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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM,
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHER EDUCATION, ASSAM,
KAHILIPARA, GUWAHATI-19

ECF No. 460977

From :- Ms. Pomi Baruah, ACS
Director of Higher Education, Assam,
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

To,

1. The Registrar (all)
Universities of the State
2. The Principal, (all)
Provincialised/PDUAM/Govt. Model colleges of Assam.

Sub :- **Regarding prevent of Ragging in Higher
Educational Institutions.**

Ref :- **Govt. Ecf No. 427264/24 dated 28/02/2024**

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I would like to forward herewith copy of Govt. letter alongwith enclosures in connection with the 22nd Meeting of Anti Ragging Committee for monitoring measures to prevent ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, which is self explanatory and to request you for compliance of the Government directions for prevention of ragging in your esteemed institution.

This is for favour of information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by

Pomi Baruah

Date: 29-05-2024 18:54:17

Director of Higher Education, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati 19

Memo No. ECF No. 460977-A

Copy to :

1. The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Higher Education Department, Dispur,
Guwahati-06 for favour of kind information.

(e-signed)

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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
DISPUR:GUWAHATI-6

Ecf.No.427264/24

Dated Dispur, the 28th February, 2024

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From : Shri Nayan Kr.Pathak, ACS
 Joint Secretary to the Govt.of Assam
 Higher Education Department.

To : 1. The Director of Higher Education, Assam
 Kahilipara, Guwahati-19
 2. The Director of Technical Education, Assam
 Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

Sub : Regarding 22nd Meeting of Anti-Ragging Committee for monitoring measures to prevent ragging in higher educational institute.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the subject cited above I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of Minutes of Meeting dated 19/01/2024 held under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal (Dr) Ajit S. Bhonsle (Rtd), along with it's enclosures as received from Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education, which is self-explanatory, and request you to examine the matter and take necessary action as per rule .

(Encls:As stated).

Yours faithfully

Signed by
 Nayan Kumar Pathak

Date: 28-02-2024 11:02:38
 Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
 Higher Education Department

Memo Ecf. No. 427264/24-A

Dated Dispur, the 28th February, 2024Copy to:

P.S to Secretary to the Govt of .Assam ,Higher Education Department, Dispur, Ghy-06.

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By order

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Joint Secretary to the Govt.of Assam
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PABAN KUMAR BORTHAKUR, IAS

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Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of Anti-Ragging Committee for monitoring measures to prevent ragging in higher educational institutions held under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal (Dr) Ajit S. Bhonsle (Retd.) on 19th January, 2024 (Friday) at 10.00 AM in UGC Main Office, New Delhi .

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F.No.16-2/2023-U.5 (Part-1)
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education

Room No.535-C, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi, dated the 20th February, 2024

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Encl.: As above.

Sd/-
(Ramesh Kumar Sharma)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

To,

1. All Members of the Anti-ragging Monitoring Committee
2. All Regulatory Bodies including UGC
3. Chief Secretaries of all States/ UTs
4. Joint Secretaries of Ministries dealing with Higher Education
5. Anti-Ragging Cell, UGC, New Delhi.
6. JS (HE)

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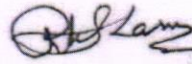
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Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of Anti Ragging Committee for monitoring measures to prevent ragging in Higher Educational Institutions under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal (Dr.) Ajit S. Bhonsle (Retd.), AVSM, VSM held on 19th January, 2024 from 10 AM to 02 PM at UGC Main Office, New Delhi.

The meeting of Anti-Ragging Committee for monitoring measures to prevent ragging in Higher Educational Institutions under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal (Dr.) Ajit S. Bhonsle (Retd.), AVSM, VSM was held on 19th January 2024 at 10 AM in UGC Main Office, New Delhi.

