

TERMINATION / SUSPENSION OF FACULTY AND STUDENTS

In this table we have also included cases where faculty have not taken up jobs or have resigned, due to pressure, mostly from the RSS and its fronts. 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.newsclick.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	https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/iit-guwahati-professor-who

				against alleged corruption and malpractices in the institute	-spoke-against-corruption-forced-to-quit-over-misconduct-charges-1635090-2020-01-08
8.	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
9.	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
10.	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=pfbid0CuYNFUsvASTo4dXjWpPUDYt euPnFiBmY6jCkeKV rdesk683ghSoEfFvRR1C6Qc9xl&id=1181805696
11.	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 in damages.	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
12.	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

13.	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
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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 posting such messages on Facebook.	https://www.hindustanimes.com/mumbai-news/no-hc-relief-for-ftii-staff-suspended-for-criticising-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-nizamud

					din-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-prot-fascist-150457 https://thewire.in/education/central-university-of-kerala-gilbert-sebastian-anti-national https://thewire.in/education/central-university-of-kerala-gilbert-sebastian-anti-national
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-protsted-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	https://thewire.in/communalism/aligarh-college-namaz-professor-bjp-hindutva

				college also ordered an inquiry into the issue.	
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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-17025023.ece
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-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/s-tudents-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-cao-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://theologicalindia.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/genera-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	https://theprint.in/india/education/iit-guwahati-suspends-two-students-for-hunger-strike

				hunger strike to support suspended professor	-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-objectionable-social-media-post/story-oyxJo365KmgV2iaPlzD5CN.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.	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/baroda/gujarat-msu-rusticate-student-controversial-artworks-7912037/

				The MSU Syndicate's decision to rusticate him was unanimous; it also issued show-cause notices to faculty members involved.	
24.	June 2022	23 female students	Uppinangady Government First Grade College	Suspended for staging a demonstration demanding the right to wear the hijab inside classrooms.	https://thewire.in/education/karnataka-23-students-suspended-for-staging-protest-for-wearing-hijab-inside-classrooms

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/telegana-bans-16-organisations-accusing-them-being-fronts-cpim-maoist-147746