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## Teaser hoardings to stop ragging at Jadavpur

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JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY (JU) is going the extra mile in order to ensure that none of its first-year students become victims of the ragging menace.

To spread awareness, the university authorities have put up teaser hoardings in front of Aurobindo Bhawan, Central Library and PG Science Building. While the first teaser hoarding was on 'Porashuna-Kheladhula', the second depicts the varsity's 'adda sanskriti'. And from July 9, the university will put up

anti-ragging hoardings.

"First-year students will come to the campus in the third week of July. And this is an effort to educate seniors to stay away from ragging. And finally when first year students will arrive, the hoardings will carry the names and contact numbers of all members of the university's anti-ragging committee," said Parag Sarkar, a former student of the university and the person who designed the advertisements.

The university is planning to make the campaign bigger from next year and would try to tie up with a Bengal-based industry major.



"This is an intelligent approach to reach out to intelligent students and tell them not to rag their juniors when they come to the campus," said Rajat Ray, dean of students.

Apart from the hoardings, the

university has also put up anti-ragging posters all over the campus. Vice-chancellor PN. Ghosh has held a meeting with head of the departments of all the faculties to ensure that the university remains free from ragging this year.

"A workshop for all anti-ragging committee faculty members on how to combat ragging was organised last week. Psychoanalysts and psychiatrists were present along with retired Justice Samarosh Banerjee, who spoke on the legal aspect. We will organise a similar interactive workshop for student members of the anti-ragging committee next

week," Ray said.

The university has also come up with a blog to discuss ragging-related issues exclusively with its students. And once freshers hit the campus, there will be a special session for to advise students on how to avoid being ragged.

"The university will have an anti-ragging squad for each department and hostel. We will also circulate a UGC anti-ragging circular. During the admission process, students will be given a note on what they should do to report against ragging," Ray added.

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