Committee for Prevention of Discrimination against SC/ST/OBC and Minorities

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Convener

Objective of the Committee

- The prime objective of the Committee is to deliver justice to marginalized students through proactive efforts, enabling and environment ensuring individual dignity, self-expression, self-esteem and a life without fear, violence or suppression of any kind within the CLC campus premises.
- The main aim of the committee is to eliminate all sort of discriminatory practices, caste-based violence and to ensure safe and protective environment for the students belonging to deprived and vulnerable sections of the society.
- Art 17, 46 and 338 of the Constitution of India also protects the social, economic and educational interests of the individuals belonging to SC/ST communities.
- The committee endeavors to prevent atrocities against SC/ST/OBC and minority community students within the campus premises. The objective of the committee is to prevent undue harassment/caste based comments, communal slurs/derogatory remarks against students and help them in social inclusion.

UGC Guidelines and Mandate

■ UGC Letter regarding prevention of caste-based discrimination in higher education available at: https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6876644_Letter-to-VCs-CasteBasedDiscrimination-Eng.pdf

ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL CELLS FOR SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES IN UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTIONS DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITIES available at: https://www.ugc.ac.in/oldpdf/xplanpdf/special_cell.pdf

How to Lodge a Complaint?

- Any student belonging to SC/ST/OBC or minority community if offended by an act committed by any student/teacher/non-teaching staff at Campus Law Centre, can lodge a complaint addressed the Professor-in-charge, Campus Law Centre.
- The Professor-in-charge shall issue directions to the Convener of the Committee to investigate the complaint thoroughly and suggest suitable action in the matter.
- The Convener shall investigate the complaint and also ensure protection and safe environment to the victim student.
- The Committee shall ensure confidentiality of the complainant/victim and their identity shall not be disclosed.

Nature of Offence

- As per SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act-1989, there are total 22 offences relating to various patterns or behaviors inflicting criminal offences and breaking the self-respect and esteem of the SC/ST community. This includes denial of economic, democratic, social, educational and economic rights, discrimination of any kind, exploitation and abuse of the legal process.
- Any act of communal slur/caste based violence/ harassment and torture of whatever kind against SC/ST/OBC and minority community student at Campus Law Centre shall be considered as serious offences as per SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989 and other applicable penal laws.

Nature of Offence and Consequences

- If the enquiry reveals that the complaint is genuine, the punishment shall entail appropriate action as per the norms of University of Delhi. As per law, such offences are cognizable and invite immediate police action.
- The police can arrest the offender without warrant and start investigation into the case without taking any orders from the court.

Performance of the Committee

- Campus Law Centre enables a conducive and holistic academic environment for all stakeholders. The centre has a rich history of adhering to the constitutional values, social harmony, fraternity and brotherhood.
- The Committee has not received even a single complaint of caste-based discrimination or communal behaviour against any student.
- In the academic year 2021, we look forward to preserve our rich culture of strengthening our constitutional ideals of equality, dignity, fraternity, communal harmony and social justice.

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