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Respected Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 was notified on 9th December, 2013 to provide a safe and secure environment to women at the workplace.

Sexual harassment results in violation of the fundamental rights of a woman to equality under articles 14 and 15 of the Constitution of India and her right to life and to live with dignity under article 21 of the Constitution and right to practice any profession or to carry on any occupation, trade or business with includes a right to a safe environment free from sexual harassment.

The protection against sexual harassment and the right to work with dignity are universally recognized human rights by international conventions and instruments such as Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, which has been ratified on the 25th June, 1993 by the Government of India.

University Grants Commission has also notified University Grants Commission (Prevention, Prohibition and redressal of sexual harassment of women employees and students in higher educational institutions) Regulations, 2015 in the Gazette of India which are available on UGC website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in. These Regulations clearly describes responsibilities of the higher educational institutions, grievance redressal mechanism, process for making complaint and conducting inquiry, interim redressal, punishment and compensation, consequences of non-compliance etc. UGC Regulations being statutory in nature are binding for universities and colleges.

This year the Ministry of Women and Child Development has decided to commemorate the eighth anniversary of notification of this landmark legislation that is 9th December, 2021.

I write this to request you to kindly conduct one-day awareness programmes on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 at your university and the colleges affiliated to the university on 9th December, 2021 to sensitize the students and employees about the provisions of this Act. The details of the programmes conducted by your institution may be provided to Government of India Ministry of Women & Child Department on secy.wed@nic.in

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

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To

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