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of
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on
Code of Professional Ethics
for
University & College Teachers

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CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS FOR UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE TEACHERS

PREAMBLE

I. GOAL OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN OUR COUNTRY:

The basic purpose of education is to create skill and knowledge and awareness of our glorious national heritage and the achievements of human civilisation, possessing a basic scientific outlook and commitment to the ideals of patriotism, democracy, secularism, socialism and peace, and the principles enunciated in the Preamble to our constitution.

Higher education has to produce leaders of society and economy in all areas of manifold activities with a commitment to the aforesaid ideals.

Higher education should strive for academic excellence, and progress of arts and science. Education, research and extension should be conducted in conformity with our national needs and priorities and ensure that our best talents make befitting contributions to international endeavour on societal needs.

II. TEACHERS AND THEIR RIGHTS:

Teachers should enjoy full civic and political rights of our democratic country. Teachers have a right to adequate emoluments, social position, just conditions of service, professional independence and adequate social insurance.

THE CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

I. TEACHERS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES:

Whoever adopts teaching as a profession assumes the obligation to conduct himself in accordance with the ideals

of the profession. A teacher is constantly under the scrutiny of his students and the society at large. Therefore, every teacher should see that there is no incompatibility between his precepts and practice. The national ideals of education which have already been set forth and which he/she should seek to inculcate among students must be his/her own ideals. The profession further requires that the teachers should be calm, patient and communicative by temperament and amiable in disposition.

Teachers should :

- (i) adhere to a responsible pattern of conduct and demeanour expected of them by the community;
- (ii) manage their private affairs in a manner consistent with the dignity of the profession;
- (iii) seek to make professional growth continuous through study and research;
- (iv) express free and frank opinion by participation at professional meetings, seminars, conferences etc. towards the contribution of knowledge;
- (v) maintain active membership of professional organisations and strive to improve education and profession through them;
- (vi) perform their duties in the form of teaching, tutorial, practical and seminar work conscientiously and with dedication;
- (vii) co-operate and assist in carrying out functions relating to the educational responsibilities of the college and the university such as: assisting in appraising applications for admission, advising and counselling students as well as assisting in the

