

7.1.9: SENSITIZATION OF STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE INSTITUTION TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATIONS: VALUES, RIGHTS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENS

Handique Girls' College has always sought to shape and re-define our socio political milieu by making its employees and students aware of their values, rights, duties and responsibilities.

The National Cadet Corps unit is dedicated to creating a 'sense of patriotic commitment' for national development.

ACTIVITIES OF NCC

Major activities during the 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023 in the sphere of extension activities and institutional social Responsibility of 60 Assam Girls' BN NCC, Handique Girls College. Some details are given below:

- 2 NCC Cadets participated in Flood Relief Program at Nalbari on 3rd of July 2022.
- 4 Cadets participated in CM Rally on the occasion of AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV on 13th of August 2022. To commemorate 75th Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, on 13/08/2022 48 Naval Unit, Guwahati Group conducted a cycle rally from NCC GHY GROUP Headquarters, Paltan Bazar to Deeporbeel. The main objective of this cycle expedition was to promote social awareness to keep the surrounding water bodies clean through display of posters and banners in collaboration with Indian Army & Alumni Association of Guwahati Group NCC.
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- 35 Cadets actively participated in 75th Independence Day at Handique Girls' College on 15th of August 2022.
- 11 Cadets participated in the Final Competition and Closing Ceremony of Governor's Girls' Volleyball Mission organised by the Department of Sports and Youth Welfare, Assam on 21st September 2022.



- 24 Cadets participated in "Inter College Drill Competition" organised by Nalbari College on 17th October 2022 and NCC Cadets of Handique Girls' College bagged 1st Position.



- 20 Cadets participated in "RUN FOR UNITY" on 31st of October 2022 which was held every year to commemorate the birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.



- 26 Cadets participated in “PurvottarSwabhimanuUtsav” was held on 21st of November 2022 to celebrate the contribution of North East Region towards Nation building.



- 23 Cadets participated in “74th Republic Day” organised by Handique Girls’ College on 26th of January 2023.



- 14 Cadets participated in the event “AEC Class 88 Foundation” organised an Annual Scholarship Distribution Program (IXth Initiative) to felicitate “Indian Army” at Insitute of Engineers on 25th of February 2023.



- 11 Cadets participated “SWACHH BHART ABHIYAN” organised by 48 Assam Naval Unit NCC, NER at Lachit Ghat on 20th of April 2023.



- 20 cadets participated in “Earth Day” celebration organised by 48 Assam Naval Unit NCC, NER at Dispur College on 2^{5th} of April 2023.



- 1 Cadets participated in “World Ocean Day” organised by 60 Assam Girls’ BN NCC Unit HQ on 25th of April 2023. World Ocean Day was observed on 8th June 2023 at the 60 ASSAM GIRLS’ BN NCC Unit HQ, Paltan Bazar. Several cadets from different units showcased their creativity to recognise the significance of the day. Cadet of HGC NCC also remain a part of this very significant event



- On the occasion of World Environment Day 2023, cadets of HGC NCC and students of HGC came together to celebrate by planting saplings in the college campus for a better environment and better future on 5th June 2023.



- 8 Cadets participated “International Yoga Day”, organised by IQAC , NSS Unit, NCC unit and Centre for Yoga Studies (Department of Philosophy) of Handique Girls’ College in the collaboration with Vivekananda Kendra Institute of Culture , Guwahati on 21st of June 2023.



- 13 Cadets participated in International Yoga Day organised by 1 Assam BN NCC at Army Public School, Narengi on 21st June 2023.





- 7 Cadets participated in International Day against Drug Abuse and illicit Trafficking organised by IQAC and NSS Unit of Handique Girls' College itself on 24th June 2023.

ACTIVITIES OF NSS

- **NSS Foundation Day**

The unit celebrated the NSS Foundation on 24th September 2022. The principal of the college Dr. Utpal Dutta and Vice Principal Mr. Rajib Kr. Das were present in the meeting spoke about the importance of NSS in students' life and also encouraged the volunteers to devote themselves for social work.



