To

The Principal/Head
all Dental Colleges in the country

Sub: Curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions — Reg.

Sir,

I am directed to say that Prof. Dr. Jaspal S. Sandhu, Secretary, University Grants Commission, (Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India) New Delhi vide his D.O.No. F.1-15/2009(ARC)pt-III dated 14.10.2016 (copy enclosed) has suggested to step up anti-ragging mechanism by way of adequate publicity through various mediums; Constitution of anti-ragging committee and anti ragging squad, setting up of Anti Ragging Cell, installing CCTV cameras at vital points, Anti Ragging workshops, updating all websites with nodal officers complete details, alarm bells etc. Regular interaction and counseling with the students, Identification of trouble-triggers, mention of anti-ragging warning in the institution’s prospectus and information booklets/brochures shall be ensured. Surprise inspection of hostels, students accommodation, canteens, rest cum recreational rooms, toilets, bus-stands and any other measure which would augur well in preventing/preventing ragging and any uncalled for behavior/incident shall be undertaken.

2. Students in distress due to ragging related incidents can call the National Anti-ragging Helpline 1800-180-5522 (24x7 Toll Free) or e-mail the Anti-ragging Helpline at helpline@antiragging.in. For any other information regarding ragging, please visit the UGC website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in & www.antiragging.in. The students may also contact the ragging cell of the Dental Council of India on phone No. 011-23238542 and E-mail antiraggingcell@dciindia.org for ragging complaints.

3. It is requested to hold the workshops, seminar on eradication of ragging in higher educational institutions who may be requested to display Anti Ragging posters at all prominent places like Admission Centre, Departments, Library, Canteen, Hostel, Common facilities etc. the size of posters should be 8x6 feet.

4. You are also requested to get themselves accredited by NAAC/NBA and submit the compliance report and implement the special Drive on Anti-Ragging prevention.

5. You are requested to submit online compliance on the above matter/suggestions of Anti-Ragging at www.antiragging.in under intimation to DCI.

6. This may kindly be treated as Most Urgent.

Yours Faithfully,

(Dr. Sabyasachi Saha)
Secretary
Dental Council of India

Copy for information:-

1. The Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, (Deptt. of Health – DE Section), Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi – 110 011.


3. Prof. Dr. Jaspal S. Sandhu, Secretary, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi – 110 002

4. Dr. Pankaj Mittal, Additional Secretary, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi – 110 002

5. Dr. Archana Thakur, Joint Secretary, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi – 110 002

6. Prof. S. K. Katharia, Prof. & Head, Deptt. of Dental Surgery, S. N. Medical College, Agra (UP).

7. The President, Dental Council of India, New Delhi
D.O. No. F. 1-15/2009(ARC) pt-III

Sub: Curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions. 14 OCT 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

In pursuance to the Judgment of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India dated 8.5.2009 in Civil Appeal No. 887/2009, the UGC notified “Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009”. The Regulations are available on the UGC website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in.

These regulations are mandatory and if any institution fails to take adequate steps to prevent ragging or does not act in accordance with these Regulations or fails to punish perpetrators of incidents of ragging suitably, it will attract punitive action against itself by the UGC.

You are advised to request the institutions under your ambit to step up anti-ragging mechanism by way of adequate publicity through various mediums; constitution of anti-ragging committee and anti ragging squad, setting up of Anti Ragging Cell, installing CCTV cameras at vital points, Anti-Ragging workshops, updating all websites with nodal officers complete details, alarm bells etc. Regular interaction and counseling with the students, identification of trouble-triggers, mention of Anti-ragging warning in the institution’s prospectus and information booklets/brochures shall be ensured. Surprise inspection of hostels, students accommodation, canteens, rest cum recreational rooms, toilets, bus-stands and any other measure which would augur well in preventing/quelling ragging and any uncalled for behavior/incident shall be undertaken.

Students in distress due to ragging related incidents can call the National Anti-ragging Helpline 1800-180-5522 (24x7 Toll Free) or e-mail the Anti-Ragging Helpline at helpline@antiragging.in. For any other information regarding ragging, please visit the UGC website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in & www.antiragging.in and contact UGC monitoring agency i.e. AmanSatyaKachroo Trust on following No. 09871170303, 09818400116 (only in case of emergency).

You are requested to hold the workshops, seminar on eradication of ragging in higher educational institutions who may be requested to display Anti Ragging posters at all prominent places like Admission Centre, Departments, Library, Canteen, Hostel, Common facilities etc. The size of posters should be 8X6 feet.

The institutions under your ambit may be requested to get themselves accredited by NAAC/NBA and submit the compliance report and implement the special Drive on anti-Ragging prevention programme.

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Regulatory Authorities are requested to immediately instruct all the institutions under their purview to submit online compliance of anti-ragging Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions, 2009 at www.antirragging.in

In compliance of the 2nd Amendment in UGC Regulations, institutions may be requested to make it compulsory for each student and every parent to submit an online undertaking every academic year at www.antirragging.in & www.amanmovement.org

The 3rd Amendment in UGC Regulations on 29th June, 2016 expanding the definition of ragging by including the following:-

"(j) Any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (fresher or otherwise) on the ground of colour, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional origins, linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background”.

This may also be brought to the notice of the institutions under your preview.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Jaspal S. Sandhu)

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