Report of Anti-ragging Cell (2023-24)



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Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh is committed wholly to maintain a Ragging-free and secure environment for its students. Therefore, it 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, the college takes all relevant steps to curb, prevent and eliminate the menace of ragging.

Significant steps taken during the session in this direction include:

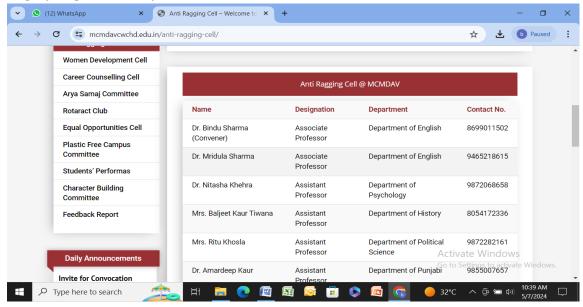
Existence of Anti-ragging Cell:

The Anti-ragging Cell/Committee of the college was expanded to control and prevent the incidents of ragging in the college, if any. It includes the following members:

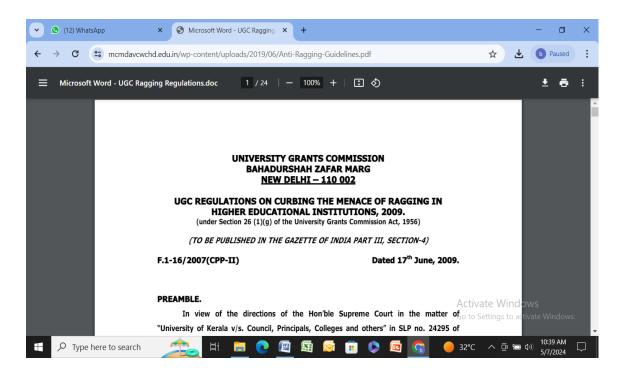
- Dr. Bindu Sharma (Convener)
- Dr. Mridula Sharma
- Dr. Nitasha Khehra
- Mrs. Baljeet Kaur Tiwana
- Dr. Ritu Khosla
- Dr. Amardeep Kaur
- Dr. Swati Sidana
- Dr. Pallvi Dhingra
- Dr. Purnima Bhandari
- Ms. Nancy Garg (Nodal Officer)

Information on Institutional Website:

• The names and phone numbers of the members of the Anti-ragging Cell are displayed prominently on the institutional website.



• The statutory warning, UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in the Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 (dated: 17 June 2009) is also available on the college website for the benefit of the students and their parents.



• A sample of the Anti-ragging Undertaking to be submitted by every student at the time of online admission to the college was displayed prominently on the College Website as well.

Display of Names and Phone Numbers in the Campus:

The names and phone numbers of the members of the Anti-Ragging Cell as well as the Nodal Officer are displayed prominently on hoardings installed at important places in the college to enable students to approach them for help promptly.

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

Installation of CCTV Cameras:

CCTV Cameras are 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 serves to maintain a round-the-clock vigilance on any kind of unlawful activity by the students and ensure their safety.

Anti-ragging Undertaking

As per the instructions of the government, Anti-ragging Undertaking was 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.

Students were also asked to fill Online Anti-Ragging Undertaking at the National Portal of UGC and GOI (www.amanmovement.org) while filling up the online admission form of the college.

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

Address by the Principal:

Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava addressed the new comers after the ceremonial Havan in the College to initiate the auspicious beginning of the Academic Session 2023-24 on July 24, 2023, and apprised them of the rules against Ragging. She urged them to report any such case, if at all and also encouraged them to maintain a secure and fear-free atmosphere in the campus.

Introduction of freshers with the Committee & Rules against Ragging:

During the Induction/Orientation Programme held in the college on 29 September, 2023, 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 through creative posters, innovative songs and meaningful skits presented online.

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

Awareness during the Mentorship Programme:

Special Mentorship Sessions were conducted to sensitize the students of all classes and streams about both, the Institutional Code of Conduct and the Rules laid down by the UGC to curb Ragging in the institutions of higher learning. All the Mentors spread awareness about this menace during these sessions held on 19 September, 2023.

Events to Promote Awareness:

- 1. A letter in the form of an e-mail was sent to the parents of all the students of Semester II and Semester IV seeking admission to Semester III and IV before the beginning of the session to sensitize them both regarding the evil of ragging.
- 2. Anti-Ragging Posters prescribed by the UGC as well as those made by the students were displayed at prominent places in the Campus, hostel and Students' Common Room to sensitize the students against the evil of Ragging.



Posters warning against Ragging on display at various spots in the College



Award winning Posters warning against Ragging on display in the Common Room

Slogan Writing Contest:

The Anti-Ragging Cell, under the aegis of the IQAC, organized an Inter-class Slogan Writing Competition on the theme of 'Curbing the Menace of Ragging' on 22 March 2024. A total of 110 entries were received from students of all class and streams. The students wrote very relevant, interesting and innovative slogans in favour of maintain ragging free and secure learning environment in the college.

The entries were judged by a panel of judges including Dr. Vibha Sharma, Head of the Department of Public Administration and Chief Co-ordinator IQAC; Dr. Mini Grewal, Head,

Department of History and Dr. Sukhpreet Bhatia, Associate Professor, Department of English.

Vrinda of B.Sc. (Computer Science) won the first prize while Navjot Kaur of B.A.-I got the second and Gauri Thakur of BA III bagged the third prize. The Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava gave away cash awards worth Rs. 1200/-, Rs. 1000/- and Rs.800/- to the prize winners.



Prize winners of Slogan Writing Contest being felicitated by Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava



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