# Ghanshyamdas Saraf college of arts & commerce

CRITERION NUMBER	5
KEY INDICATOR	<b>Student Support</b> 5.1.4 The institution adopts the following for redressal of student grievances including sexual harassment and ragging cases

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To effectively implement the Act in its true spirit.

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#### **First Meeting**

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#### Complaint during the year

As part of the Internal Complaint Committee's (ICC) commitment to ensuring a safe and inclusive environment, a complaint of harassment was formally registered on July 30, 2019. The committee acted promptly and conducted a meeting on August 3, 2019, in the Principal's Office to thoroughly review the matter, hear the concerns of all involved parties, and initiate the necessary proceedings.

Following a detailed investigation, due process was diligently followed, ensuring fairness and confidentiality. The final decision regarding the complaint was reached and officially communicated to the accused on August 21, 2019. The swift handling of this case reflects the ICC's dedication to addressing grievances in a timely and transparent manner while upholding institutional policies on safety and workplace ethics.

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#### Complaints during the year

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In line with the Internal Complaint Committee's (ICC) commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive environment, a sexual harassment complaint was registered on October 16, 2020. The committee responded promptly by convening a meeting on October 20, 2020, to review the matter and initiate the necessary proceedings.

To ensure a fair and thorough investigation, a second meeting was held on October 28, 2020, to hear the complainant and examine the details of the case. However, the accused was absent from this meeting. As a result, the committee decided to issue a formal letter instructing the accused to be present for the next meeting on November 4, 2020.

Despite this directive, the accused remained absent and failed to provide any communication. In response, the committee decided to suspend the accused, and a formal suspension letter was issued.





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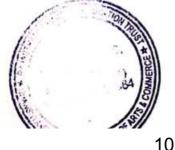
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The College has constituted an Anti-Ragging Cell to prevent the menace of ragging and to create a friendly environment among the students of the college.

#### **Objectives of the Anti-Ragging Cell:**

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To create a safe and inclusive environment on campus, free from any form of ragging.

• To prevent and eliminate ragging in all its forms through awareness, sensitization, and strict enforcement of anti-ragging regulations.

To educate students about the Anti Ragging Law and punishments of Ragging.

To establish a mechanism for early reporting of ragging incidents and ensure timely redressal.

• To implement UGC and other regulatory guidelines effectively to maintain a zero-tolerance approach toward ragging.

• To take appropriate disciplinary action against those found guilty of ragging, ensuring a deterrent effect.

The college website also displays the Forms of Ragging and Punishment for Participation in/or Abetment of Ragging.





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During the meeting, committee members deliberated on the crucial role of teaching staff in spreading awareness and fostering a zero-tolerance approach toward ragging. Various initiatives were discussed, including conducting orientation sessions for newly admitted students, integrating anti-ragging guidelines into classroom discussions, and displaying informative posters and notices across the campus.

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A meeting of the grievance cell was conducted in the beginning of the academic year on July 27, 2019.

The primary objective of the meeting was to familiarize the members with their roles and responsibilities in addressing student grievances effectively and to strategize ways to create awareness among students about the grievance redressal process.

Key responsibilities of the CGRC, such as receiving complaints, conducting impartial inquiries, and ensuring timely resolution, were outlined to enhance the efficiency of the redressal system.

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