

REPORT

Anti- Ragging measures (2020-2021 Batch)

Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences, New Delhi

Background:

College life is very important in every body's life because it not only determines the future of a person but also is a time when most students understand the realities of life. But it has been observed that students do not enjoy their campus life till the end of freshman year. However mindset of few students for introduction of fresh students is ragging. Ragging is disorderly conduct, whether by words spoken or written, or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any student, indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities which cause or are likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or a junior student and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the psyche of a fresher or a junior student. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has also highlighted the seriousness of issue. Ragging which starts as fun for one group of students may have a far reaching influences on the other group of students, family and the Institution itself. The consequences may end up in death.

Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences, New Delhi has been center for excellence in dentistry in India by imparting quality education to students coming to the institute. The institute works towards the welfare of students and at make skilled, disciplined, qualified and confident dentists. To achieve this institute has taken measure to the menace of ragging in the campus.

MEASURES TAKEN BY INSTITUTE:

As per the guidelines of the DCI, UGC and Delhi University the Institute has taken measures since its inception. The revisions are made regularly as and when required according to the guidelines. The measures which are taken for the batch 2020-2021 are mentioned below.

1) Lecture on “Antiragging” by DCI Member :

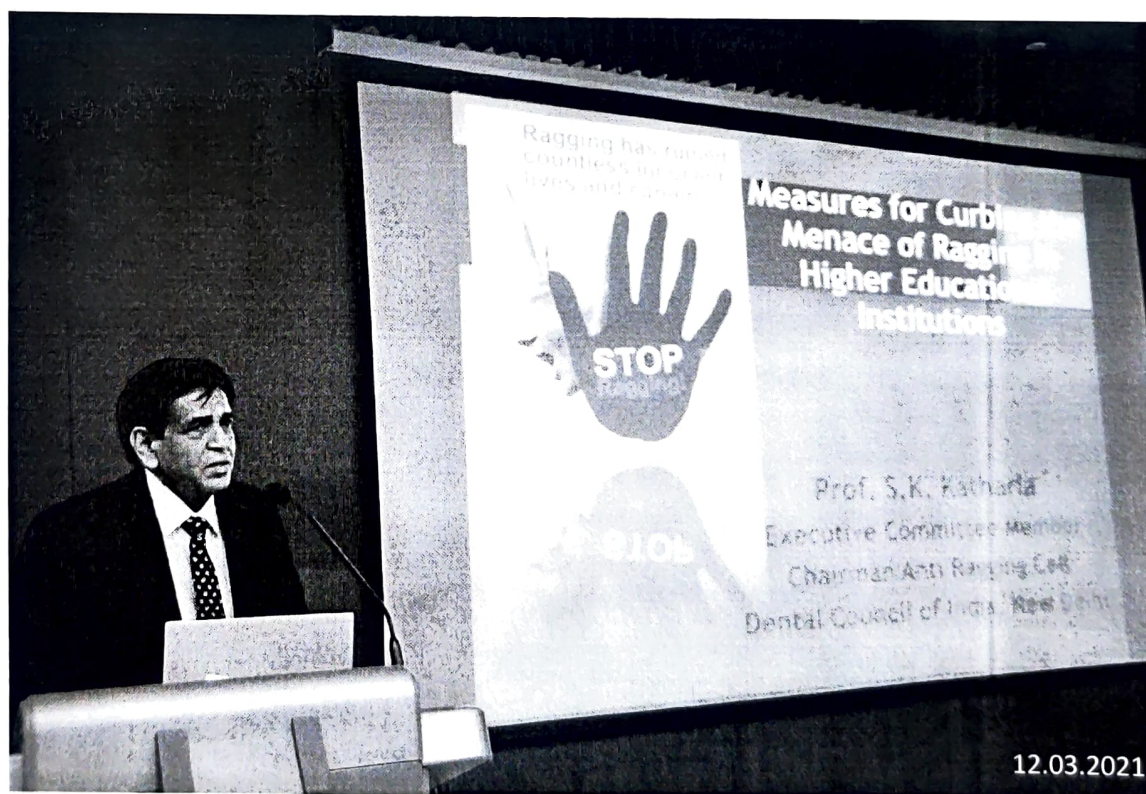
A Lecture on Antiragging was conducted by **Dr. S K Katharia, Executive Committee Member, Dental Council of India**, New Delhi ON 12th March 2021. The program started by welcoming the guest, introducing about ragging and everyone and highlighting the MAIDS initiatives for antiragging by Dr. Aswini, Chairperson, Antiragging committee, MAIDS. The floral welcome to Dr. S K Katharia was done by **Dr. Sangeeta Talwar, Director Principal and Dr. TulikaTripathi, Antiragging Squad Member, MAIDS**. The welcome address and the introduction of guest were done by the Director- Principal, MAIDS.



