

Report of Anti-Ragging Cell (2017-18)



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Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh provides a ragging-free and secure environment to its learners by strictly adhering 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, several steps have been taken to curb, prevent and eliminate the menace of ragging. These include:

1. Existence of Anti-ragging Cell:

An Anti-ragging Cell/Committee is in place in the college to look into, control and prevent the incidents of ragging in the college, if any. The Cell comprises of the following members:

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

2. Display of Names and Phone Numbers:

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

3. Information on Institutional Website:

The details of the Anti-ragging Cell along with the statutory warning, UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in the Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 dated: 17 June 2009, and a sample of the Anti-ragging Affidavit to be submitted by every student at the time of admission to the college have been displayed prominently on the College Website also .

4. Installation of CCTV Cameras:

CCTV Cameras have been installed at vital spots in the campus to keep a check on the activities of the students during their free lectures. The monitor installed in the principal's office helped to maintain a round the clock vigilance on any kind of unlawful activity by the students.

5. 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 for the information of students as well as their parents.





6. Anti-ragging Posters:

Anti-ragging Posters and Warnings have been displayed at all the prominent places such as corridors, recreational zones, hostel mess etc. for easy visibility to the students.

7. Awareness during Admission:

Admission seekers and their parents were sensitized about the legal implications of Ragging and its prohibition in the college through Power Point Presentations, hoardings and announcements during the admission days.

8. Anti-ragging Undertaking:

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

9. Sensitization during Orientation Programme:

Information about the evil of Ragging and its consequences, its legal and psychological implications, and preventive measures was disseminated among students in the Orientation Programme conducted at the beginning of the session. During the Induction Programme, the students of the senior classes welcomed the newcomers in BA, BSc, BCom, BBA, and BCA 1st year in a friendly manner. They were introduced to the mandatory rules and regulations for prevent ragging through creative posters, innovative dances and meaningful skits.

10. Introduction of the freshers with the Committee:

During the Induction/Orientation Programme, the convener and members of the Anti-ragging Cell were introduced to the new students. They were also asked to approach them in case of any distress. In her first address to the fresh students, Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava also urged the students to stay away from the evil of ragging.

11. Regular Interaction and Inspections:

The members of the Anti-ragging Cell interacted with the students on regular basis formally and informally to seek their feedback, and kept a check on their activities. Surprise visits and inspections of canteen, hostel mess, recreational areas were carried out by the members of the Cell regularly to prevent any act of ragging.

12. Steps taken in the Hostel:

The Convener and Members of the Hostel Committee along with the Wardens welcomed the fresh residents of the hostel and they were accommodated in a separate block. During the initial address, they were sensitized about the Anti-ragging Policy of the college and the names and phone numbers of their wardens and members of the Hostel Committee were shared with them.

Members of the Hostel Committee and the Anti-ragging cell interacted with the students on a regular basis.

As a result of all these measures, no incident of ragging was reported in the year 2017-18.