The following Committee members attended the meeting: -

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| 1. Air Marshal (Dr.) Ajit S. Bhonsle
(Retd.), AVSM, VSM, | - | Chairman |
| 2. Shri Varadan Chandar
20/52, V.P. Sannidhi Street, Kanchipuram | - | Member |
| 3. Dr. Sarvesh Tandon
Professor, Forensic Medicine,
Vardhman Mahavir Medical College,
Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi | - | Member |
| 4. Prof. Hardeep Kaur
Officiating Principal, Ramjas College | - | Member |
| 5. Prof. Santanu Misra
Representative of Director, IIT Kanpur | - | Member |
| 6. Smt. Rina Sonowal
Joint Secretary, DoHE, MoE | - | Convener |

In addition, the following officers also attended the meeting.

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| 1. Prof. Manish R. Joshi
Secretary, UGC | - | UGC |
| 2. Col. Vipin Kaushal, SM
Joint Secretary, Anti Ragging Cell | - | UGC |
| 3. Prof. S.K. Katharia
Prof. & Head, Dental Council of India | - | DCI |

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| 4. Shri B. Jyothi,
Deputy Secretary, India Nursing Council | - | INC |
| 5. Shri B.K. Singh
Director, MoE | - | MoE |
| 6. Shri Abhinav Yadav
Section Officer (IIM) | - | MoE |
| 7. Shri Nilesh Chandra Srivastava
Under Secretary, IIT | - | MoE |
| 8. Shri Vikas Tripathi,
Under Secretary, (NIT) | - | MoE |
| 9. Shri Ajay Kumar Joshi
Under Secretary, | - | UGC |
| 10. Shri Sushil Kumar
Section Officer | - | UGC |
| 11. Shri Sanjay Negi
Associate Manager
Centre for Youth (C4Y) | - | Anti Ragging Monitoring Agency |
| 12. Shri Deepak Goyal
Managing Director
ADC Electrosoft Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi | - | Anti Ragging Helpline |

Representatives from **National Medical Commission, Bar Council of India Pharmacy Council of India, Sports Authority of India, Indian Council of Agriculture & Research and Indian Nursing Council** did not attend the meeting.

JS (ARC) started the meeting by requesting all the members of the committee to introduce themselves.

The meeting commenced with a welcome note by the Chairman Air Marshal (Dr.) Ajit S. Bhonsle to all the committee members. Chairman wished a Happy New Year to all the Members of the Committee. He thanked all the representatives of the Regulatory bodies and other staff for participating and ARC for organizing this meeting. He showed a newspaper cutting wherein a report was published that Secretary, UGC has written a very stern letter to all the VCs and Principals. He appreciated the letter and informed that the UGC Regulations should be strictly implemented and ensured. He also noticed that no representative from NMC is attending this meeting. Therefore, he requested JS (ARC) to draft a letter for NMC with copy to higher authorities i.e. MoE and UGC.

JS (ARC) addressed the members about the importance, constitution, and mandate of the committee i.e., the main attention of the committee shall be to focus on the evils of ragging, the modalities how these can be prevented and what stern action can be taken against the persons indulging in ragging. It shall also be suggested as to what action can be taken against the educational institutions where such ragging takes place and the authorities of such institutions. It shall be open to the Committee to appoint such persons, as deemed proper, to effectively deliberate on the measures to prevent anti-ragging activities at the outset.

JS (ARC) took up the agenda for discussion.

Item No. 1 Confirmation of Minutes of 21st meeting of the Anti-Ragging Monitoring Committee to prevent ragging in Higher Educational Institutions held on 03.11.2023.

The minutes of the 21st meeting were read by JS (ARC) and confirmed by the Committee.

Item No. 2 Action Taken on the minutes of the last meeting by UGC and Regulatory Bodies.

The Action Taken on the part of UGC was informed by JS (ARC) to the Committee.

Item No. 3 Discussion on the report submitted by Expert Committee in the suicide case of Shri Swapnadip Kundu at Jadavpur University (JU).

