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REGISTRAR.

Ref: No. UCO(2)/ 66972/2017

Dated : 04 .01.2018.

To
The Dean / Principals
of all affiliated Colleges of this University

Sir/Madam,

Sub:UCO Section – The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai, –
Committee for Monitoring to Prevent Ragging – Action taken report and latest
status – Forwarded – Regarding.

Ref: Letter No.39192/MCA-2/2017, dated 13.12.2017 received from the Deputy
Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, Chennai with
copy of minutes received from the Principal Secretary to Government, Higher
Education (G1)Department, Chennai vide letter No.16663/G1/2017-1, dated
27.09.2017.

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I am to invite your kind attention to the reference cited, the copy of the minutes of the eighth meeting of the State Level Monitoring Cell to eradicate the menace of ragging in educational institutions held on 7.9.2017, which was received from the Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education (G1) Department, Chennai forwarded through the Deputy Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, Chennai has requested to send the action taken report on the decision taken during the above meeting to the Government as early as possible, for which copy is enclosed for ready reference and has also instructed to follow the decision/suggestion made by the Government as early as possible.

In view of the above, all the Deans/Principals of the institutions with affiliated to this University are instructed to timely send the Periodical Report in every quarterly and also informed that if any action taken in this regard, the action taken report should be sent to the Government immediately as well as to this University.

This may be treated as “Most Urgent”.

Yours faithfully,

M. Shanmughi 1/2
for REGISTRAR.

- Encl : As above.

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Take action immediately



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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
Letter No. 36192 / MCA-2 / 2017 - 1, Dated : 13.12.2017

From
Thiru.A. Sugavanam, M.A., B.L.,
Deputy Secretary to Government

To
The Director of Medical Education,
Chennai - 10 (w.e.)

✓ The Registrar,
Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University,
Guindy, Chennai - 32. (w.e.)

Sir,

Sub : Medical Education - Eighth meeting of State Level Monitoring cell to eradicate ragging under the Chairmanship of Governor of Tamil Nadu - Regarding.

Ref : From the Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department letter No. 16663/G1/2017-1, dated : 27.09.2017.

I am directed to enclose a copy of the reference cited together with the minutes of the meeting on the above subject and request you to send an action taken report on the decision taken during the meeting to the Government early.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
for Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Higher Education (G1) Section
Secretariat, Chennai-9

Letter No.16663/G1/2017- 1, dated 27.09.2017

From
Thiru.Sunil Paliwal, I.A.S.,
Principal Secretary to Government.

To
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department, Chennai-9. (w.e.)
The Principal Secretary to Government,
Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department,
Chennai-9. (w.e.)
The Director General of Police, Chennai (w.e.)
The Principal Secretary to Government, Health & Family Welfare Dept,
Chennai-9 (w.e.)
The Principal Secretary to Government, Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Dept,
Chennai-9 (w.e.)
The Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department,
Chennai-9 (w.e.)
The Commissioner of Technical Education,
Chennai – 25. (w.e.)
The Secretary to Government, Law Department, Chennai-9 (w.e.)
The Director of Collegiate Education, Chennai – 6. (w.e.)
All District Collectors (w.e.)
The Registrar of all Universities (w.e.)
The Director of Medical Education, Chennai-10.(w.e.)
The Director of Legal Studies, Chennai-10.(w.e.)
The Vice Chancellors, Deemed Universities (w.e)

Sir / Madam,

Sub. : Meeting – Eighth Meeting of State Level Monitoring Cell to eradicate the menace of ragging in educational institutions held on 07.09.2017 at Raj Bhavan Guidy, Chennai under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu – Minutes of the meeting communicated – Regarding.

- Ref. : 1. G.O (Ms) No.126, Higher Education (G1) Department, dated 06.05.2011.
2. From the Principal Secretary to Governor, Governor's Secretariat, Chennai-22 Letter No.1362/U2/2017, dated 21.09.2017.

I am directed to enclose a copy of the minutes of the eighth meeting of the State Level Monitoring Cell to eradicate the menace of ragging in educational institutions held on 07.09.2017 at Raj Bhavan, Guindy, Chennai under the

Chairmanship of the Hon'ble the Governor of Tamil Nadu for information and necessary action.

2. In the said meeting, among other thing, the Chief Secretary to Government observed that District Level Monitoring Committee meeting by the District Collectors may be conducted in the month of July every year. Hence I am to request all the District Collectors to conduct the District Level Monitoring Committee meeting in your District in the month of July every year i.e. before admission of students for the current academic year.

3. A report on the action taken in the matter may be sent to Government, early.

Yours faithfully,

Jayashree
27/9/17

for Principal Secretary to Government

27/9/17

Copy to:-

The Principal Secretary to Governor,
Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Chennai-22

The Senior Personal Assistant to
Minister for Higher Education, Chennai-9

The Private Secretary to
Chief Secretary to Government, Chennai-9

The Private Secretary to
Principal Secretary to Government,
Higher Education Department, Chennai-9

Draft Minutes of the 8th meeting of State Level Monitoring Cell for eradicating the menace of ragging in educational institutions held at 4.30 p.m. on 07.09.2017 at Raj Bhavan, Guindy under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu

The 8th meeting of State Level Monitoring Cell for eradicating the menace of ragging in educational institutions was held in Raj Bhavan on 07.09.2017 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu. Thiru K.P.Anbalagan, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Tmt. Girija Vaidyanathan, I.A.S., Chief Secretary to Government, Thiru Niranjan Mardi I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Home, Prohibition and Excise Department, Thiru T.K. Rajendran I.P.S., Director General of Police and Thiru Sunil Paliwal I.A.S.; Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department and Thiru Ramesh Chand Meena I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Governor and other Officers attended the meeting.

