

# Report of Anti-Ragging Cell (2019-20)



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Mehr Chand Mahajan 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:

### **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 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 are 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 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.

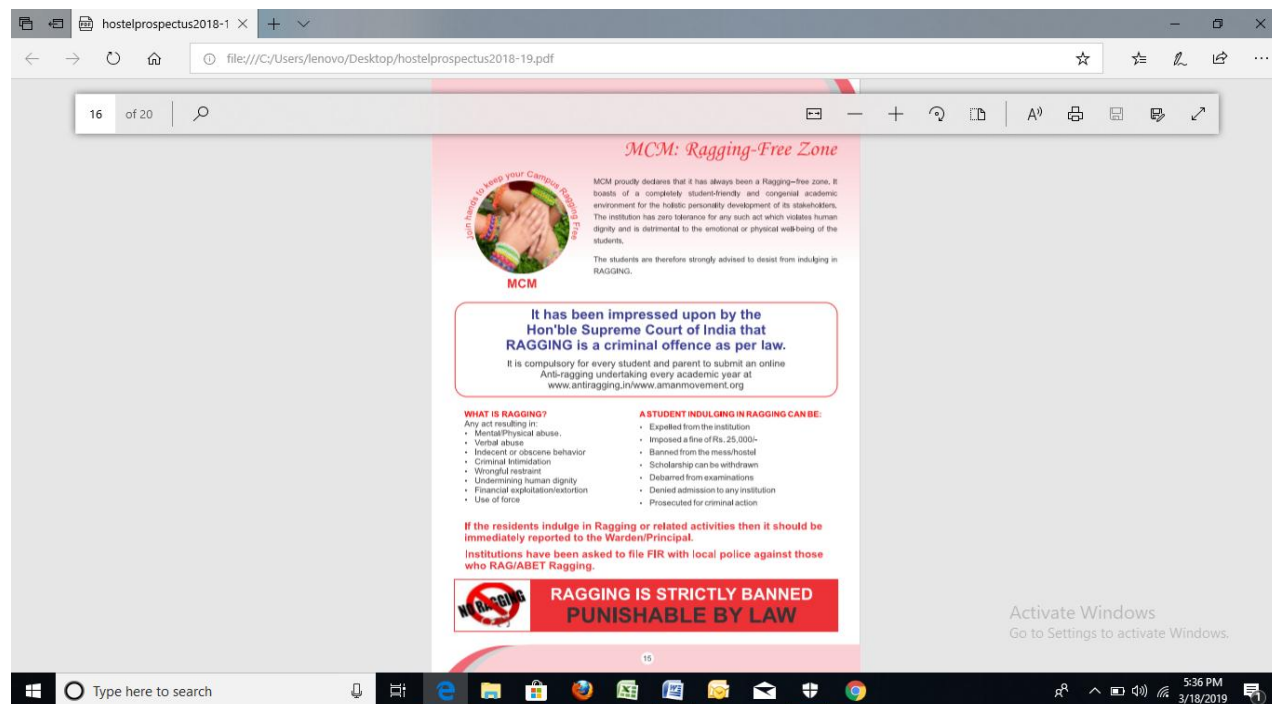
#### 4. Installation of CCTV Cameras:

CCTV Cameras have been installed at vital spots in the campus to keep a check on the activities of the students 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.

After a clearance from the IQAC of the College, CCTV cameras were installed at vantage points in the hostel premises to ensure the safety of students.

#### 5. 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 (Online and Offline) for the information of students as well as their parents.



#### 6. Anti-ragging Posters:

Anti-ragging Posters and Warnings prescribed by the Department of Higher Education, MHRD, Government of India, UGC and made by students have been displayed at 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 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 is available on the College Website for the facility of the students

### **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 Induction/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 1<sup>st</sup> year in a friendly manner. 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.

### **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 to familiarize them with the team. They were asked to approach them in case of any distress. In her address to the Student Assembly, the Principal of the college also urged the students to stay away from the evil of ragging.

### **11. Steps taken in the Hostel:**

The Convener and Members of the Hostel Committee along with the Wardens welcomed the new 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. All the six wardens are generally 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 hostel has Student Discipline Committees in each block. Members of these committees and wardens are always on the vigil to detect and prevent any incident of ragging.

### **12. 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.

### **13. 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.

#### **14. Allotment of Mentors:**

All the students enrolled in the college have been divided into small groups and assigned a Mentor who can easily be approached for any assistance or guidance through phone, whatsapp or personally.

#### **15. 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 are displayed prominently within the campus as well as the institutional website.

#### **16. 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.

#### **17. 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 and even after college hours to address any issue pertaining to ragging or harassment.

#### **18. 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 both of them regarding the evil of ragging.
- A **Poster Making Competition** was organized on 30 August 2019 on the topic 'Menace of Ragging' to generate awareness against the evil of ragging among the students. 74 young artists of various streams and classes participated enthusiastically in this contest. Certificates of Appreciation were issued to all the participants.





