

ORIENTATION ON CAMPUS CULTURES Ambedkar University Delhi Kashmere Gate

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As a young and first-of-its-kind Social Science University in Delhi, Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) is gradually developing its character and broadening its horizon. Many of its courses and activities, both formal and informal, among students, faculty and staff are shaping campus cultures. These campus cultures are constantly evolving and contributing to AUD's histories and memories. The University's evolution and gradual growth is continually documented as a part of the Institutional Memory Project, through interviews, audio and video recordings, photographs, documents, short films and other creative representations.

The Orientation on Campus Cultures is an annual initiative by the students, in collaboration with Institutional Memory Project, to introduce the incoming students to AUD and its campus. To explore, experience and understand the diverse narratives emerging within our University spaces over the years, you may walk into five different venues within the campus. This could be an opportunity for you to know more about campus cultures, interact with AUD students and find a space for yourself within this community.

Student Facilities and Services: As a student, you may have a range of questions on how to avail scholarships and fee waivers, or simply about the best places to eat around campus. Use this opportunity to know more about students' services provided by the University, including initiatives for better health, disability assistance, part time work opportunities and other experiences of navigating through your student life on AUD campus. Student services such as Committee for Prevention of Sexual Harrasment (CPSH), Ehsaas, Anti-Ragging Cell, Language Support Centre that

already exist for student support have been introduced to you. Feel free to ask any questions you may have.

Venue: Outside canteen, near main entrance

Time: 10.00 am to 5.30 pm

Writings on the Walls: As you walk through campus, you will find many artistic expressions on the walls. The walls of the buildings have been witness to many batches of students who have raised significant student issues related to caste, class, gender, language, etc. Students have come together on various occasions to express through writing and painting on the walls - some whitewashed, some written over and some still sustaining. The graffiti walk takes you through a story of campus and its various student collectives over the years. Join us to hear the history of the issues raised, the diversity of people and most importantly, the students' right to express.

Venue: Opposite to Faculty Lounge Time: 11.30 am to 11.50 am

Ecological Narratives: The Kashmere Gate campus was said to be barren land with extremely old trees before AUD moved in. The gardening team has transformed the campus into lush greens and eternal blossoms. Over the years many environment-sensitive initiatives have been taken up by the AUD community. In recent times, initiatives such as urban farming, campus bird count, water quality testing, waste management, etc has offered new spirit to nature enthusiasts. Join hands in keeping the campus eco-friendly.

Venue: Opposite to WS4 Time: 10.00 am to 5.30 pm Campus Festivities: Through the year, many groups of students, faculty and have staff come together for cultural festivities and sports events. For those interested in research, practise or appreciation of performative and visual arts, sports and games, etc., there are many avenues in the University as a part of co-curricular societies and within academics as well. Let's gather to know more about events held so far, connect with existing initiatives and collaborate on new directions.

Venue: CR area, opposite to AUD Library

Time: 10.00 am to 5.30 pm

Dara Shukoh Memories: The Kashmere Gate campus has been the site of many historic events and the Dara Shukoh building stands as testimony to rich neighbourhood histories. In AUD's lifetime, this building has been an important site of cultural festivals such as Dara Shukoh Festival, sports day events, music concerts and numerous students' friendships. Know more about the legacy, importance and memories of the Dara Shukoh building in the lives of AUD students.

Venue: Dara Shikoh Library Time: 10.00 am to 5.30 pm