JS (ARC) shared the expert committee report on JU with the committee. Chairman appreciated the recommendations made by the committee and conveyed that JU should be made to completely comply with UGC regulations. He instructed JS (ARC) to ensure regular feedback from JU.

Item No.4 Report, Analysis and Remedies by Anti-Ragging Monitoring Agency.

The Monitoring Agency informed the committee about the number of ragging complaints and its redressal till the level of victim's/complainant's satisfaction. Monitoring Agency also showed the pictures of successful completion of training of Anti Ragging Helpline Staff.

Item No.5 Report by 24x7 Anti Ragging Helpline on the modalities for dealing with ragging complaints and difficulties faced while handling ragging complaints.

Shri Deepak Goyal, Managing Director, Anti Ragging Helpline demonstrated the working flowchart of Anti Ragging Helpline from registering complaints to its closure. He also informed about other tasks performed in Anti Ragging Helpline other than complaints like focusing on affidavits and compliance. He also informed the

committee that he will provide continuous training to all the staff of helpline.

Item No. 6 Discussion on the plan and Budget for Media Campaign.

JS (ARC) presented the overall media campaign plan and requirement of funds for the same. JS (HE) requested that the requirement of funds be projected in a phased manner. JS (ARC) requested for Rs. 1 Crore for development of three TV Commercials and radio jingles. Chairman of the committee requested JS (HE) to ensure availability of funds to UGC in a phased manner for media campaign.

Item No. 7 Points by JS(ARC), UGC.

JS (ARC) informed the committee about steps being taken by UGC for transition of IT processes from Monitoring Agency to the Call Center.

He also informed that Hon'ble Chairman UGC had constituted a committee for the development of the mobile application. Prof. Santanu Misra briefed the committee about the app and projected the fund requirement of Rs. 25 Lakhs for the same. Shri Nilesh Chandra Srivastava, US, MoE immediately agreed for the funds and asked IIT Kanpur to directly project the requirement to MoE. Chairman of the committee instructed that this app should be ready by June, 2024.

Item No. 8 Submission by Secretary, UGC.

Secretary, UGC assured the committee that all directions will be immediately implemented.

Submission by Prof. Santanu Mishra:

Prof. Santanu Mishra informed the committee that he is an alumni of Jadavpur University and the University is good but needs overhauling at administrative level.

Submission by Shri Varadan Chandar:

Shri Varadan Chandar welcomed the new initiatives by IIT Kanpur of preparation of a dedicated App for intimation regarding ragging for the benefit of the students and thanked Shri Nilesh Chandra Srivastava, US, MOE for promptly assuring all support to them for this proposal.

In addition to such efforts for prevention and control of ragging in campuses, he explained that pro-active and conscious creation of a different type of interpersonal relationship amongst the senior students and the freshers on a Mentor-Mentee basis is very important which could generate a lasting positive bondage amongst them.

He stated that all our present anti-ragging steps are more of reactive responses in an adversarial campus situation where a small but significant minority of student

community with an attitude of assumed superiority, sadism and group arrogance inflicts mentally cruel torture on their juniors to derive vicarious fun and amusing enjoyment.

Though highly resentful and internally fuming, the juniors find themselves as helpless scapegoats and reluctantly tolerate these unavoidable experiences because they are ever surrounded by the adverse gangs of aggressive and oppressive seniors around them, mostly in the hostels.

When these traumatized, aggrieved and victimized juniors become senior students in the subsequent years, they see a new opportunity to vent out their past submerged anger and fury and start behaving identically as their past seniors with redoubled vigor and take spite with a vengeance on their new juniors.

All the present sporadic extremes of unpleasantness in such student relationships can be accounted for, as a consequence of such cyclic unhealthy past behaviours amongst these sections.

In spite of all the present preventive and controlling approaches, these basic mental tendencies and attitudes of the segments of students entrapped in such a vicious and negative cyclic behaviours keep persisting year after year and are unlikely to change, unless new steps are taken to break this cyclic behaviour and create a new cycle of values and attitudes endowed with positive attributes of behaviours like mutually caring, sharing, mentoring, empathizing etc. amongst the entire student community.

