

Report of Anti-Ragging Cell

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Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh strictly adhered to the guidelines laid down by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India which has banned ragging in all institutions of higher education. In pursuance of its significant judgment dated 8 May 2009 in Civil Appeal No. 887/2009 which was notified by UGC as 'Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009' and subsequent communications received from the Ministry of Human Resource and Development from time to time, relevant steps were to curb, prevent and eliminate the menace of ragging.

These steps include:

1. Existence of Anti-ragging Cell:

The Anti-ragging Cell/Committee of the college that looks into, controls and prevents the incidents of ragging in the college, if any, comprises of the following members:

- i. Dr. Bindu Sharma (Convener)
- ii. Dr. Mridula Sharma
- iii. Dr. Nitasha Khera
- iv. Mrs. Baljeet Kaur Tiwana
- v. Dr. Ritu Khosla
- vi. Dr. Amardeep Kaur
- vii. Dr. Swati Sidana

2. Display of Names and Phone Numbers:

The names and phone numbers of the members of the Anti-ragging Cell were displayed prominently on hoardings installed at important spots in the college to enable students to approach them for help promptly.

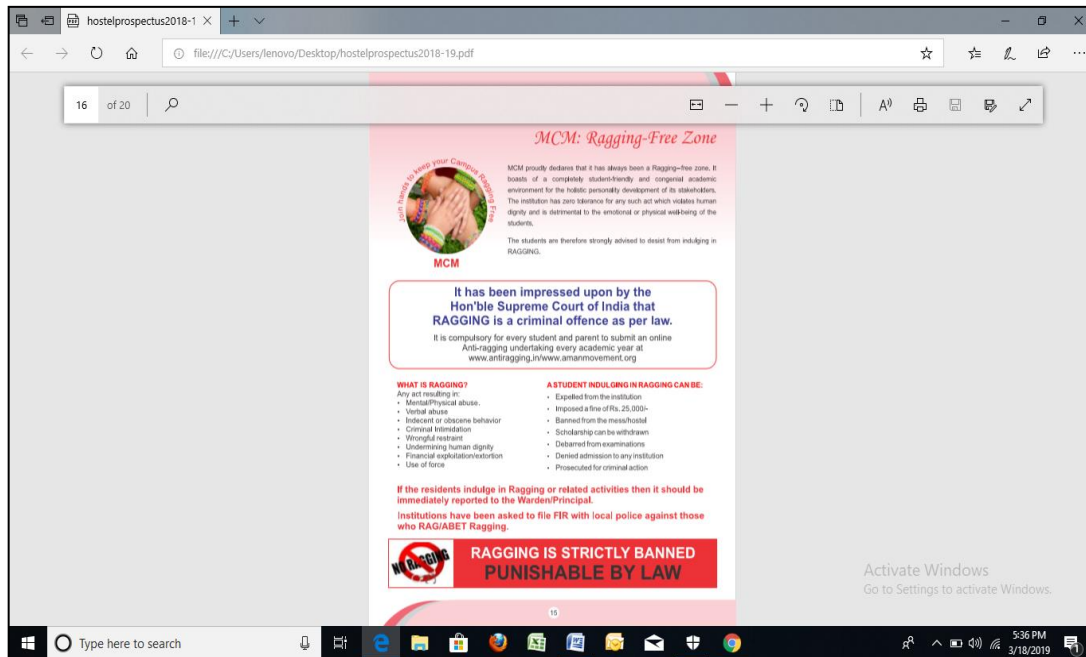
3. Information on Institutional Website:

To curb the menace of ragging in college the following details was uploaded on the institutional website for the information of the students and their parents:

- The names and phone numbers of the members of the Anti-ragging Cell
- The statutory warning and UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in the Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 (dated: 17 June 2009)
- A sample of the Anti-ragging Undertaking to be submitted by every student at the time of online admission to the college

4. Anti-ragging Warning in the Institutional Prospectus:

The statutory warning against Ragging was printed boldly in colour in both, the Prospectus of the College and Hostel (Online and Offline) for the information of students as well as their parents.



6. Anti-ragging Undertaking

As per the instructions of the government, Anti-ragging Undertakings were sought from all students at the time of admission. The submission of the document ensures the students' commitment of compliance with the government's policy of eradicating ragging.

UGC Guidelines and a Sample of Anti-ragging Undertaking Form were made available on the College Website for the facility of the students.

Since the admissions were held online, students were asked to fill up mandatory Anti-ragging undertaking on the UGC website as well.

6. Display of Posters:

Colourful and thought-provoking Posters regarding the menace of Ragging are displayed at various places within the college campus and hostel to warn and sensitize the students about this evil.

7. Installation of CCTV Cameras:

CCTV Cameras were installed at vital spots in the campus and hostel to keep a check on the activities of the students in the college premises. The monitor installed in the principal's office also helps to maintain a round-the-clock vigilance on any kind of unlawful activity by the students.

More CCTV cameras were installed at vantage points in the hostel premises to ensure the safety of students.

8. Introduction of the freshers with the Committee:

During the Induction/Orientation Programme held in the online mode during the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Convener and members of the Anti-ragging Cell were introduced to the new students. The senior students introduced them to the mandatory rules and regulations meant to prevent ragging. This was done through creative posters, innovative dances and meaningful skits presented online.



In her address to the student, the Principal of the college also sensitized the students about the evil of ragging.

9. Counselling Cell (Geetanjali Helpline):

The Counselling Cell of the college called Geetanjali Helpline along with the Anti-ragging Cell was ever ready to provide psychological and emotional assistance and guidance to the needy students though the issues were more pertaining to Covid-related stress than ragging.

10. Allotment of Mentors:

All the students enrolled in the college were divided into small groups and assigned a Mentor even in this Pandemic-ridden session. These could easily be approached for any assistance or guidance through phone, Whatsapp or in the Google Classroom.

11. Student Grievance Redressal Cell:

The college has an active Student Grievance Redressal Cell which can also be easily approached in case of need. The names and phone numbers of the Committee were displayed prominently within the campus as well as the institutional website.

12. Access to Principal:

The college adheres to an open door policy. Hence, the Principal was also easily accessible to the students in her office during the working hours and

even after college hours to address any issue pertaining to ragging or harassment even when the session was held online.

13. Events to Promote Awareness:

- A letter in the form of an e-mail was sent to the parents of all the students of BA II and BA III before the beginning of the session to sensitize them both regarding the evil of ragging.
- The newcomers were informed about the same during the Online Induction Programme.
- Since the academic session was held in the online mode, an **Online Slogan Writing Contest** was held on the topic of 'Curbing the Menace of Ragging' under the aegis of IQAC on 30 January 2021 in which 110 entries were received in both Hindi and English from students of all streams.

These were judged by Dr Vibha Sharma, Head, Department of Public Administration; Dr Neha Soi, Assistant professor, Department of English, and Dr Bhavna Sood, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology. Aratrika of BA I was adjudged first, Nivedita of BA III bagged the second and Chhavi of BCom I got the third place. The winners were awarded cash prizes worth Rs. 1200/-, Rs. 1000/- and Rs. 750/- respectively.

BA -I	Aratrika	Come to college to study with a bag, not with a mind to rag!
BA- III	Nivedita Makheeja	समझ □□ □□□□ □□□□□ □□□□□□□ □□□ □□□□□□□ □□□□ आओ □□□□□ हम एक □□ □□□□ □□□□□□ पर □□□ □□□□□□
B.Com I-A	Chhavi	Don't rag to brag!!

Owing to all these measures and an online academic session, no incident of ragging was reported in the college in the academic session 2020-21.