cited "uniformity in clothing" as a reason to disallow her from entering the college premises with the hijab	https://thewire.in/education/dont-wear-a-hijab-if-you-want-to-study-here
6.	October 2018	S. Malathi	Coimbatore College	Suspended because he had no permission to organize a meeting on Bhagat Singh's birth anniversary	https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/coimbatore-college-suspend-s-student-for-marking-bhagat-singh-s-birth-anniversary-1369183-2018-10-16
7.	February 2019	Students	Quantum Institute, Roorkee	Student suspended and charged with anti-national post. VC alleged vandalism	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/dehradun/7-suspended-kashmiri-students-booked-for-anti-natl-posts/articleshow/68085595.cms

8.*	March 2019	6 students	Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala	Suspended for protesting against the quality of food in the hostel mess. Suspension was later revoked and the university ordered an inquiry into the conduct of the administrative officer who passed the suspension order.	https://www.thequint.com/news/india/rgnul-students-suspension-revoked-following-protest#read-more
9.	July 2019	20 students	JNU	Put under 'academic suspension' for allegedly raising slogans against the RSS and the ABVP	https://www.nationalheraldindia.com/india/what-about-our-mothers-modi-ji-asks-suspended-jnu-student
10.	October 2019	6 students belonging to Dalit and OBC communities	MGAHV, Maharashtra	Expelled for organising an event where students wrote letters to the PM addressing concerns about Assam's NRC, Kashmir lockdown, and increasing mob lynching	https://www.newslanddry.com/2019/10/16/students-expelled-for-violating-election-code-what-exactly-happened-at-wardha-university
11.*	December 2019	Ahmed Raza Khan	Khwaja Muinuddin Chishti Urdu Arabi Farsi University	Expelled for involvement in anti-CAA protests.	https://www.hindustantimes.com/lucknow/college-teacher-suspended-varsity-student-expelled-for-anti-caa-protests/story-D23SeBeXAYIJbqWpkC8viO.html
12.	January 2020	Not available	Visva Bharati	Student suspended after he recorded a video of VC's speech on CAA	https://thewire.in/education/visva-bharati-evicts-student-vc-speech
13.	2020	11 students	Indian Institute of Mass Communication Delhi	Suspended after holding a talk on affordable education, which was denied permission by college administration	https://thelogicalindian.com/exclusive/iimc-suspends-students-19686
14.	February 2020	4 students	Acharya Nagarjuna University, Andhra Pradesh	Suspended for alleged 'anti-government activities' by participating in a pro-Amaravati protest	https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/4-students-suspended-from-university-hostel-for-taking-part-in-pro-amaravati-protest20200203045139/
15.	March 2020	Vikrant Singh and Himanchal Singh	IIT-Guwahati	Put under 'suspended academic expulsion' for alleged misrepresentation of facts and defamation; they went on hunger strike to support suspended professor	https://theprint.in/india/education/iit-guwahati-suspends-two-students-for-hunger-strike-misrepresenting-facts-to-media/383181/
16.	2020	Fourth-year student	AIIMS, Rishikesh	Suspended after arrest due to alleged objectionable social media post about Hindu gods	https://www.hindustantimes.com/dehradun/aiims-rishikesh-student-suspended-after-his-arrest-over-objection

