Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) Dental College and Hospital, Navi Mumbai

COLLEGE POLICY ON PREVENTING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN COLLEGE AND ITS CAMPUS.

The college strictly follows the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, given by the UGC in 2009 and as amended till date.

Objectives:

- 1. 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.
- 2. To prohibit indulging in rowdy or undisciplined 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.
- 3. To prohibit, forcing any student to do any act which a 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.

Steps taken by the college to prevent ragging:

- 1. Public declaration of intent by the institution, in form of posters to students expressing that ragging is totally prohibited in the institution, and anyone found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging, whether actively or passively, or being a part of a conspiracy to promote ragging, is liable to be punished.
- 2. Formation of Anti Ragging Committee and squads for surprise visit. Surprise checks are done in the hostels canteens, cafeteria etc. (where students conglomerate for such activities).
- 3. Phone numbers of authorities to be contacted is made available to the freshers on posters and in welcome leaflet.
- 4. Free access to phones is permitted to the freshers for timely reporting of any incident of ragging.
- 5. Counseling of seniors, teaching and non-teaching staff for sensitization against ragging.
- 6. Conduction of orientation courses and counseling of freshers, encouraging them to report any incident of ragging.
- 7. Distribution of brochure/instruction booklet regarding anti-ragging regulations.
- 8. Organization of cultural, sports and other activities to provide a platform for the freshers and seniors to interact in the presence of faculty member.
- 9. Faculty members are allotted as mentors to freshers, to ascertain their problems and extend help to overcome the same.
- 10. Signing of Anti-Ragging Undertaking by students and parents at the time of admission.
- 11. For the betterment and support of students regular interactions are held with students by Student Welfare Committee & Psychologist.
- 12. CCTV cameras are present at all vital points of the, including the lecture halls.

ANTI-RAGGING COMMITTEE

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Actions which can be taken against students for indulging and abetting ragging

- 1. The Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution will take an appropriate decision, with regard to punishment or otherwise, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging and nature and gravity of the incident of ragging.
- 2. Depending upon the nature and gravity of the offence as established, the institution level punishment can be any one or any combination of the following:-
 - (i) Cancellation of admission
 - (ii) Suspension from attending classes
 - (iii) Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits
 - (iv) Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process
 - (v) Withholding results
 - (vii) Suspension/expulsion from the hostel
 - (viii) Rustication from the institution for period ranging from 1 to 4 semesters
 - (ix) Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution.
 - (x) Collective punishment: when the persons committing or abetting the crime of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment as a deterrent to ensure community pressure on the potential raggers.
- 3. A First Information Report (FIR) can also be filed with the local police authorities.



Principal, Dr. V. Sreenivasan, sensitizing and counselling students on Anti-Ragging



Anti-Ragging Co-ordinator, Dr. Prakash Talreja, sensitizing and counselling students on Anti-Ragging



Anti-Ragging workshop by DCI Member, Dr. Darshan Dakshindas



Talk on Anti-Ragging by Clinical Psychologist, Ms. Jai Bapat



Talk on Anti-Ragging by Police Inspector, Mr. Haresh Kalsekar