Felicitation By Dr. Sangeeta Talwar & Dr. TulikaTripathi



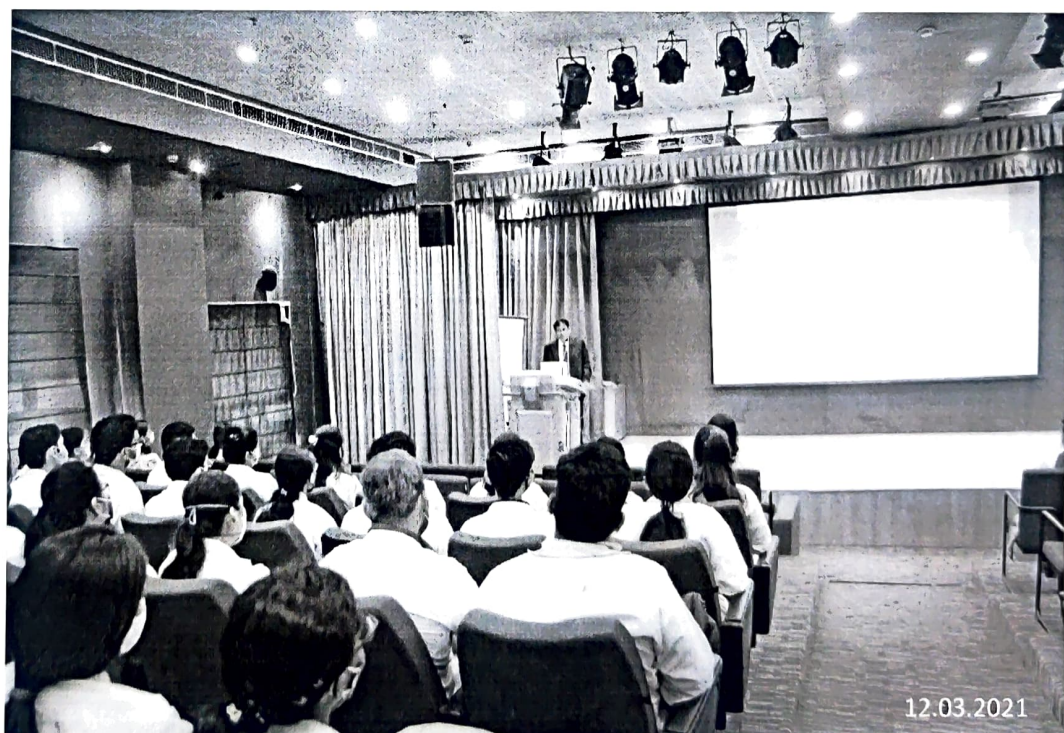
Skit by students on Anti-ragging



Lecture by Dr. Katharai on Anti-ragging



Group photograph with 1st year students



All students – 1st to 4th year, interns, externs, PG's 1st to 3rd year and antiragging committee members attended the lecture

Dr. S K Katharia highlighted the importance and gravity of this topic. The lecture also threw some lights on the extended definition of Supreme Court of India. The different forms of ragging with various humorous examples were enumerated in the lecture. The consequences of ragging with examples were very well summated and it got etched in the student's mind. The menace of ragging in hostels was highlighted and the measures to be taken were elaborated with examples of similar nature. In case of such grievances where the students have to approach and what action will be taken on offenders was elucidated.

The glimpses of measures taken up by the institute for Antiragging were showcased in the discourse. The measures were very well appreciated by the authority and Head of Departments. A video of 3 minutes on Antiragging was screened for students to show the ramifications of ragging. Students performed a skit on antiragging and discussed about the issues and perspective of freshers and seniors. The felicitation was done by Dr. Tulika Tripathi and Dr. Sunita Gupta. The oration program was ended by Vote of thanks by Dr. Sunita Gupta, Antiragging squad member, MAIDS, New Delhi.