					able-social-media-post/story-oyxJo365KmgV2iaP1zD5CN.html
17.	March 2021	Priyansh Maurya, SFI	Ambedkar University Delhi	Suspended from university and barred from entering campus for alleged 'defacement' of campus wall	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/aud-student-suspended-for-defacing-campus-wall-7224518/
18.	March 2021	Vikrant Singh	IIT-Guwahati	Expelled for one semester for a Facebook post that allegedly misrepresents facts about the institution	https://www.guwahatiplus.com/daily-news/iit-guwahati-student-suspended-over-old-facebook-post
19.*	July 2021	Student Union president and two other students	Jai Narayan Vyas University	Suspended by the administration for protesting against collection of university fees during Covid-19 pandemic. Suspension of two students, barring the Union president, was revoked soon after.	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/jnvu-student-union-prez-held-as-protest-goes-awry/articleshow/85052396.cms
20.*	October 2021	Arsheed Yousef, Inayat Altaf Sheikh and Showkat Ahmed Ganai	Raja Balwant Singh Engineering Technical Campus, Bichpuri	Three Kashmiri students were suspended for allegedly posting a WhatsApp status praising Pakistani players after their victory over India in a cricket match.	https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/up-college-suspends-3-kashmiri-students-for-whatsapp-post-on-pak-win-2589395
21.*	August 2021	Rupa Chakraborty, Somnath Sow and Falguni Pan	Visva-Bharati University	Rusticated for allegedly disrupting the academic atmosphere of the institution and besmirching its reputation; rustication order revoked by the Calcutta High Court.	https://thewire.in/law/calcutta-high-court-rustication-visva-bharati
22.*	December 2021	11 students	Pondicherry University	Debarred from campus for five years for protesting against fee hike in February 2020. Punishment order stated that these students would have to pay a fine of Rs 10,000 if they wanted to collect their degrees in the next five years.	https://www.telegraphindia.com/india/pondicherry-university-debars-11-for-5-years-for-fee-protest/cid/1845545
23.*	May 2022	Kundan Yadav	Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda	Rusticated for alleged controversial artwork that led to protests by right-wing groups on the campus. Yadav had fashioned newspaper cuttings on crime against women into artwork resembling goddesses. The MSU Syndicate's decision to rusticate him was unanimous; it also issued show-cause notices to faculty members involved.	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/baroda/gujarat-msu-rusticate-student-controversial-artworks-7912037/
24.*	June 2022	23 female students	Uppinangady Government	Suspended for staging a demonstration demanding the	https://thewire.in/education/karnataka-23-s

			First Grade College	right to wear the hijab inside classrooms.	tudents-suspended-for-staging-protest-for-wearing-hijab-inside-classrooms
25.	November 2022	2 students	South Asian University	Suspended for sitting in protest demanding Master's and PhD scholarships alongside student representation in administrative bodies.	https://www.newindiaexpress.com/theSundayStandard/2022/Nov/06/2-students-expelled-at-south-asian-university-over-scholarship-protest-2515348.html
26.	December 2022	4 male students	St Joseph's Engineering College	Suspended for wearing burqa while dancing to a Bollywood song at an event.	https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/4-students-suspended-after-dance-in-burqa-at-mangaluru-college-event-video-2307111-2022-12-09
27.	December 2022	18 students including 3 female students (10 were Hindu, 8 were Muslims)	Pre-University College in Dakshina Kannada	Suspended after an altercation broke out over an interfaith relationship between a Hindu girl and a Muslim man.	https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/college-students-suspended-dakshina-kannada-karnataka-after-altercation-interfaith-relationship-2308959-2022-12-14
28.	December 2022	8 students, five girls, and three boys.	Jafargarh Extended Higher Secondary School, Assam	Suspended for making a reel, dancing to a popular Hindi item song that went viral on social media.	https://www.eastmojo.com/assam/2022/12/16/eight-students-suspended-for-making-social-media-reel-in-karimgani/
29.	January 2023	8 students	Central University of Rajasthan	Suspended for BBC documentary that questions PM Narendra Modi and his leadership during Gujarat Muslim genocide 2002, after ABVP posted a list of 24 students – who watched the documentary – and hurled abuses against the students while demanding strict actions against them	https://maktoobmedia.com/india/8-students-suspended-after-abvp-publishes-list-of-students-watched-bbc-film-in-central-university-of-rajasthan/
30.	March 2023	2 students	University of Delhi	Two students were barred from writing exams for a year for allegedly helping in the campus screening of the BBC documentary on Godhra riots.	https://thewire.in/rights/two-du-students-including-nsui-leader-banned-from-exams-for-a-year-for-bbc-doc-screening

