

# UGC ISSUES NORMS FOR ETHICS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank

Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' on Thursday launched new guidelines for values and ethics in higher education.

In a section on the role of different stakeholders, the guidelines prepared by the University Grants Commission (UGC) has the following advice for student unions: "Support the administration for right and timely decision [and] raise legitimate issues in dignified manner."

The guidelines also call for students to "observe modesty in their overall appearance and behaviour", "maintain good health and refrain from any kind of intoxicants" and "maintain harmony among students belonging to different socio-economic status, community, caste, religion or region".

In another development, with regard to professional ethics, the UGC now requires all Ph.D. candidates to complete two compulsory credit courses on publication ethics from the coming academic session.

In a letter to all Vice-Chancellors, UGC secretary Rajnish Jain said the 30-hour courses would provide awareness on publication ethics, misconduct and research integrity.

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