The program was attended by the Dr. Sangeeta Talwar, faculties, Antiragging Committee Members, students of first, second, third and final year, Interns and MDS students of 1st to 3rd year. The lecture gave more insights to the Antiragging committee for future guidance. The oration was very well taken by the students and agreed on "Ragging is a sick state of mind".

2) *Orientation and lectures to the students and parents*

An online orientation program was conducted by MAIDS which is done every year for the students and parents was conducted for the present first year batch in the month on December. For academic session 2020-21, the program was conducted. The Director-Principal, the Head of Departments, Student counsellors and all the students were present. Few parents also attended the orientation program. The Director – Principal sensitized and oriented the students towards dentistry, department and student life.

Another orientation day was conducted for students along with the orientation of MBBS by MAMC as they share the common campus. The Dean of Maulana Azad Medical

College and Director-Principal, Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences, along with senior faculty members of both colleges conducted the proceedings. All the HOD's of Medical and Dental fraternity were present in the august gathering.

The Learned Dean welcomed everybody and introduced the set up and expectations from Maulanians. Then the history, infrastructure and facilities available in the campus were briefed followed by discipline and curriculum to students. The students were detailed about ragging and its effects. There was a briefing of awareness of antiragging rules and regulations in the Institute and made them aware of people whom they can approach in case of any such instances. Counseling of students and parents is done and in case of any doubts are discussed. An undertaking is signed by the parents and students that they will not indulge in ragging and if found necessary action be taken during their student life.

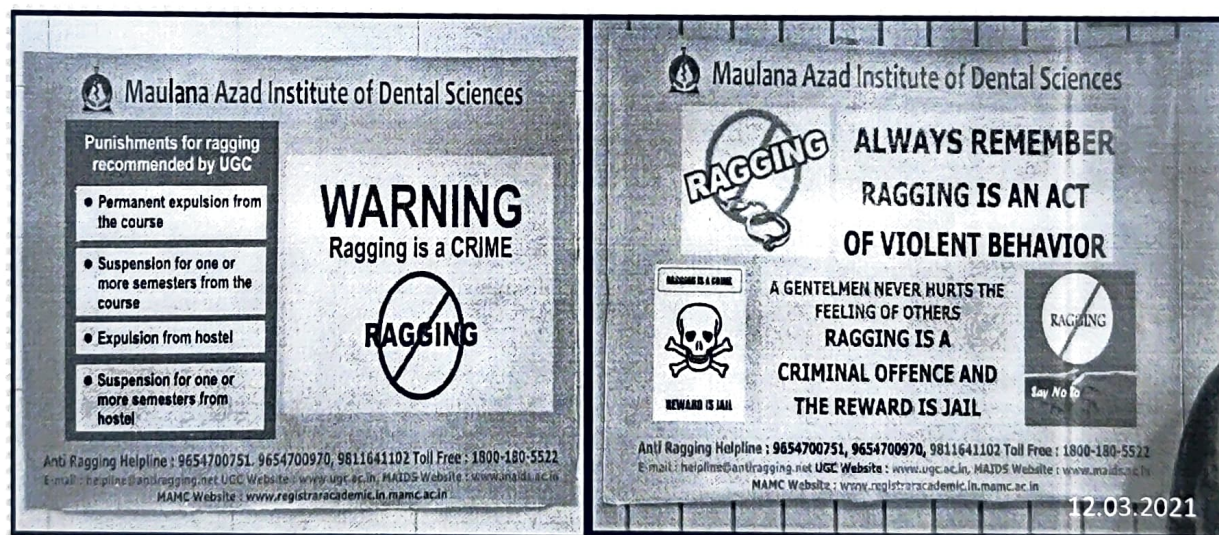
The students carried message of no ragging and first years to face it and report it if any such events are happening.

