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Bullying is a Crime

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While we live so close to each other in a hostel, we must keep a minimum sense of respect towards each other. This is a very hard job to execute; nevertheless, it will please you in a long run. Especially, when you look back into your hostel-life after 10 years from now. Take this for granted from me.

We share many things but their relative importance is different. We share a Mess, Quadrangle, Corridors, Bathrooms, Common room, Computer room and Sports facilities etc. The most important of all is the room-sharing. That's where the sense of respect to each other becomes the foremost. In addition, we must also realise that democracy is not absolute, it is a relative term.

Out of 300 rooms, we do have a few tens of shared rooms. The least we can do in sharing a room is: to feel the room partner's priorities towards his basic requirements. For instance, is he trying to sleep (irrespective of the time), while you are on your PC with full volume? Or presence of your friends creates the *imbalance of power* in the room? Remember one thing: Any imbalance of power in educational institutes can be related to bullying, and bullying comes under the definition of a crime. We should not expect any sympathy.

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