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Vidhi Setu Foundation Files Formal Complaint Against Ganga International School for Religious Discrimination in CUET Exam Frisking

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Vidhi Setu Foundation (VSF), a Delhi-based NGO committed to upholding religious freedoms, cultural heritage, and justice for marginalised communities, today filed a formal complaint with the Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi, against Ganga International School in Hiran Kudna for discriminatory and illegal actions during the CUET UG 2026 preliminary examination on April 27, 2026.

The controversy erupted when school staff allegedly forced Hindu female candidates to remove their kalava – sacred red threads symbolizing devotion and protection – classifying them as prohibited accessories, while allowing a Muslim student wearing a burqa to enter after a superficial visual check. This blatant double standard violates NTA's CUET dress code exemptions for "Articles of Faith" (hijab, turban, kara), Articles 14 (equality) and 25 (religious

practice) of the Constitution, and BNS Sections 299/302 (outraging religious feelings).

This incident at Ganga International School is not mere oversight but a systemic failure reflecting 'defensive invigilation' under the Public Examinations Act, 2024. Hindu symbols like kalava are dismissed as accessories, while others receive protocol respect. It echoes the April 25 Bengaluru CET janivara row, where staff faced arrests. VSF demands justice to safeguard exam sanctity alongside aspirant dignity.

VSF's complaint seeks:

- Immediate staff suspension and FIR under BNS.
- NTA guidelines explicitly protecting kalava/janivara.
- School debarment if guilty.
- Compensation for affected students.

In secular India, public exams must enforce rules uniformly. Selective bias erodes trust and fuels division. We call on authorities for swift action.

Vidhii Setu calls on Delhi Government to prioritize harmony and precedent-setting justice.

About Vidhii Setu Foundation

Vidhii Setu Foundation is a Section 8 non-profit organization committed to safeguarding constitutional rights, ensuring institutional accountability, and advancing legal awareness through structured interventions. Dedicated to securing justice for marginalized communities, the Foundation also works towards preserving India's cultural and religious heritage.

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