

DHRUPAD SANSTHAN

(An International Residential Gurukul)



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TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

It has been an extremely trying and testing time for the entire community. We understand that due to a communication gap, there has been uncertainty and anxiety among those who have been associated with Dhrupad Sansthan, but such was only because we wanted to respect and give the legal process its due space and time.

The aspersions cast on Dhrupad Sansthan of being aloof in the matter are sans merit. Dhrupad Sansthan has been dealing with this issue with the utmost sensitivity and in compliance with the law.

We resonate with the sentiments of the gurukul family and are taking all necessary steps. We appreciate the spirit of the Committee which has insisted upon creating an atmosphere conducive to proper training in music for all persons irrespective of differences. We recuse ourselves from commenting on the matter of the committee since the same is sub-judice. Considering the spirit of the whole exercise to ensure that the Dhrupad Sansthan grows from strength to strength and to make it safer as per the law, steps have been taken as listed below:

- a. A code of conduct has been prepared and will be informed to every student at entry.
- b. Public and dedicated teaching areas on the premises have been brought under CCTV coverage.
- c. All interactions with, in particular to women students, will henceforth occur in open classrooms;
- d. Standing counselling and grievance redressal mechanism has been instituted.
- e. Gender sensitization programs have been initiated and will be treated as a regular feature in the Sansthan.

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We have also watched with dismay, the manner in which some vested interests have used this entire episode, as a means to further their agenda and created a lopsided narrative to give a negative image of the Gurus and the culture of Guru- Shishya Parampara.

We would like to put on record that these individuals represent neither the student body nor the associates. Many of these individuals are not part of the Sansthan in any manner.

We request all publications to respect our great culture and refrain from printing any falsehoods in this matter.

We trust that this communication will set at rest all doubts about the intentions of the Sansthan. We hope that all students and associates will rededicate themselves to the task of building up the Sansthan and rejuvenating the art of Dhrupad.

Sd/-
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Secretary