

## Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University Sector 16-C, Dwarka, New Delhi 110 078

**University Students Grievances Redressal Committee (USGRC)** 

F-1/GGSIPU/IIC/Policy/2022-23/ 5 45

Dated: 13/05/2022

## **CIRCULAR**

Subject: Sexual Harassment of Women at work place (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) act, 2013 (14 of 2013 and University Grants Commission (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal of sexual harassment of Women Employee & Student in Higher Educational Institution (HEI) Regulation 2015.

1. With reference to the subject, cited above, the University in compliance of the University Grants Commission (prevention, Prohibition & Redressal of sexual harassment of Women Employee & Student in Higher Educational Institution (HEI) Regulation, 2015 has constituted an Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) under sub Regulation (1) of Regulation-4 of these Regulations to deals with the matters as per said regulations, the details of which is given below:

i.	Prof. Udita Taneja, Professor, USMS GGSIPU	-	Chairperson
ii.	Dr. Ranjith Kumar CT, Associate Professor, USBT, GGSIPU	-	Member
iii.	Prof. Vaishali Singh, Professor, USB&AS, GGSIPU	_	Member
iv.	Prof. Bharti Suri, Professor, USIC&T, GGSIPU	-	Member
v.	Prof. Queeny Pradhan, Professor, USL&LS, GGSIPU	-	Member
vi.	Ms. Girija Sahu, Centre for Advocacy & Research	-	Rep. NGO
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vii.	Shri. Y.S. Kataria, Assistant Registrar, GGSIPU	-	Convenor
viii.	Ms. Astha Yadav, Technical Assistant, GGSIPU	-	Member
	Shri. Jatin Soni, Enrol. No. 40316401517-Tech, USI,C&T	-	Member
х.	Ms. Rishika Kaushal, Enrol. No. 052116001315, M.Tech. USBT	-	Member
xi.	Ms. Pallavi Pal, Enrol. No0531650019, Ph.D, USLLS	-	Member

Note: As per order no. F1(6)/21/2019/Per-II/6386 dated: 31.12.2021 Prof. Vaisahli Singh, Professor USB&AS, GGSIPU has been deputed to look after the charge of Chairperson Internal Complaint Committee in absence of Prof. Udita Taneja being on child care leave.

- 2. As per clause 'E' of para-3 of the Regulation, 2015, referred in para-1 above the University commit itself to a "Zero" tolerance policy towards sexual harassment.
- 3. As per clause "K" of para-2 of University Grants Commission Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal of sexual harassment of Women Employee & Student in Higher Educational Institution (HEI) Regulation 2015. The sexual harassment means / constitutes the following:

- (i) "An unwanted conduct with sexual undertones if it occurs or which is persistent and which demeans, humiliates or creates a hostile and intimidating environment or is calculated to induce submission by actual or threatened adverse consequences and includes any one or more or all of the following unwelcome acts or behavior (whether directly or by implication), namely:
  - (a) Any unwelcome physical, verbal or non-verbal conduct of sexual nature;
  - (b) Demand or request for sexual favours;
  - (c) Making sexually coloured remarks;
  - (d) Physical contact and advances; or
  - (e) Showing pornography"
- (ii) Any one (or more than one or all) of the following circumstances, if it occurs or is present in relation or connected with any behavior that has explicit or implicit sexual undertones
  - (a) Implied or explicit promise of preferential treatment as quid pro quo for sexual favours;
  - (b) Implied or explicit threat of detrimental treatment in the conduct of work;
  - (c) Implied or explicit threat about the present or future status of the person concerned;
  - (d) Creating an intimidating offensive or hostile learning environment;
  - (e) Humiliating treatment likely to effect the health, safety dignity or physical integrity of the person concerned;
- 4. As per the referred Regulation, 2015 there is recourse available for the employees or students, in case, they are victim of sexual harassment. As per para-4 of the said Regulation 2015, there is Grievance Redressal Mechanism according to which the University has constituted an Internal Complaint Committee (ICC). The Constitution of which is given in para-1 above.
- 5. As per para-7 of the said Regulation 2015, the process of making compliant of sexual harassment by an aggrieved person is given as under –

An aggrieved person is required to submit a written complaint to ICC within three months from the date of the incident and in case of a series of incidents within a period of three months from the date of the last incident.

Provided that where such complaint cannot be made in writing, the Presiding Officer or any Member of the Internal Committee shall render all reasonable assistance to the person for making the complaint in writing:

Provided further that the ICC may, for the reasons to be accorded in the writing, extend the time limit not exceeding three months, if it is satisfied that the circumstance were such which prevented the person from filing a complaint within the said period.

Friends, relatives, Colleagues, Co-students, Psychologist, or any other associate of the victim may file the complaint in situations where the aggrieved person is unable to make a complaint on account of physical or mental in capacity or death.

- 6. Where / to whom to make complaint- An aggrieved person can submit a written complaint address to the Chairperson, Internal Complaint Committee (ICC), Office of the Internal Complaint Committee, University Library Block, GGSIP University, Sector 16-C, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078. Email address icc@ipu.ac.in
- 7. For complete details the concerned Employee / Student may refer Ministry of Human Resource Development (University Grants Commission) **Notifications** New Delhi, the 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2016 (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal of sexual harassment of Women Employee & Student in Higher Educational Institution (HEI) Regulation 2015 available on UGC website: ugc.ac.in

The above is for information of the employees / students of the University as initiative to make them aware as to what constitute sexual harassment and the process of making complaint in case any of the employ / student face such a situations and desire so, to make complaint of sexual harassment to the Internal Complaint Committee (ICC).

This issued with the approval of the Competent Authority

(Prof. Vaishali Singh)

Professor, USBAS &

Interim - Chairperson of Internal Complaint Committee (ICC)

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- 7. AR to the Registrar
- 8. Prominent University Notice Board
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