# Report of Anti-Ragging Cell (2018-19)



## Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women Sector-36 (Chandigarh)

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### **Report of the Anti-ragging Cell**

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MCM DAV College for Women, Chandigarh strictly adheres 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 steps include:

#### 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 Kaur Tiwana
v. Dr. Ritu Khosla
vi. Dr. Amardeep Kaur
vii. Dr. Yogita Batra
viii. Dr. Swati Sidana

#### **Display of Names and Phone Numbers**:

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

#### Information on Institutional Website:

To curb the menace of ragging in college the following documents have been 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, 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 admission to the college is displayed prominently on the College Website also.



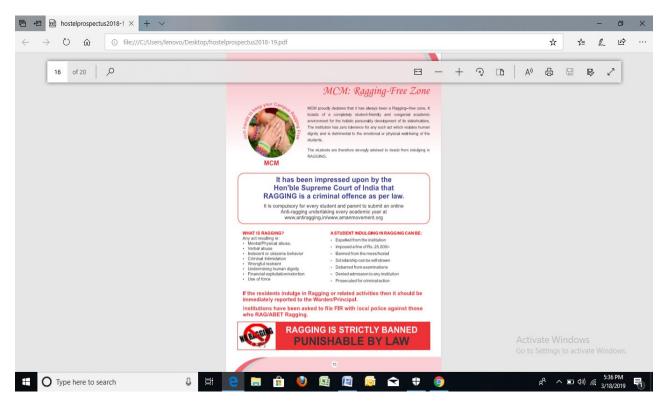
#### Installation of CCTV Cameras:

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

The college is also planning to install CCTV cameras in the hostel premises to ensure the safety of students.

#### Anti-ragging Warning in the Institutional Prospectus:

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



#### Anti-ragging Posters:

Anti-ragging Posters and Warnings prescribed by the Department of Higher Education, MHRD, Government of India and UGC have been displayed at all the prominent places such as corridors, recreational zones, hostel mess etc. for easy visibility to the students.





#### Awareness during Admission:

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

#### 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 ensures the students' commitment of compliance with the government's policy of eradicating ragging.

#### Sensitization during Orientation Programme:

Information about the evil of Ragging and its consequences, its legal and psychological implications, and preventive measures is disseminated among students in the Induction Programme conducted at the beginning of every session. During the Induction Programme, the students of the senior classes welcome the newcomers in BA, B Sc, B Com, BBA, and BCA 1<sup>st</sup> year in a friendly manner. The senior students introduce them to the mandatory rules and regulations to prevent ragging through creative posters, innovative dances and meaningful skits. This year too, the students spread the message against ragging through a song and dance sequence.



#### Introduction of the Freshers with the Members of the Cell:

During the Induction/Orientation Programme, the convener and members of the Anti-ragging Committee were introduced to the new students to familiarize them with the team and also asked to approach them in case of any distress. In her address to the Student Assembly, the Principal of the college also urges the students to stay away from the evil of ragging.

#### Steps taken in the Hostel:

The Convener and Members of the Hostel Committee along with the Wardens welcome the fresh residents of the hostel and they are accommodated in a separate block. During the initial address, they are sensitized about the Anti-ragging policy of the college and the names and phone numbers of their wardens and members of the Hostel Committee are shared with them. All the six wardens are accessible to them at all hours, however, students can also approach the convener or any member of the Hostel Committee in case of need.

The College has Student Discipline Committees in each hostel. The members of these committees and the wardens are always on the vigil to detect and prevent any incident of ragging.

#### Counselling Cell (Geetanjali Helpline):

The college also boasts of Counselling Cell called Geetanjali Helpline which works in tandem with the Anti-ragging Cell to provide psychological and emotional assistance and guidance to the needy students both within the campus and hostel as and when required.

#### **Regular Interaction and Inspections:**

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

#### Allotment of Mentors:

All the students enrolled in the college are divided into small groups and assigned a Mentor who can easily be approached for any assistance or guidance through phone, whatsapp or personally. The mentors also sensitized their mentees about the menace of ragging.

#### Student Council:

The college encourages a collective and responsible participation of students in controlling and eliminating the evil of Ragging from our educational system. Hence, the office bearers and members of the Student Council also contribute positively in checking the menace of ragging at their level, both in the college and hostel. The students can also approach their elected office bearers for the redressal of their issues. Student Council plays a vital role in promoting a healthy interaction between the freshers and senior students.

#### Access to Principal:

The college adheres to an 'open door' policy. Hence, the Principal is also easily accessible to the students in her office during the working hours to address any issue pertaining to ragging or harassment.

#### **Events to Promote Awareness:**

The members of the Anti-ragging Cell visited the hostel and other important spots of the premises from time to time and interacted with the hostel residents to keep a check on any incident of ragging. Students were sensitized about the menace of ragging and its ill effects through creative posters and personal interaction.

Owing to all these measures, no incident of ragging has been reported in the college in the year 2018-19.