

Anti-Ragging Day Celebration 2025

Date: 12th August, 2025

Time: 01:30-02:15

Venue: Shri B M Shah College of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Modasa.

1. Introduction

An anti-ragging awareness meeting was conducted by Shri B M Shah College of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Modasa to educate students, faculty, and staff about the menace of ragging and the measures in place to prevent it within the institution and on campus.

2. Objectives

The primary objectives of the awareness program were:

- To create a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment where every student feels secure and thrives without fear or harassment.
- To raise awareness about the serious psychological, emotional, and academic consequences of ragging for both victims and perpetrators.
- To educate students about the legal and disciplinary consequences of ragging under relevant laws and institutional regulations, including expulsion, suspension, or criminal charges.
- To inform students and staff about the reporting mechanisms and support systems available for victims or witnesses of ragging, such as helplines, counseling services, and anti-ragging committees and squads.
- To foster a culture of mutual respect, empathy, and unity among students, seniors, and juniors, encouraging positive interactions and mentoring relationships.

3. Participants

Students who live in hostels, teaching and non-teaching staff were participated. Dr Amit K Joshi had delivered an informative speech regarding perspective and objectives of Anti-ragging committee, and made them aware about complaints and consequences of ragging.

4. Key Topics Discussed

The meeting covered the following key topics:

- **Definition of Ragging:** Clearly defining ragging as any act that causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, or psychological harm, including physical, verbal, and psychological harassment.
- **Forms of Ragging:** Discussing various types of ragging such as physical, verbal, psychological, sexual harassment, academic ragging, and financial exploitation.
- **Legal Framework Against Ragging:** Highlighting UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in higher education institutions and anti-ragging laws, including the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and state-specific legislation.
- **Consequences of Ragging:** Explaining the severe consequences for students involved in ragging, including expulsion, rustication, academic penalties, financial fines, and possible imprisonment.
- **Role of Educational Institutions and Anti-Ragging Bodies:** Emphasizing the importance of a zero-tolerance policy against ragging, the roles of Anti-Ragging Committees and Anti-Ragging Squads, and the importance of implementing preventive measures like awareness programs and complaint boxes.
- **Reporting Mechanisms and Support Systems:** Informing attendees about the National **Anti-Ragging Helpline (1800-180-5522)**, and the institution's anti-ragging cell for reporting incidents.
- **Promoting a Positive Environment:** Discussing strategies to build a culture of positive senior-junior relationships and mutual respect through mentorship programs, cultural exchanges, and other initiatives.
- **Student Responsibility:** Encouraging students to take a stand against ragging, report incidents, and are vigilant and supportive of new students.

5. Activities and Initiatives

Activities included interactive discussions, presentations, and the use of case studies or testimonials to illustrate the impact of ragging. Videos and posters were utilized to raise awareness and display anti-ragging rules. Information was provided on legal provisions and institutional mechanisms, emphasizing timely reporting and intervention. Strategies for creating a positive campus culture were shared, and an anonymous survey was conducted to assess awareness and gather feedback.

6. Challenges in Combating Ragging

Challenges discussed included a lack of awareness, fear of reporting by victims, ineffective implementation of policies, and the cultural perception of ragging as a tradition.

7. Recommendations and Way Forward

Recommendations focused on continuing awareness sessions, collaborating with stakeholders, strengthening legal and institutional frameworks, implementing technology for monitoring and reporting, conducting mandatory workshops and mentorship programs, improving helpline and online portal accessibility, and encouraging community involvement.

8. Conclusion

The meeting reinforced that ragging is a punishable offense and highlighted the importance of mutual respect and empathy for a positive academic and social environment. The institution is committed to eradicating ragging and creating a safe and inclusive environment.





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