

PAYING GUEST ACCOMMODATION SAFETY GUIDE: WHAT TO LOOK FOR

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A WORD FROM GSC & WDC

We are delighted to launch a pioneering guide, crafted with care and expertise by the Gender Sensitizing Committee and Women's Development Cell of Miranda House. This comprehensive resource is designed to help students navigate the complex process of finding safe, reliable, and inclusive lodging options. Our unwavering commitment to fostering a secure and supportive environment for all students has driven the creation of this guide.

By harnessing insights from rigorous ground surveys and valuable inputs from our dedicated cells, we have developed a robust framework to empower students with the knowledge and skills necessary for informed decision-making. This guide offers:

- Essential precautions to ensure personal safety and well-being;
- Practical tips for evaluating and selecting trustworthy accommodations;
- Vital information on local resources and support services.

Our goal is to facilitate a seamless and empowering academic journey, free from the concerns of unsafe or unreliable living situations. We hope this guide becomes an indispensable tool in your search for a comfortable, secure, and nurturing place to call home during your time at Miranda House.

Regards,
GSC & WDC,
Miranda House

WHAT TO ANTICIPATE:

A Guide to North Campus Housing Options

When it comes to accommodation options near Delhi University's North Campus, students often weigh the pros and cons of flats, hostels, and paying guest (PG) facilities. While flats offer flexibility and affordability, shared responsibilities can be a drawback, as students must manage household chores, potentially impacting their academic focus. As a result, many students prefer PGs, which are readily available in the vibrant areas surrounding North Campus. However, the abundance of options can be misleading, and it's crucial to thoroughly vet each PG before making a decision. Be cautious of brokers or representatives touting their facilities, and take the time to research and verify the quality and reliability of each PG to ensure a smooth and comfortable living experience.

The cost of PG accommodations in North Campus varies due to several factors. Well-known PG chains, often located near college campuses, charge higher prices for their recognizable names. In contrast, PGs operating within private residences offer quality lodging at potentially lower costs, but may be situated in quieter, less accessible areas. Students should consider factors like location, amenities (such as gyms, libraries, or cafes), and neighborhood noise levels when selecting a PG. PGs located near marketplaces may be noisier, while residential areas tend to be calmer and safer. Ultimately, students must weigh their options carefully to make a practical choice that suits both their budget and personal preferences.



PAYING GUEST ACCOMMODATION PRICE RANGES

PG prices may differ based on location and services, but a rough estimate may be provided for PGs in specific areas near North Campus as follows:

Vijay Nagar–Hudson Lane Area

PGs located in Vijay Nagar and Hudson Lane tend to be pricier due to their proximity to colleges and bustling market areas. However, the trade-off may be smaller room sizes and minimal furniture provisions. Additionally, electricity and WiFi charges may incur extra costs, further increasing the overall expense.

Approximate Dual Sharing Room Pricing: ₹18,000 Per Month (Avg. Rent Slab)

Approximate Triple Sharing Room Pricing: ₹14,000 Per Month (Avg. Rent Slab)

Roop Nagar Area

PGs in Roop Nagar offer a more affordable option with spacious rooms, making them an attractive choice for students. Although slightly farther from college, the area is well-served by DTC buses, ensuring convenient commuting. Additionally, Roop Nagar's residential nature provides a quieter and safer environment, making it an ideal location for students seeking a peaceful living space.

Approximate Dual Sharing Room Pricing: ₹15,000 Per Month (Avg. Rent Slab)

Approximate Triple Sharing Room Pricing: ₹11,000 Per Month (Avg. Rent Slab)

Kamla Nagar Area

Located near Roop Nagar and linked by city buses, Kamla Nagar presents a viable option for PG seekers. The area's close proximity to the renowned Kamla Nagar market provides convenient access to basic necessities. Although room sizes may differ, Kamla Nagar PGs offer a budget-friendly and well-connected alternative for students.

Approximate Dual Sharing Room Pricing: ₹17,000 Per Month (Avg. Rent Slab)

Approximate Triple Sharing Room Pricing: ₹13,000 Per Month (Avg. Rent Slab)

KEY FACTORS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN LOOKING FOR A PG

Precautions to Follow

While searching for a PG, students may want to venture beyond the suggested areas and explore places like Shakti Nagar or Malka Ganj. Nevertheless, it's vital to take the necessary precautions to secure a trustworthy and comfortable living arrangement.

01.

Investigate the neighborhood, local crime statistics, and reviews from previous tenants or guests to get a comprehensive understanding of the area and property.

06.

Talk to neighbors or current tenants in order to gain insight into the living environment, community dynamics, and potential concerns or issues.

02.

Ensure the landlord or property manager are reputable, responsive, and transparent by checking online reviews, asking for references, and clarifying their management style.

07.

Your safety comes first. Trust your instincts and take action if something feels off. Walking away is better than compromising your safety.

03.

Confirm the presence and functionality of secure entry systems, including cameras and intercoms. Functional locks on doors and windows. Well-lit common areas and exterior spaces.

08.

Protect your valuables with a safe or lockbox and consider renters insurance to shield against theft, damage, or loss. This adds security and reassurance for your possessions.

04.

Look for signs of potential hazards, such as mold or structural issues. Check cleanliness and maintenance standards.

09.

Check for safety certifications and affiliations with reputable organizations, such as local safety regulation compliance, to ensure a secure stay.

05.

Carefully read and clarify rent, utilities, payment terms, policies on guests, noise, and renovations. Understand the lease agreement in detail.

10.

Familiarize yourself with local emergency services, including police and fire departments. Stay informed.

COMPREHENSIVE PG EVALUATION CHECKLIST

A checklist to ensure safety and comfort in your student accommodation.

Keep this handy checklist with you while searching for a PG to ensure you don't overlook any crucial details:

- Proper water and electricity supply.
- CCTV surveillance.
- WIFI connectivity.
- Four meals a day (breakfast, lunch, dinner, and evening snacks).
- Laundry services.
- Good neighborhood.
- Air conditioners are available for summer and geysers for winter.
- Clean, RO-filtered, drinking water.
- Close to hospitals, pharmacies, and other emergency services.
- Easy commute to college.
- Basic furniture like bed, table, chair provided.
- Good sanitation and maintenance.
- Self-cooking option availability.

IMPORTANT HELPLINE NUMBERS AND CONTACTS

Important Helpline Numbers and Trusted Contacts for Assistance in case of Emergency.

National Commission for Women (NCW)

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Helpline Number: 7827170170

Email ID: ncw@nic.in

Website: <http://ncw.nic.in/>

Internal Complaints Commission (ICC)

Email ID: icc@mirandahouse.ac.in

Website: <https://www.mirandahouse.ac.in/icc/icc.php#>

Police

Number: 100

Nearest Police Station: Maurice Nagar Police Station

Address: M6R4+XJX, Vijay Nagar Marg, Reids Line Delhi Univ Staff Flats, Sarup Nagar, Delhi, 110007

Phone Number (Maurice Nagar Police Station): 011 2766 7178



CONTACT US



If you have any further queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. We're dedicated to helping you find a comfortable and suitable place to stay. Remember to stay in touch with loved ones, prioritize self-care, and take care of your well-being. We wish you the best in your search and hope you secure a wonderful accommodation that meets your needs.



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