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Anti-ragging volunteer team makes a debut on Jadavpur University campus

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KOLKATA: An anti-ragging volunteer team has been formed at the International Relations (IR) department of Jadavpur University following the death of a student at the Main Hostel on August 9, allegedly due to ragging.

STUDENTS SELECT MEMBERS

➤ IR department forms anti-ragging volunteer team

➤ Four-member team for UG 1, 2, 3 and PG 2

➤ Student strength for each year is 70

An internal meeting was held at IR department on August 22



In an internal meeting on August 22, a four-member anti-ragging volunteer team was formed for UG 1, UG 2, UG 3 and PG 2 students.

Head of the department of IR, Imankalyan Lahiri, said, "This is our departmental decision. A four-member team has been formed for each year and the members have been selected by students. The volunteer team will keep a close eye on their friends and find out if anyone is facing any difficulty inside the department or on campus and inform us for necessary steps to be taken."

The first-year students, who were in the Main Hostel on August 9, were shifted to the New Boys Hostel. "Our teachers, senior students and scholars continuously tried to eradicate their fear to make them feel comfortable here. We felt a volunteer team should be formed to build up their confidence. It has been formed with students selected by their friends so that the latter can trust the members and share their issues with them. The team members will report to us if they come across anything serious," added Lahiri.

Research scholars are not in the team but they will maintain a liaison with the members.

"In our department, students, teachers and scholars used to maintain a strong bond. We want to overcome this situation. This will boost confidence of students of other departments, too," said a research scholar of the department.

Officials have taken a decision for research scholars to mark attendance and the register will be kept with the head of department. Lahiri said, "Recent incidents prompted us to keep an eye on attendance of research scholars. Signatures will also be screened as per requirement."