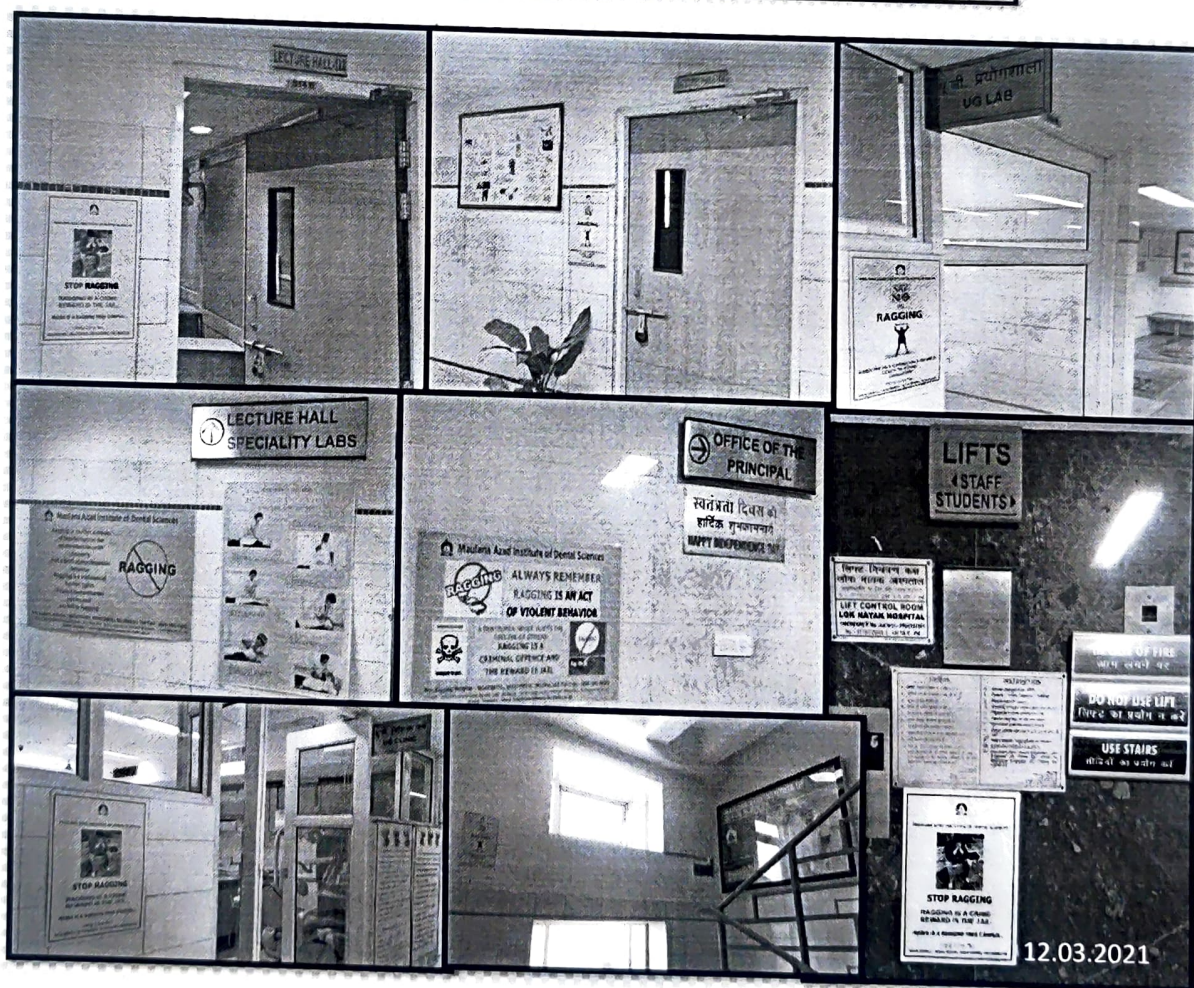
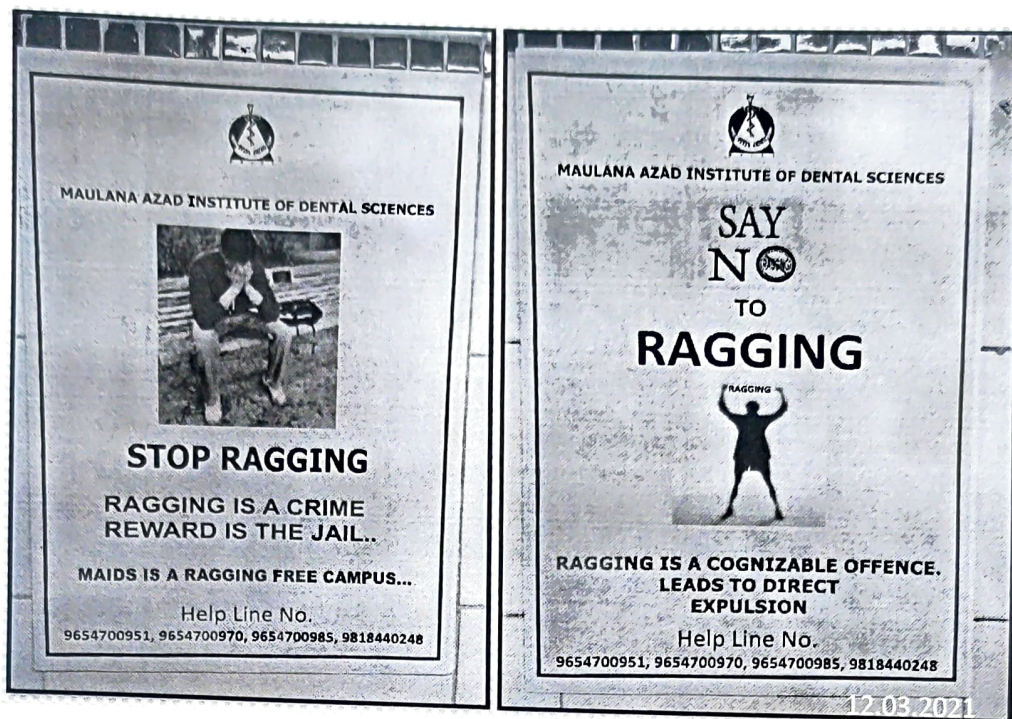
3) ***Fresher's day for the students –***

