

A Report on Anti-Ragging Awareness program by Shri. K. Ramesh, Circle - Inspector of Police on 05.11.2024

Venue: Auditorium, MITS

Time: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Report submitted by: Dr K. Chandra Mohan, Coordinator – Anti-Ragging Squad

Chief Guest: Shri. K. Ramesh, Circle Inspector of Police, Madanapalle Rural, Annamayya District, A.P

The program started by Dr Suresh Chimata with brief introduction of the importance of the awareness on Anti-Ragging. Dr. Suresh warmly invited all the dignitaries onto the dais and called upon Dr K. Chandramohan for the introductory message of the gathering.



Dr. K. Chandramohan emphasized that MITS, Madanapalle is Ragging free campus in addition, he shared that Institution constituted an Anti-Ragging committee (includes Principal as chairman, mandal level officers Tahsildar & Sub-Inspector of police, Media representative, Parents & Students representatives), Anti-Ragging squad, and Mentoring cell with senior professors in the college. He assured the students that all the committees are actively working for the protection of students' rights. In this connection, he mentioned that the four squad members on everyday vigil the hostels and submit the report to the Anti-Ragging Squad.

Later, Dr Thulasiram Naidu Garu was invited to address the gathering and sir conveyed and emphasized the JNTUA university laws and Supreme Court punishments, AICTE, and UGC of Anti-Ragging instructions and he stated that MITS is following all laid procedure as per JNTUA, Govt. of AP, AICTE and UGC regulations.



Dr Suresh Chimata felt elated to call upon Dr Ramanathan P, the Vice Principal Academics - MITS, Madanapalle, to insight the gathering. Sir said that Ragging is disturbing reality in the higher education system of our country. In continuation of his perspectives, he highlighted that over the years, ragging has claimed hundreds of innocent lives and has ruined careers of thousands of bright students. Finally, he concluded that no student should face any ragging incidents in our institution besides advised all the students to take care of their lives.

Dr. Suresh felt privileged to read out the profile of Chief Guest Shri. K. Ramesh, Circle Inspector of Police, Madanapalle Rural, Annamayya District, A.P and cordially invited Shri. K. Ramesh to address the students.



Shri. K. Ramesh started his speech by greeting and asking regards to the students. Sir mentioned that Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts:

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

He mentioned that ragging is a cognizable offense. The punishment for ragging can include imprisonment and/or a fine, and the severity of the punishment depends on the nature of the crime. The Supreme Court has ruled that the punishment for ragging should be harsh and exemplary to act as a deterrent. In addition to the above views, he put forward to the students, some examples of ragging-related offenses and the punishments for them.

He advised the students to be careful with WhatsApp and Social networks. He urged the girls specially to avoid taking photos with Boys/Gents which may create blackmailing or creating disturbances in the family later. He has given some examples of alleged cases which he investigated in his career.

He advised the students that they can approach Anti-Ragging cell at any time on their issues and utilize UGC toll free no. 1800 180 5522.

Shri. K. Ramesh was felicitated by the dignitaries on the dais with memento and shawl.



Dr. K. Chandramohan proposed a vote of thanks for the Chief Guest on behalf of management, dignitaries and students. He conveyed special thanks to the Management, Dignitaries, Teaching and Non-Teaching staff, students and Print & Electronic media for the support of the program.

About 500 students benefited through this awareness program.

