DAPMRV DENTAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL, BANGALORE

INFORMATION BOOKLET ON RAGGING

ANTI RAGGING AND PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMMITTEE

What constitutes Ragging

Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts:

- a. 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;
- b. indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student;
- c. 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;
- d. any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher;
- e. exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- f. any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students;
- g. any act of physical abuse including all variants of it: sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person;
- h. any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, posts, public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to fresher or any other student;
- i. any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of a 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.

Measures to prevent ragging

- 1. Anti ragging affidavits should be signed by the students and parent/guardian of the applicant to the effect that he/she is also aware of the law in this regard and agrees to abide by the punishment meted out to his/her ward in case the latter is found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging.
- 2. Prominent posters to be displayed highlighting that the institution has no tolerance towards ragging and strict action will be taken against students indulging in the act of ragging
- 3. Each batch of freshers should be divided into small groups and each such group shall be assigned to a member of staff. Such staff member should interact individually with each member of the group on daily basis to ascertain the problems/difficulties, if any faced by the freshers in the Institution and extend necessary help.
- 4. Surprise visits to the hostel, library, canteen and common rooms to ensure ragging is not taking place.
- 5. Assistance of counselors (faculty members) as and when required.
- 6. Information detailing whom the student has to turn to for help and guidance (including telephone numbers of the Head of the institution, members of the anti–ragging committee and wardens)
- 7. Information will also be provided to the freshers clearly instructing them that they should desist from doing anything against their will even if ordered by the seniors, and that they have nothing to fear as the institution cares for them and shall not tolerate any atrocities against them.
- 8. Mobile Phones and other communication devices to be permitted in hostels to provide access to the students particularly freshers, to reach out for help from teachers, parents and Institution authorities.

A student indulging in ragging can be:

- 1. Expelled from the institution
- 2. Banned from the hostel
- 3. His/her scholarship can be cancelled
- 4. Debarred from examinations
- 5. Prosecuted for criminal action
- 6. An FIR can be filed against those who rag/abet ragging

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