- 9 volunteers also attended the NSS Day celebration organised by GU NSS Cell and participated in the following categories of events and won prizes.
- Extempore speech: Parli S. Kashyap and HimashreeKashyap (3rd prize)
- Patriotic song: DhritinipaBuzarBarua (2nd prize)



- **World Rivers Day**

On the occasion of World Rivers Day on 25/09/22, the NSS unit of our college in collaboration with Save BharaluAbhijanorganised an awareness programme amongst the students on 26/09/2022. Dr. RabindraMajumdar, the President of the Save BharaluAbhijan delivered a lecture on the theme of reviving Bahini-Bharalu rivers of Guwahati. More than 70 students were present in the programme. Dr. PranabBujarbarua, Assistant Professor of Botany Department delivered the welcome address. Faculty member of Economics department Dr. Jayashree Choudhury anchored the entire programme. Vote of thanks was offered by Dr. Binoy Kr Nath, NSS P.O.



- **Blood Donation Camp**

On 29th September, the NSS unit and Red Ribbon Club organised a blood donation camp in the college campus in association with Assam State AIDS Control Society and Assam State Blood Transfusion Council and Gauhati Medical College Hospital. 46 volunteers voluntarily came forward and 14 units of blood were collected.



- **PoshanMaah observed**

On 29th September, the Unit organized an awareness programme on nutrition on the auspicious month of PoshanMaah. The programme was organised in the Uzan bazaar Government high School. Namrata Paul Saha , faculty member of Nemcare Group of Institute and Arya college of Nursing delivered a talk on the importance of balance food amongst the students of the school. There was also an interactive session. More than 50 students along with the Head Master and other teachers of the school were present in the programme.



- **Swachhta Drive**

The NSS Unit organised a clean drive programme on the occasion of Fit India campaign launched by the Government of India on 19/10/2022. More than 50 students and volunteers cleaned the college campus and Guwahati Railway Station.

- **World Polio Day**

On the occasion World Polio Day the NSS Unit along with NSS Units of Guwahati Commerce College and in collaboration with Rotary Club, Guwahati South organised awareness programme in Guwahati Commerce College on 22/10/2022. A rally from Commerce College to Zoo Road Tinali was organised. After that a lecture was delivered by the members of Rotary Club on the importance of observance of Polio Day on 24/10/2022.



- **National Unity Day**

The Unit participated in the RashtriyaEkta Divas celebration at Nehru Stadium. A Run for Unity organised the government of Assam from Nehru Stadium around Dighalipukhuri and back to Nehru Stadium on 31/10/2022. The Chief Minister of Assam, Union Water Minister and other dignitaries were present in the programme. More than 100 students and NSS volunteers of the college participated in the Run for Unity flagged off by the Chief Minister.



- **Constitution Day**

The Unit observed the Constitution day in the college on 26/11/2022. A talk on the Bharatvarsh, the mother of democracy was delivered by Dr. PallabiDeka, Assistant Professor of Political Science. The programme was attended by NSS P. O and volunteers.



- **World AIDS Day**

World AidsDay was observed by the NSS Unit on 1/12/2022. Around 50 volunteers along with P.O. from the unit participated in a rally organized by Assam AIDS Control Society around the GMCH complex. The rally was flagged off by Elvis Ali Hazarika, famous swimmer. The Unit also organised an awareness programme in the college campus. Mr. Prakash Sarma, resource person from Assam State AIDS Control Society delivered a lecture among the volunteers on different aspects of AIDS.



- **Orientation Programme**

On 23/2/2023, the NSS unit of Handique Girls College organised an orientation programme on Employability Skills development at Day home. A total of 158 students were present at this orientation. Dr. Meghna Kaushik was invited as the resource person for this orientation programme. She gave a valuable and interactive lecture, and the volunteers and the students learned many new things from this programme.



- **Self Defence Training Programme**

The NSS unit of Handique Girls College organised a 10 day Self Defense Training programme in the college campus. Around 40 students joined in the programme which was organised in collaboration with ITF Tang Soo Do Sports and The Student Union Of Handique Girls College. The programme was organised from 23/02/2023 to 04/03/2023. Training was provided by Martin DebojitGogoi and BornaliGogoi. The students were greatly benefitted. On the last day valedictory function was held where Amal Narayan Patowary , Joint Secretary , Assam Olympic Association delivered a lecture.



- **World Water Day**

On the occasion of World Water Day, the NSS volunteers performed a street play, on the topic – ‘Accelerating the change to solve the water and sanitation crises’ on 22/3/2023.



