



St. Stephen's College
Delhi 110007
India

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NOTICE

With respect to the false and misleading information in the Times of India and social media about the 'alleged' hike in fees at St. Stephen's College, please note the following:

1. St. Stephen's College is a trust maintained minority educational institution affiliated to the University of Delhi and is one of its original constituent Colleges. The salary, retirement and other pay related expenditure of the teaching and non-teaching staff on the rolls of the UGC category in college is substantially funded by the University Grants Commission under Clauses 2 (f) and 12 (B) of the UGC Act 1956. The College is therefore not a fully funded educational institution.
2. The UGC's share of the establishment expenditure is limited to the extent of Rs. 40 lakhs in a year. This means that a substantial part of the maintenance of the establishment is funded from student fees. Establishment fee is charged to the students in order to fund the salaries of over 120 contractual, outsourced, daily-wage and regular and contractual residence staff and pensioners and the other maintenance related expenditure of the College.
3. The report that St. Stephen's has hiked the fees is false and misleading. While the semester fee per student in the year 2019-20 was Rs. 20440/-, the fees charged in the year 2020-21 for the second and third year students as an interim arrangement in the light of Covid lockdown and online classes is Rs. 18,580/-. However, this does not include the miscellaneous charges which are incurred by the students on account of the purchase of College merchandise or penalties of any kind.
4. The fee structure of the College is published in the prospectus every year and the students take admission in College with an undertaking to pay the fees according to the fee structure. It is also notified that the College reserves the right to increase the fees by a minimum of 10% every year depending upon the rate of inflation.
5. All matters pertaining to fees are transparent and the Office of the Bursar addresses all queries and grievances in this regard.


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