### Anti-Sexual Harassment Cell Action Plan for the Academic Year 2024 GDC Dooru

#### **Objectives:**

- To create a safe and supportive environment for all students, particularly focusing on safeguarding girls from any form of sexual harassment.
- 2. To raise awareness about sexual harassment and empower students to speak up and report incidents.
- 3. To ensure robust mechanisms are in place for prevention, reporting, and addressing sexual harassment cases.

## **Orientation and Awareness Programs**

- Orientation Sessions:
  - Conduct mandatory orientation sessions for all new students to introduce the Anti-Sexual Harassment Cell and educate them about their rights, reporting mechanisms, and the support available.

#### Awareness Campaign:

- Launch an awareness campaign across the campus to sensitize student community at large.
- Introduce the anonymous complaint mechanism and emphasize the confidentiality of the reporting process.

### **Policy Review and Security Enhancements**

- Policy Review:
  - Conduct a review of the existing anti-sexual harassment policies and update them if necessary.
  - Ensure that the policy is communicated effectively to all stakeholders.

- Security Audit:
  - Install additional CCTV cameras in identified areas and increase the number of security personnel, particularly female security staff.

### Workshops and Training

- Workshops for Students:
  - Organize workshops on gender sensitization, self-defence, and understanding consent.
  - Collaborate with external experts, NGOs, and legal advisors for conducting these sessions.
- Training for Faculty and Staff:
  - Provide training sessions for faculty and staff on how to handle complaints and support victims.
  - Focus on recognizing signs of harassment and maintaining a supportive environment for students.

#### **Review and Student Feedback**

- Review Meeting:
  - Hold occasional review meetings to assess the effectiveness of the implemented measures.
  - Review any complaints received and actions taken.

#### **Student Feedback:**

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- Conduct a confidential survey to gather feedback from students on the measures implemented and any additional suggestions they may have.
- Analyse the feedback and incorporate feasible suggestions into the action plan.

#### Safe Zones and Reporting Mechanisms

- Safe Zones:
  - Establish designated "Safe Zones" across the campus where students can seek immediate help.
  - Ensure these zones are clearly marked.

#### **Awareness and Engagement Activities**

- Anti-Harassment Week:
  - Organize an Anti-Harassment Week with activities such as panel discussions, debates, poster competitions, and awareness rallies.
  - Engage students, faculty, and staff in these activities to promote a culture of respect and safety.
- Community Outreach:
  - Collaborate with local NGOs and community organizations to extend awareness programs beyond the campus.
  - Organize outreach programs in local schools to spread awareness about sexual harassment and its prevention.

### Incident Review and Legal Support

- Incident Review:
  - Review any incidents reported and ensure that they have been resolved fairly and in a timely manner.
  - Provide additional support to victims, including counseling and legal assistance if needed.
- Legal Awareness Session:
  - Organize a legal awareness session to educate students about the legal aspects of sexual harassment and the protections available under the law.
  - Invite legal experts to conduct the session and answer student queries.

Year Review

Final Review Meeting:

• Conduct a final review meeting to assess the success of the action plan and document lessons learned.

Review the effectiveness of the Safe Zones, helpline, and other measures Q implemented during the year.

# Student and Staff Recognition

- **Recognition and Awards:** 
  - Recognize students, faculty, and staff who have made significant contributions 0 to the anti-harassment initiatives during the year.
  - Present awards or certificates to acknowledge their efforts in creating a safer 0 campus.
- **Closure and Transition:** 
  - Prepare a detailed report summarizing the year's activities, outcomes, and recommendations for the next year.
  - Ensure a smooth transition to the new committee members or leadership if 0 applicable.

#### **Conclusion:**

The success of this action plan relies on the active participation and cooperation of all stakeholders, including students, faculty, staff, and external partners. The Anti-Sexual Harassment Cell is committed to creating a safe and supportive environment for everyone on campus.

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