Young artists at work in a Poster Making Contest on 'Menace of Ragging'



# पोस्टर से दिया एंटी रैगिंग का संदेश

जागरण संवाददाता, चंडीगढ़ : रैगिंग से लड़ने के पुराने अंदाज को पीछे छोड़ते हुए, कॉलेज स्टूडेंट्स ने रास्ते अपना खे हैं। जहां वह खुद क्रिएटिव प्रोसेस से जुड़कर अपने जूनियर को एक सुखद अनुभव प्रदान कर रहे हैं। ऐसा ही देखने को मिला एमसीएम डीएवी-36 में। जहां एंटी रैगिंग कमेटी ने इंटरन क्वालिटी अश्वोरेंस सेल के साथ मिलकर द मेनेस ऑफ रैगिंग थीम पर पोस्टर मेकिंग प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया। इस प्रतियोगिता में कॉलेज के 74 स्टूडेंट्स ने हिस्सा लिया। इसका मकसद, सीनियर द्वारा जूनियर को सफ एनवायरनमेंट का संदेश देना रहा। जिसमें सीनियर ने अपनी क्रिएटिविटी से रैगिंग के खिलाफ आवाज उठाई। कंपीटिशन में बीए थर्ड ईयर की स्टूडेंट रिया कपूर को फर्स्ट, बीए फर्स्ट ईयर की स्टूडेंट आस्था नंदा और बीए सेकेंड ईयर की सोमिल को सेकेंड और बीए फर्स्ट ईयर की अंकिता कुमारी और बीएससी सेकेंड ईयर की प्रजा कौशिक को थर्ड पोजिशन दी गई। सना नरवाल, सोमल रंजन, हरनूर बेदी को सांत्वना पुरस्कार दिया गया। कॉलेज की प्रिंसिपल डॉ. निशा भागव ने स्टूडेंट्स की इस पहल का स्वागत किया। उन्होंने कहा कि सीनियर ही अपने जूनियर को बेहतर एनवायरनमेंट का संदेश दे सकते हैं। खुशी है कि उन्होंने इसके लिए एक क्रिएटिव रास्ता चुना, जिसमें जूनियर और सीनियर दोनों ही स्टूडेंट्स ने मिलकर इस प्रतियोगिता में हिस्सा लिया। सभी पोस्टर को कॉलेज में लगाया जाएगा।

एमसीएम डीएवी-36 के स्टूडेंट्स ने एंटी रैगिंग का संदेश देने के लिए पोस्टर मेकिंग प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया। इसमें रैगिंग के खिलाफ आवाज उठाई गई।



चंडीगढ़ : एमसीएम डीएवी-36 में पोस्टर बनाकर एंटी रैगिंग का संदेश देते स्टूडेंट्स • जागरण

## छात्राओं को रैगिंग के प्रति जागरूक किया

चंडीगढ़, 19 सितंबर। मेहर चंद महाजन डीएवी कॉलेज फॉर वुमन की एंटी-रैगिंग कमेटी ने कॉलेज के इंटरनल क्वालिटी अश्वोरेंस सेल (आईव्यूएसी) के तत्वावधान द मेनेस ऑफ रैगिंग थीम पर पोस्टर मेकिंग



प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया। प्रतियोगिता का उद्देश्य छात्राओं को रैगिंग के बारे में जागरूक करना था। इस प्रतियोगिता में 74 उत्साही छात्राओं ने बढ़ चढ़ कर भाग लिया एवं प्रतिभागियों ने अपनी विचारशीलता और रचनात्मकता दोनों पहलुओं को स्पष्ट रूप से प्रतिबिंबित किया। इस प्रतियोगिता में बीए-3 की रिया कपूर ने प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त किया जबकि बीए-1 की आस्था नंदा और बीए-2 की सोमिल ने द्वितीय स्थान प्राप्त किया। बीए-1 की अंकिता कुमारी और बीएससी-2 की प्रजा कौशिक को तृतीय स्थान मिला। सना नरवाल, सोमल रंजन, हरनूर के बेदी को सांत्वना पुरस्कार से नवाजा गया। कॉलेज की प्रिंसिपल डॉ. निशा भागव ने एंटी-रैगिंग कमेटी की इस पहल की सराहना करते हुए कहा कि एमसीएम कॉलेज एक रैगिंग मुक्त शैक्षिक संस्थान है जिसमें छात्राओं को अपने अधिकारों, कर्तव्यों के साथ साथ दूसरों के अधिकारों का सम्मान के बारे में भी जागरूक कर एक सजग नागरिक बनने की शिक्षा दी जाती है।

## College students educated to refrain from ragging

CHANDIGARH: The Anti-Ragging Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, under the aegis of IQAC of the college, organised a poster making competition on the theme "The Menace of Ragging" here on Thursday.

The aim of the competition was to act as a platform to initiate discussion among students about the perils of ragging and to educate them to refrain from indulging in it in any form.

The competition witnessed enthusiastic response as 74 students participated in it. The posters made during the competition vividly reflected both the thoughtful and creative aspects of the participants.

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- An **Exhibition of Posters** designed by the students was also held.



- An **Anti-ragging Squad** comprising 18 Volunteers from the 6 blocks of College hostel was formed on 14 September 2019 to check the evil of ragging in the campus and hostel.
- **Orientation Programme for Hostellers:** The Anti Ragging Cell in collaboration with the Geetanjali Counselling Helpline conducted an Orientation Programme for First Year Students in the Hostel on 27 September, 2019. 202 hostel residents were sensitized by Dr. Nitasha Khehra and Ms. Baljeet Kaur Tiwana about the menace of ragging and the main objectives of the Counselling Helpline, a student support service.

Various prohibitions and laws related to Anti-ragging and the need to address psychological concerns of college students through confidential personal counselling were also discussed on the occasion. The students were also informed about the availability of mental health facilities in the form of Geetanjali Helpline. The commonly encountered problems by freshers were taken up to create awareness about the trauma attached with ragging.



**Hostellers being addressed by Dr. Nitasha Khehra and Ms. Baljeet Tiwana**

Owing to all these measures, no incident of ragging has been reported in the college in the academic session 2019-20.