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From appointing hostel manager to modifying panels, campuses take guard against ragging

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KOLKATA: From creating a separate post, like hostel manager, to restructuring anti-ragging committees and squads according to UGC guidelines, universities and colleges have been taking measures to tackle ragging or any harassment on campus after a fresher at Jadavpur University died in a fall from a hostel balcony, tormented and hounded by seniors.

external members as well," added Dutta.

Maharaja Manindra Chandra College recently formed an anti-ragging committee following instructions from the higher education department, said principal Manturam Samanta. "At the moment, the committee comprises mostly internal members. But we will add external members, like a media representative, a social worker and others," he added.

Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Government College is also modifying its anti-ragging committee by adding representatives of the local administration, police, media, NGO, counselling professional and guardian. Asutosh College principal Manas Kabi said an anti-ragging cell, with teachers as members, already existed but they would include others on the panel. Scottish Church College vice-principal Supratim Das said, "Our anti-ragging committee was formed years ago according to UGC guidelines. Members of media, NGO, local administration and others help add different perspectives and conduct fair probes."