31.	July 2023	Students	O.P. Jindal Global University	Students faced suspension for distributing a magazine that centered on concerns related to the working class, farmers, students, and intellectuals within their campus.	https://countercurrents.org/2023/07/o-p-jindal-global-university-students-suspended-for-distributing-magazine-in-campus-students-on-hunger-strike/
32.	July 2023	Ammar Ahmad, Umesh Joshi, Bhim Raj	South Asian University	Expelled without due process after participating in a hunger strike to protest various issues, including the arbitrary expulsion of five students without investigation, for a raise in monthly stipends for master's degree students, and representation in the university's anti-harassment committees.	https://www.ndtv.com/blog/from-south-asian-university-expulsion-to-oxford-finally-i-can-tell-my-story-4190708
33.	February 2024	Over 100 students	St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi	Suspended for not attending the morning assembly of the college and barred from appearing for examinations; the order was revoked later, after outrage from the students	https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/after-criticism-stephens-college-withdraws-order-on-suspension-of-students-for-missing-assembly/articleshow/107859261.cms?from=mdr
34.	February 2024	Vysakh Premkumar	NIT Calicut	Suspended for a year for protesting the consecration of the Ayodhya Ram temple by display of a slogan as a part of a group that clashed with another group celebrating the consecration. The student was suspended alone for "causing unrest", was held "solely accountable" for the clash, and was also alleged to be a "repeated offender"	https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/nit-c-suspends-student-for-protest-over-ram-temple-consecration/article67797591.ece
35.	April 2024	Ramadas P. Sivanandan	TISS Mumbai	Suspended for two years for "repeated misconduct", "anti-national activities". "serious violation of the discipline code made for students", without consulting the students' union that claims the institution "succumbed to political pressure"	https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?story=20240426114608193
36.	June 2024	5 students, including an elected union leader	University of Hyderabad	Five students of the University of Hyderabad (UoH) have been suspended by the administration and asked to vacate their hostels by July 1. The students include elected union leader Ateeq Ahmed and four others. "It is a replay of the	https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/uoh-suspends-five-students-for-six-months/article68324777.ece

				suspension of Rohith Vemula case, where we have been asked to vacate the hostel. Our fellowship is being stopped for six months and we cannot have academic engagement with the department till December,” informed one of the suspended students.	
37.	September 2024	A class 3 student	Hilton Convent School, Amroha, UP	A class 3 student of Amroha belonging to the Muslim community was suspended from his school for ‘regularly bringing non-veg food’ and ‘converting others through such food dishes’.	https://www.nationheraldindia.com/national/why-was-a-class-3-student-suspended-for-bringing-non-veg-food-to-school
38.	October 2024	Over 30 Kashmiri students	Mewar University, Rajasthan	35 Kashmiri second-year BSc Nursing students of Mewar University had been protesting continuously for three days due to the university’s failure to secure necessary approvals from both the Rajasthan Nursing Council (RNC) and the Indian Nursing Council (INC) for its BSc Nursing program. They were suspended for “nuisance and deplorable acts”	https://www.financialexpress.com/india-news/over-30-kashmiri-students-suspended-a-mid-protests-in-rajasthan-university/3645383/
39.	October 2024	14 students	Banaras Hindu University (BHU)	14 student-protestors of BHU were suspended for 15-30 days for disturbing the “academic ambience in the university” during the protests against the gangrape of an IIT-BHU student in 2023. The suspended students are from different organisations such as National Students’ Union of India (NSUI), Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), DISHA, and Bhagat Singh Students’ Morcha (BSM).	https://theprint.in/india/14-bhu-students-suspended-for-disturbing-academic-ambience-during-2023-protests-over-gangrape-case/295452/
40.	November 2024	A master’s student of Russian and a member of DISHA	University of Delhi	A master’s student of Russian and a member of DISHA was suspended in August for writing “an objectionable slogan” (Scrap NTA) on the walls of Law Faculty, Delhi University after an FIR was lodged against her. Though the student had challenged the FIR in the Delhi High Court, she	https://scroll.in/latest/1075855/delhi-university-expels-students-for-6-months-for-writing-slogans-against-nta-on-campus-walls