- **Campus Cleaning Drive**

On 23/3/2023, the NSS volunteers of Handique Girls College along with other students organized a campus clean drive. Around 26 Volunteers participated in the programme



- **Career Counselling**

The unit organized a workshop on Career Counselling along with the History Department on 21/4/2023. Mr. Ranjan Kr. Baruah, the career mentor of Assam delivered a lecture on future career of the students. NSS P.O., the faculties of History Department and NSS volunteers and other students were present in the programme.



- **NSS Special Camp**

NSS Special Camp was held from 18/4/2023 to 24/4/2023 in the adopted village BorAmudpur. The volunteers had undertaken a tree plantation drive in the village, organized free health check up camp, organised art competition amongst the students, taught dance to the children; organized rally against the alcohol in the village. The unit donated 20 chairs to the villagers.



Handique Girls' College also organizes cleanliness drives involving both the teachers, staff and students to promote the ideal of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Since staying healthy is also one of our responsibilities, the college celebrates Inter-National Yoga Day and organizes yoga workshops for a healthy India.

The departments like History organizes excursions to sensitize the students to the need to protect our rich historical and cultural heritage.

The students often visit old age homes to spend some time with the aged. Teacher also visit retired teachers of the college and other elderly people with the students of the college and engage in many entertaining activities with them. On 27/5/2023, around 6 teachers under the aegis of Women's Studies Cell, organized an extension activity wherein they paid a visit to P. T. Memorial Old Age Home. They spent time with the members who were quite happy with the interaction. Songs were sung by some of the elderly as well a flute recital by a gentleman there. One of our teachers also rendered a beautiful song. Around 10,000 Rs worth of grocery (necessaries) as well as a carton of adult diapers was donated to the home.



Many lectures and workshops are held to familiarize students with our rights and duties.

Department of Education organised a lecture on **“Women’s Rights”** by Ms Shruti Sarma Hazarika, Advocate, Gauhati High Court on 28/09/2022. All semesters Education Major students were benefited by the lecture.



On 16th March, 2023, the resource person Geetashree Konwar, a noted lawyer spoke elaborately on the women related laws and shared with the students the Women's helpline numbers.

Street plays are also organized by the students to sensitize our students about various issues troubling our society



Important national days like Constitution Day, Independence Day are observed by the college. The curriculum of many departments also includes information of Values, Right, Duties and Responsibilities. The college has many committees like the Internal Complaints Committee, Grievance Cell, Anti-Ragging Committee, the Union Body of the college, Student Support Cell, etc. catering to the different needs of the students in this context

The Preamble, the Fundamental Rights and Duties of our citizens, the students' charter, the anti-ragging rules and the core values of our college have been boldly displayed in our college. Anti-ragging circular along with the undertaking both by the students and parents is distributed to the students on the day of admission to this college.

Anti-Ragging Circular

HANDIQUE GIRLS' COLLEGE
GUWAHATI

ZERO TOLERANCE TO RAGGING

The Supreme Court of India has directed that Ragging in any form be prohibited within or outside educational institutions. The University Grants Commission has taken a similar view on the matter and has framed the "UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009."

Handique Girls' College, Guwahati, is committed to implementing the above cited UGC Regulations in both letter and spirit, ensuring a ragging-free institution. The College invites the co-operation of all students, parents / guardians and other stakeholders in eradicating the menace of ragging.

All students admitted into the College, and their parents/guardians, will submit undertakings, in the format provided by the UGC, agreeing to abstain from ragging or condoning such activities.

What is Ragging?

Para 3.4 of the UGC Regulations defines Ragging as 'any conduct whether by words, spoken or written, or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any other student, indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or a junior student or asking the students to do any act or perform which the student will not in the ordinary course and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of a fresher or a junior student.

What is Punishable?

Para 4. of the UGC Regulations identifies the following ingredients of ragging as punishable:

- Abetment to ragging
- Criminal conspiracy to rag
- Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging
- Public nuisance created during ragging
- Violation of decency and morals through ragging
- Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt
- Wrongful restraint
- Wrongful confinement
- Use of criminal force
- Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences
- Extortion
- Criminal trespass
- Offences against property
- Criminal intimidation
- Attempt to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s)
- Physical or psychological humiliation
- All offences that follow from the definition or "Ragging"

Punishment for Ragging

Para 8.1 of the UGC Regulations empowers an institution to hand down any one or a combination of the following punishments to any one found guilty of Ragging. The quantum of punishment will depend upon the nature and gravity of the offence committed.

