

# **“Zero Tolerance to Ragging in Our Campus”**

## **Anti-Ragging Awareness Programme 2019-2020.**

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Government Dental College Alappuzha has zero tolerance for ragging and is proud to state that the institution is ragging free. Students are informed to follow the act and ensure a ragging free campus.

To ensure compliance as per the UGC Regulations on curbing menace of ragging in higher educational institutions, 2009, the Anti-ragging Committee is constituted and headed by the Principal, and comprises of representatives as prescribed by the DCI Regulations, including civil and police administration, local media, Non-Government Organizations involved in youth activities and representatives from the institute.

The committee will ensure compliance with the provisions of the Anti ragging regulations; monitor and oversee the performance of the Anti-Ragging Squad in prevention of ragging in the institution.

### **Anti-Ragging Policy**

Government/University Grants Commission (UGC), guidelines notified vide no.F.1-16/2009 (CPP-II) dated 21-10-2009 on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 (Under Section 26(1) (g) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956) are strictly implemented in GDCA.

According to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts which may cause or is likely to cause physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or a junior student:

- 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.
- Indulging in rowdy or indiscipline 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.
- 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.
- Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher.
- Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students.
- Any act of physical abuse including all variants of it: sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, and stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person.
- Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, post, 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.
- 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**

- Students and parents submit anti ragging related affidavits/undertaking to the institutions at the time of admission.
- Awareness programs are conducted and Anti ragging act is read out in the class during the induction and orientation programs for fresher and senior students.

- Anti-Ragging regulations are displayed in the prominent places in the campus and hostels and on the Institute's website.
- Anti-Ragging Committee is constituted to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Regulations as well as the provisions of any law for the time being in force concerning ragging; It will also to nominate, monitor and oversee the performance of the Anti-Ragging Squad in prevention of ragging in the institution.
- Anti-Ragging Squad will be called upon to make surprise raids on hostels, and other places vulnerable to incidents of, and having the potential of, ragging and shall be empowered to inspect such places.
- Anti-Ragging Squad is empowered to conduct an on-the-spot enquiry into any incident of ragging referred to it by the Head of the institution or any concerned complainant and the enquiry report along with recommendations shall be submitted to the Anti-Ragging Committee for action.

### **Punishments**

Depending upon the nature and gravity of the offence as established, the possible punishments as per AICTE / UGC Section 9 for those found guilty of ragging at the institution level, shall be any one or any combination of the following:

1. File a complaint with the Police Authority
2. Suspension from college / hostels
3. Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits.
4. Debarring from appearing in any test/examination/placement or other evaluation process.
5. Withholding results / Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
6. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution.
7. Fine ranging between Rs. 25,000/- and Rs. 1,00,000/-
8. Imprisonment.

***Students are encouraged to report any ragging act witnessed or experienced by them to any faculty member/ anti-ragging committee or squad/ Students grievance redressal committee/any staff member with whom the student may feel comfortable. The Institute will ensure confidentiality of such a disclosure by the student.***

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Anti-Ragging Committee and Anti Ragging Squad for the Year 2019-2020, formed under the Chairmanship of Principal Dr. Sheela Sreedharan as the Proceedings of the Principal Order No. B/2474/2019/GDCA Dated, 18/07/2019

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**1. Anti-Ragging Committee.**

Head of the Committee	Dr.Sheela Sreedharan	Principal, Government Dental College, Alappuzha, Phone: 0477-2280501
Civil Administration	Smt.Afthath	Panchayath President. Phone:9656500920
Police Administration	Sri. Rajan Babu	Sub Inspector of Police, Vandanam, Phone: 9497980289
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Parent	PTA Vice President	Irshad K.J, Phone:- 9995443300
Student	Lins mon Roy	Student Representative, Phone: 8589879564
Non Teaching Staff	Sri.Manoj.E	Administrative Assistant, Government Dental College, Alappuzha, Phone: 9446462988

## **2. Anti – ragging squad members:-**

Head of the Squad	Dr. Prasanth.V	Associate Professor, Prosthodontics, Government Dental College, Alappuzha, Phone: 9846909058
Warden – Boys Hostel	Dr. D. Venugopal	Additional Professor, Pulmonary Medicine T.D.Medical College Hospital, Alappuzha, Phone: 9447761987.
Warden – Girls Hostel	Dr. Dalia	Associate Professor, Ophthalmology T.D.Medical College Hospital, Alappuzha, Phone: 9447142877
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	Dr. Asish.R	Associate Professor, Oral Medicine & Radiology, Government Dental College, Alappuzha, Phone: 9539121063

## **3. Activities**

- The first meeting of the Anti Ragging Committee was conducted with all the members and the class representatives on 24-07-2019. Agenda of the Meeting was to discuss the measures to be taken to prevent ragging in the institution and enforce protocols, steps to safe guard the students of 2019 admission. It was reinforced to collect anti ragging related affidavits/undertaking from the students and parents at the time of admission.
- The first “Zero Tolerance to Ragging in Our Campus” Awareness program for Senior Students was organized on the legal consequences of ragging and misconduct. **Sri. Rajan Babu, SI of Punnapara Police Station**, addressed the senior and Junior Students on 25<sup>th</sup>

September 2019 with respect to Ragging, its repercussions, rights of victims of ragging and the duties of Educational Institutions and that Ragging was a nonbailable offence.

- “Orientation Day” for Ist year BDS Students was held on 26-09-2019.
- The second “Zero Tolerance to Ragging in Our Campus” Awareness program as a workshop was organized on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019 regarding awareness about the ills of ragging amongst the Students and members of the Anti ragging Committee /Squad **by Dr. Binu Purushottaman, a member of the Dental Council of the India from Kerala.**
- Senior Staff Members were given the charge as “Anti Ragging Squad” which has helped us to ensure students safety and welfare in the Hostel, Campus and the Surrounding areas.
- Anti Ragging Committee and the squad made sufficient Visits to both the boys and girls hostels at any given time .
- A separate “early mess” arrangements were made for the newly joined students in both the Hostels.
- Posters , Rules and regulations of Anti ragging are put up in and around the College area like Notice Board, Departments, Common room, Canteen, Library and Hostels etc to generate awareness amongst Students on Anti-Ragging.