The fresher's day was cancelled due to lockdown will be held as & when the COVID-19 pandemic situation eases.

- 4) Distribution of ***antiragging booklets*** for the students along with the list of antiragging committee, monitoring committee, antiragging squad, student committee along with their numbers, helpline nos, police helpline nos as well as hostel wardens phone nos were distributed to students personally in class when the lockdown was opened during February. The book is a compendium of the rules, regulations of antiragging and warning for students.
- 5) ***IEC material for antiragging in the Institute-*** A banner of 8X6 feet has been displayed outside the college with all the helpline numbers. A total of 25 posters in different form has been put up wherever the students movements are present like the corridors, lift areas,

clinic areas, lecture halls, staircases, principal office and administrative areas. Few posters have been put in the hostels too.





6) ***Anti ragging Committee for the MAIDS students.***[List attached]

The antiragging committee was updated for 2021-22 due to voluntary retirement of Chairperson Dr. Sadhana Mate and reconstituted with the permission of the chair.

7) ***Institutional Monitoring Committee.***

Each floor (No-7) in the institution has a faculty incharge for monitoring the ragging on students.

8) ***Antiragging Squad*** – consists of 5 faculty who do surprise checks in the hostels, canteens, cafeteria etc where students conglomerate for such activities.

9) ***Students Antiragging Committee-*** The committee has 8 students both boys and girls representatives of 2nd, 3rd and 4th year final students.

10) ***Student Welfare Committee & Student Counsellor*** – For the betterment and support of students regular interactions are held with students on regular basis.

11) ***CCTV cameras*** are present at all vital points of the institute where the menace can be initiated. Every floor has a minimum of 5-6 cameras including the lecture halls and the CCTV footage is monitored by Director-Principal, MAIDS.

12) The newly admitted students are ***escorted*** to hostels and to their classes in medical college by one of the members of the antiragging committee. In the first year the classes are scheduled such a way that they end half an hour before the other year students and they are escorted out of the college by a faculty member.

13) ***Regular meetings*** are held by the Antiragging committees to appraise the situations and to steps to be taken. The plans are made for the counseling sessions for students and review the inputs received by the students. No incident of ragging has been reported as per our previous records.

- 14) Online **compliance report** has been submitted and all the needed reports of DCI, UGC and Delhi University have been complied with.
- 15) Students and parents have given **undertaking** while joining the Institute that student will not engage in ragging.
- 16) Institute Website has a separate section on Antiragging.
- 17) Report of ragging – There was one report of ragging and the culprits and well as the complainant were identified and necessary action and counselling were done with parents' involvement. The student was satisfied with the measures and withdrew the complaint after consultation with the parents.



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