

REPORT ANTI RAGGING CELL

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Introduction

Ragging is a practice similar to hazing in educational institutions. Ragging involves existing students baiting or bullying new students. This phenomenon is similar to Fraternities and sororities in North America. It often takes a malignant form wherein the newcomers may be subjected to psychological or physical torture. Ragging has ruined countless innocent lives and careers. In order to eradicate it, Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 887 of 2009, passed the judgement wherein guidelines were issued for setting up of a Central Crisis Hotline and Anti-Ragging database. In accordance with UGC guidelines each educational institution is directed to set up an anti-ragging cell.

Objectives

To prohibit any conduct by any student or students whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness a fresher or any other student, or indulging in rowdy or in-disciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student or asking any student to do any act which such student will not in the ordinary course do and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame, or torment or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of such fresher or any other student, with or without an intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or any other student; and thereby, to eliminate ragging in all its forms from universities, deemed universities and other higher educational institutions in the country by prohibiting it under these Regulations, preventing its occurrence and punishing those who indulge in ragging as provided for in these Regulations and the appropriate law in force.

Anti Ragging Cell

- Ragging in all its forms is totally banned in MES College including its departments, constituent units, all its premises (academic, residential, sports, cafeteria, etc.) whether located within the campus or outside and in all means of transportation of students whether public or private.
- The College shall take strict action including but not limited to criminal proceeding and/or cancellation of admission against those found guilty of ragging and/or of abetting ragging and the burden of proof shall hereby lie on the perpetrator of alleged ragging and not on the victim.
- An offence of Ragging may be charged either on a written complaint by the affected or on independent finding of the Anti-Ragging cell.
- With the onset of every academic year the committee gives orientation lectures to students of the college to make them aware about the anti-ragging laws, consequences of ragging etc.

FUNCTIONS OF ANTI RAGGING CELL

- Ensures that at faculty members will be present at any particular time at all the locations in leisure time to avoid ragging activities.

- Takes precautions to avoid ragging activities.
- Canvases about anti-ragging in the forms of Notice, Posters and Boards in college premises and surrounding areas where there is a chance of ragging.
- Arranges counseling and guidance programs arranged for the fresher's and parents regarding ragging
- Takes affidavits from the students regarding Ragging during the Admission.
- Provides helpline details inside and outside college premises.

Activity

- Conducted awareness program to senior students (Second and Third year) classes.
- Counselling classes were given to students of second & third year.
- Conducted awareness program to girl hostel inmates at hostel.
- The anti-ragging affidavit was collected from the senior students ensuring them not to involve in the ragging as per the UGC direction. (online)
- The warning messages and notices were given to the senior students by listing the punishments and disciplinary actions have to be taken against ragging. The government circular about the ragging punishments was circulated to them also.
- 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 admission to the college.
- Placed various anti ragging boards and banners in the college premises.
- The college help line numbers and mobile numbers were circulated (or specified in the boards) to the first-year students that will help to make a complaint about ragging.

Outcome of the activity

The functions of Anti-Ragging cell will be to keep a vigil and stop the incidences of Ragging, if any, happening / reported in the places of Student aggregation including Classrooms, Canteens, Buses, Grounds, Hostels etc. The members will also educate the students at large by adopting various means about the menace of Ragging and related Punishments. No incident or case of ragging has been reported so far.