- Suspension from classes and also other academic privileges.
- Withholding/ withdrawing scholarship/ fellowship and other benefits.
- Debarring from appearing in any test/ examination or other evaluation process.
- Withholding results.
- Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
- Suspension/ Expulsion from the hostel.
- Cancellation of admission.
- Rustication from the Institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other Institution for a specific period.
- Fine ranging from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs. 1,00,000/-.
- Collective punishment when the person committing or abetting ragging are not identified.

Please note that all cases of Ragging 'the burden or proof will lie on the perpetrator of ragging and not on the victim' (Para 6.5.11 of the UGC Regulations)

Institutional Arrangement for curbing Ragging

Handique Girls' College has in place an Anti-Ragging Committee and Anti-Ragging Squads for its Academic and Hostel Campuses.

The Anti-Ragging Committee is headed by the Principal of the College and monitors the anti-ragging activities in the Institution, considers the recommendations of the Anti-Ragging Squads and decides on the punishment to be awarded to perpetrators and abettors of ragging.

The Anti-Ragging Squads have vigil, oversight and patrolling functions. They are empowered to inspect places of potential ragging and also make surprise raids. The squads investigate incidents of ragging and submit their recommendations to the Anti-Ragging Committee.

Freshers are requested to report all incidents of ragging, either as victims or even as witnesses, without any fear. The Institution pledges swift and decisive action on all such reports.

Reports on Ragging will be received by the following persons :

Designation	Name	Mobile No.
Principal	Dr. Ranjit Sarma	94350 92990
Vice Principal	Mr. Rajib Kr. Das	98640 14383
IQAC, Co-ordinator	Dr. Pori Hiloidari	98643 27981
Representative, District Administration	Ms. Rimjhim Konwar	84869 14293
Representative, Media	Mr. Pranay Bardoloi	98640 61071
Faculty Member	Dr. Anuradha Das Purkayastha	98640 22895
Faculty Member	Dr. Madhurima Hazarika	99540 60336
Faculty Member	Dr. Ajanta Khaund Bezbaruah	88110 14170
Faculty Member	Dr. Archana Sarma	98640 33538
Faculty Member	Mrs. Karabi Basumatary	86381 40581
Faculty Member	Dr. Sabita Mahanta	70867 10521
Faculty Member	Dr. Prabhali Doley	98644 00380
Representative, Non-teaching Staff	Mrs. Reeta Das Hazarika	93652 85018

Please note that the "UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009" are available at the UGC website : www.ugc.ac.in

ANNEXURE I, Part I
UNDERTAKING BY THE CANDIDATE/STUDENT

1. I, _____
S/o. D/o. of Mr./Mrs./Ms _____
have carefully read and fully understood the law prohibiting ragging and the directions of the Supreme Court and the Central/State Government in this regard.

2. I have received a copy of the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, and have carefully gone through it.

3. I hereby undertake that
 - I will not indulge in any behaviour or act that may come under the definition of ragging.
 - I will not participate in or abet or propagate in any form.
 - I will not hurt anyone physically or psychologically or cause any other harm.

4. I hereby agree that if found guilty of any aspect of ragging, I may be punished as per the provisions of the UGC Regulations mentioned above and/or as per the law in force.

5. I hereby affirm that I have not been expelled or debarred from admission by any institution.

Signed this _____ day of _____ month of _____ year

Signature

Name :

Address :

ANNEXURE I, Part II
UNDERTAKING BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN

1. I, _____
F/o. M/o. G/o. _____
have carefully read and fully understood the law prohibiting ragging and the directions of the Supreme Court and the Central/State Government in this regard as well as the UGC Regulations of Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009.
2. I assure you that my son/ daughter/ ward will not indulge in any act of ragging.
3. I hereby agree that if he/ she is found guilty of any aspect of ragging, he/ she may be punished as per the provisions of the UGC Regulations mentioned above and/ or as per the law in force.

Signed this _____ day of _____ month of _____ year

Signature

Name :

Address :