				was expelled from the university in November.	
41	April 2025	Over 11 students	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD)	11 students suspended for bullying, including 3 students who reported the bullying. Students were further suspended for protesting the suspension of the said 3 students.	https://article-14.com/post/india-s-fall-in-global-academic-freedom-index-plays-out-at-clampdown-on-protest-at-a-delhi-university--68085d0b1c88f
42	May 2025	3 students of MSW: Aslam S, Sayeedh M A, Nahal Ibnu Abullaise	Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu	Suspended by the institution one day before final year MSW exams, which, without evidence, labeled them anti-national over slogans like "Free Palestine" and "Jai Bhim."	https://maktoobmedia.com/india/three-students-of-rgni-yd-suspended-barred-from-final-s-institute-cites-anti-national-slogans-such-as-free-palestine-jai-bhim/
43	July 2025	Sudipto Das, Doctoral Scholar	South Asian University	For "serious misconduct" in protesting the ABVP's imposition of purely vegetarian food being served on Maha Shivratri on campus	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/sau-expels-bangladeshi-doctoral-scholar-fines-mess-secretary-over-mess-row-on-shivratri/articleshow/122769546.cms
44	February 2025	4 JNUSU office bearers	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Left wing students rusticated over protests against the installation of biometric systems in the central library	https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/four-jnusu-office-bearers-suspended-for-vandalism/article70584635.ece
45	February 2025	33 Kashmiri students	Mewar University, Rajasthan	Students suspended after they protested against the lack of mandatory approvals from the Rajasthan Nursing Council (RNC) and the Indian Nursing Council (INC) for the B.Sc. Nursing course at the institution.	https://indianexpress.com/article/india/rajasthan-university-suspends-kashmiri-students-protest-lack-approval-nursing-course-10529406/

Ban on Student Groups

S. No.	Date	Place	Name of Organisation	Reason	Source
1.	May 2015	IIT Madras	Ambedkar-Periyar Student Circle	IIT Madras 'bans' student association for spreading hatred against PM Modi	https://www.deccanherald.com/national/iit-madras-bans-student-association-for-spreading-hatred-against-pm-modi-461628.html

2.	September 2018	IIT Kharagpur	Ambedkar Bhagat Study Circle (ABSC)	ABSC has been critical of saffronisation of education and attacks on the marginal. Targeted by Intelligence agencies	https://kafila.online/2018/09/09/condemn-the-conspiracy-of-hindutva-fascist-forces-against-democratic-students-organizations/
3.	February 2020	Kerala, by order of the High Court	All student protests	Colleges filed petitions calling for a ban on all forms of protest by student groups, noting that educational institutions are meant for academic-related activities and not for protests.	https://thewire.in/law/kerala-hc-college-school-protest-bans
4.*	March 2021	Telangana	Telangana Vidyarthi Vedika, Democratic Students Organisation, Telangana Vidyarthi Sangham and Adivasi Students Union	Banned by the government for a period of one year on the grounds that the organizations were allegedly fronts for the banned Communist Party of India (Maoist).	https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/telangana-bans-16-organisations-accusing-them-being-fronts-cpim-maoist-147746
5.	Jan 2024	Pan-India	Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI)	Extension of 2001 ban of SIMI by Ministry of Home Affairs for 5 years, on the grounds of “fomenting terrorism, disturbing peace and communal harmony to threaten the sovereignty, security and integrity of Bharat.”. SIMI was banned for the first time in 2001 and declared an “unlawful association” over UAPA.	https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/simi-banned-for-five-more-years/article67788794.ece
6.	August 2024	Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai	Progressive Students’ Forum (PSF)	TISS Mumbai Registrar issued a notice banning PSF, a left-oriented students’ group for “engaging in activities that obstruct the institute’s functions, defame the institute, demean members of our community, and create divisions among students and faculty.” The notice further claims that the “group is misleading, distracting, and misguiding students from their academic pursuits and harmonious life on the campus.” PSF has been a part of the elected students’ union of the institution and has been critical of the policies of TISS.	https://maktoobmedia.com/india/tata-institute-of-social-sciences-mumbai-bans-left-student-group-progressive-students-forum/

7.	July 2025	Jamia Milia Islamia	243 students	Over the past four years (2019-2024) action against students including campus bans and suspensions has increased	https://thewire.in/education/jamia-milia-islamia-authorities-disciplinary-action-rti-report
8.	July 2025	Calicut University	All student groups	Ban on student demonstrations within 200 metres of the campus due to student protests over saffronisation of universities.	https://www.deccanherald.com/india/kerala/ban-on-protests-at-calicut-university-amid-saffronisation-row-3628359
9.	August 2025	TISS Hyderabad	All student groups	Ban on all student demonstrations and suspension of all student groups across TISS campus formalised	https://news.careers360.com/repression-not-reform-tiss-hyderabad-students-condemn-new-campus-guidelines-ugc-code-violation-alleged
10.	February 2026	University of Delhi	All student groups	Ban on all student gatherings and demonstration in the university for one month.	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/education/news/delhi-university-clamps-down-on-protests-imposes-one-month-campus-wide-ban-from-february-17/articleshow/128464872.cms