

# BANGABASI MORNING COLLEGE

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## Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) (As Per POSH ACT, 2013)

• The POSH Act extends to the whole of India. According to the Act, the term 'aggrieved woman' includes a woman of any age, subjected to any act of sexual harassment. Based on the Vishaka guidelines, the POSH Act also expands the scope of the term sexual harassment, to include the following; physical contact and advances, demand or request for sexual favours, sexually coloured remarks, showing pornography, any unwelcome physical or verbal sexual advances and gestures.

# Proceedings before the ICC

An aggrieved woman is required to submit her complaint along with required documents, disclosing the witnesses, within three months from the date of the incident. The timeline for instituting the complaint may be extended by the committee if sufficient cause for the delay is displayed. If the aggrieved woman is incapable of filing the complaint due to any reason, the POSH Act and rules permit a third person to institute a complaint on her behalf.

Following the receipt of a complaint, prior to initiating an inquiry, the ICC is required to provide for alternative dispute resolution in the form of conciliation, if requested by the complainant. The Committee is empowered to issue interim reliefs. The POSH Act also prescribes punishments and/or disciplinary actions included under the service rules of the organization after the allegation has been proved. The POSH Act also provides for compensation to the aggrieved woman.

The College Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) was constituted as per the UGC Regulations on 22.09.2021. Accordingly, the function of the Committee is to deal with any issues of gender-based violence as per UGC Norms laid down and Conduct gender-based sensitization programmes.

## The following is the link of the UGC regulations on ICC

www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/7203627 UGC regulations-harassment.pdf

#### Members of ICC

Dr Trayee Biswas, Presiding Officer (Associate Professor in Botany)

Dr Ronita Roy, Member (Associate Professor in English)

Dr Malabika Bhowmick, Member (Assistant Professor in Bengali)

Dr Parvin Banu, Member (NGO Representative)

Alfia Khatoon Hussain (Student, B.Com, Sem III Gen)

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