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GOAL:

The goal is to stop sexual harassment so that female students and staff can feel comfortable in the workplace.

OBJECTIVE:

- •To create standards and recommendations for anti-sexual harassment measures.
- To create policies and guidelines to stop sexual harassment.
- To determine the specifics of how these regulations will be implemented.
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- To plan a program for gender sensitization and awareness.
- To respond promptly to cases of sexual harassment and discrimination with the goal of providing the victims with support services.

SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT OF THESE GUIDELINES:

The Dr. Sudhir Chandra Sur Institute of Technology and Sports Complex (DSCSITSC), Kolkata Sexual Harassment (Redressal) Cell (for prevention of Sexual Harassment) Directions 2021 are the short title and commencement of these guidelines.

Under the National Commission for Women Act of 1990 (Act No. 20 of 1990 of the Government of India), this Cell was established at DSCSITSC in 2018.

ii) These Directions will be effective as of the date they are issued.

Breadth and criteria for implementation:

The purpose of the Sexual Harassment (Redressal) Cell is to protect and advance the health and welfare of all the organization's staff members and students. If

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any complaints of sexual harassment at the institute are made by students or staff, the cell oversees investigating them and taking appropriate action to address the matter.

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• By a student against an employee or another student:

• By a worker against a pupil or another worker:

• By a management personnel against a pupil or staff member

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Being cut off from one's regular workspace or educational setting.

• Publishing, distributing, or showcasing images or other materials that are racist, sexually provocative, pornographic, or otherwise objectionable.

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Molesting or physical abuse without consent.

• Any act likely to infringe upon one's privacy, including physical detention against one's will.

The Anti-Sexual Harassment Cell guarantees that all student and non-teaching staff complaints are handled with respect and dignity and should remain private.

Misleading Reporting: Willfully producing a fake report or giving misleading information is a reason for disciplinary action.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE:

• Any staff member or student may file a complaint against sexual harassment of a student or staff member at the institute by submitting a letter or bringing the complaint to the Principal's office.

• At this point, the complaint will be treated with complete confidentiality.

•The principal will designate an inquiry committee based on the cell's suggestions; the convener will call a cell meeting following receipt of the complaint. The next step is for the inquiry committee to determine how to move forward.

•According to the committee, if the complainant or their agent is unable to provide prima facie evidence of an offense or sexual harassment committed by

the accused, the case will be dismissed.

• If the investigation committee chooses to move forward with the complaint, it will first attempt to determine the complainant's preferences. Should the complainant feel that a warning will suffice, the accused or alleged offender may be called to the committee meeting to be heard. If the committee determines that a warning is appropriate and just, the accused may be warned about their behavior and granted an injunction to refrain from committing the same or similar offenses against the accused.

If the complaint specifically asks to proceed with the investigation without only

issuing a warning, it may be handled in the way outlined below.

INVESTIGATIVE PROCEDURE:

• Should the complainant choose to move forward beyond merely issuing a warning to the accused, the accused will be provided with a written opportunity by the investigation committee to explain, in writing, why, within a week, no action should be taken against them for valid and sufficient reasons, regarding any acts of sexual harassment on their part.

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• If the accused fails to submit a written explanation or if it is deemed insufficient, the inquiry committee retains the authority to determine whether the offense warrants a minor or major penalty.

• If the inquiry committee determines that the accused should get a lesser punishment, it will suggest that punishment to the cell convener, who will then make the final decision. If the investigative committee finds that the accused's guilt is established, it may suggest a severe punishment. If the accused is an employee, suspension may be imposed in accordance with the act or the

institution's rules and regulations.

• If someone is accused of rape or physical molestation on college or society property, they will be suspended indefinitely while an investigation and inquiry are conducted. In accordance with the Indian Penal Code, appropriate measures can be started and then turned over to law enforcement authorities for further action. Depending on the seriousness of the offense, the committee may advise the college authorities to take appropriate action in accordance with established policies and procedures.

PENALTIES FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT:

Anyone found guilty of sexual harassment who is a member of the institute fraternity, be they a student, employee, or an outsider connected to the institute, will face consequences. The same punishments for serious or minor wrongdoing as outlined in government and college rules and regulations will apply to this. If a student is found guilty of sexual harassment, they could face any of the following sanctions:

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