Creation of such a new type of Mentor-Mentee relationships amongst the student community by a well thought out Behaviour Coaching Plan on a sustained basis as a top-down program, thus promises to be a viable and feasible solution to surmount forever this long standing and nagging problem of ragging in our campuses.

The primary requirement for commencement of such a new program could be generation of suitable contents for a Brochure meant for the faculties, deans, directors and vice chancellors of all our institutions introducing the new concept to them, convincing them persuasively about the need for such a new plan and giving them a detailed step by step action plan, they need to start taking for its implementation.

Considering the potential future impact and significance of the various positive outcomes from such new breed of students for the country trained to think and act like this, to excel not only in their studies but also in fields such as sports, community services etc. and shine brightly in their future, our Education Ministry could get involved actively in these proposals as an extended supplement of their New Education Policy initiatives.

The Ministry may consider creation of an expert committee for drafting such a new

Brochure who could consult and receive content inputs from other expert agencies such as UGC, IITs, Pedagogy experts, NCC officials, ex Armed Forces officials, NIMHANS experts etc.

Our NARMC will be very pleased if this request is heeded to and promises to extend all support and cooperation for the proposal as needed.

Closing Remarks by Air Marshal (Dr.) Ajit S. Bhonsle(Retd):

1. The chairman opines that the cultural Dadagiri can be controlled by the University authorities taking Police authorities into confidence. Local Station Officer may be advised to maintain and share the database seriously.
2. The Chairman stated that all activities of the campus need to be under CCTV surveillance as mandated at JU. Jadavpur University students are rather brilliant aspirants. In case of JU there is a need to fix the responsibility. It is the accountability of the Vice Chancellor in case of any suspicious activity happens in the Campus. This is the high time that people should come forward as whistleblowers. The Silent spectators are to be held equally responsible. The Guidelines/Regulation are strictly to be followed by the University and strict action needs to be taken in case the Universities are not following the guidelines. Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Dean everybody is answerable to the situation on ground. The Chairman of the Committee also suggested that the feedback of the students after each and every workshop/training should be taken in English, Hindi and Local language.
3. The Chairman stated that as per the UGC Anti Ragging Regulation there is provision in Supreme Court Judgment for the Collector to have a local committee including the Police. This particular provision should be put to work in all the districts.
4. The Chairman informed that the examination (NEET/IIT JEE) causes high stress over students. There is no stress management mechanism available to cope up with this. A team of good counsellor with expertise in yoga, meditation and psychology who can read stressful minds to tackle with such problematic cases need to be available. We should issue advisories to Institutes in Kota on the same. In addition, full time counsellors be employed by these institutes.
5. The Chairman directed that this Committee needs to meet three to four times a year and hence next date of physical meeting be planned on 10th of June and 10th of September. In addition, the next meeting will be an online meeting on 10th of April, 2024.
6. The Chairman directed that the Call Center should put in extra efforts in contacting the local SP & the Collector for closure of the ongoing ragging cases. He further directed that no case be closed till the victim is satisfied with

the action taken

7. The Chairman instructed that all the VC's and Principals be instructed to provide the details of ARC & ARS on the website, specially the ragging prone colleges. The next letter addressed to all the VC's should include this aspect as well
8. The Chairman opined that in case of receipt of Anonymous Complaint by the helpline, the same should be properly investigated as the benefit of doubt should always be given to the student complaining.
9. The Chairman also instructed to plan for an Anti-Ragging orientation programme at Pan-India level. The programme should focus on key aspects of Anti-Ragging Regulations.
10. The Chairman in the end informed the audience that the first report of the committee for MoE has been drafted that will be issued shortly.

The meeting concluded with JS (ARC) proposing the vote of thanks to all the members attending this meeting.