At the outset the Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department welcomed the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Chief Secretary to Government, the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Home, Prohibition and Excise Department, Director General of Police, the Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu to the meeting to eradicate the menace of ragging in the Educational Institutions. Principal Secretary informed that the State of Tamil Nadu is free from any incidents of ragging and no complaint on ragging was received during last one year. He said that the Gross Enrollment Ratio of Tamil Nadu is 44.3% which is almost double the National average. Access to Higher Education has been ensured by opening colleges in the remotest places of the State. 734 Colleges of Education, 554 Engineering Colleges, 518 Polytechnic Colleges and 726 Arts and Science colleges are functioning in the state, of which 4 Engineering Colleges, 16 Polytechnic Colleges and 29 Government Arts and Science Colleges have been started during the last 6^{1/2} years. 1232 New courses have been started in various Government Arts and Science Colleges and there is good response from the students to these new courses. Apart from this, 89 New Courses have also been started in the University Constituent Arts and Science Colleges. 40 University constituent colleges are functioning in the state of which 27 were started during the last 6^{1/2} years. Various measures have been taken to ensure equity and quality in Higher Education. The Principal Secretary to Government thanked the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu for the initiatives taken by him in planting trees in Anna University, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University and Madurai Kamraj University. He said that a plan of action has been drawn up for 13 State Universities coming under the aegis of Higher Education department for planting trees before the onset of north east monsoon i.e. 15.10.2017. He has further informed that various initiatives have been taken to safeguard the interests of weaker section in Higher Education. During 2016-17 more than Rs.1500 crore has been disbursed towards Post-matric Scholarship scheme to benefit the SC/ST students pursuing Higher Education. The Principal Secretary to Government informed that ragging has been eradicated in Educational Institutions through the following measures:

- Establishment of anti-ragging committees and squads in Universities and Colleges and sharing of the mobile numbers and e-mail addresses of the anti-ragging Committee members through circulars, notice boards and websites.
- Display of billboards, placards, notices and banners on Anti-Ragging in the campus, which prominently publicize the toll free complaint number and email addresses and also highlighting the penal provision of imprisonment of 2 years and fine of Rs.10,000/- on ragging
- Creating awareness during freshers' orientation to enhance bonding between juniors and seniors on campus
- Organizing Anti-Ragging campaigns involving Police officials to highlight implications of ragging.
- Submission of undertaking by parents and students during admission
- Organizing counseling sessions for students with Psychiatrists and Psychologists
- Communication through circulars on ragging as a punishable offence to the affiliated colleges and seeking conduct of campaigns and awareness meetings by the Universities
- Inclusion of Anti-Ragging information in the brochure given along with the application form during admission.
- The Government have also constituted three members Committee consisting of Psychiatrists/Psychologists in each District to counsel the students of Government/Government Aided/Self-financing Colleges affected by Ragging/Campus problems/menace of alcoholism and to co-ordinate with Mental Health Programme.

The Principal Secretary to Government informed that a consolidated proposal from Universities, Commissioner of Technical Education, Director of Collegiate Education will be submitted for installation of CCTV Cameras in educational institutions by getting financial assistance from NIRBAYA Funds to ensure the safety of all students especially the girl students. The Principal Secretary to Government informed that the Collectors of border districts have taken special measures to ensure a congenial atmosphere for the students in the Colleges located in areas close to Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka where many students from these states are pursuing higher education. Action is taken to ensure that the students feel comfortable and not alienated because of differences in religion or language. Arrangements are made to watch students by Police personnel in mufti dress in areas like bus stands where students congregate.

The Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education noted that under the special initiatives taken and thanks to the various schemes of the former Hon'ble Chief Minister and through constant vigil, menace of ragging has been completely eradicated in Colleges and Universities. In view of the steps taken by the Government, now-a-days, the freshers are welcomed with flowers by the senior students.

The Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chairman of the State Level Monitoring Cell reviewed the action taken reports received from the District Collectors, Universities, Deemed Universities, Heads of Departments to curb ragging in Higher Educational Institutions and Universities. Hon'ble the Governor of Tamil Nadu has made the following observations:-

- The All India Survey on Higher Education held in 2015-16 reveals that the All India Gross Enrolment ratio in Higher Education for adults between 18-23 years of age is 24.5 % and Tamil Nadu ranks third next to Chandigarh and Delhi with the GER of 44.3 %
- It is really commendable that the State Government, Higher Education Department, Universities and educational institutions have curbed and prevented ragging.
- The reports received from the Districts reveal that the meetings of the District Level Anti-Ragging Committees are being conducted during different periods. For instance, while the meeting was held on 11.11.2016 at Tiruvarur, in Pudukkottai it was held on 29.08.2016, Cuddalore District Collector has reported that the meeting has not yet been conducted since the admissions to Medical and Engineering Colleges have not yet been completed. This makes the consolidation of reports from the Districts difficult and it does not serve the purpose. To avoid this in future all Districts may be instructed to have these meetings held during a specific month, the outcome of which should be really helpful to the students.
- Details regarding the anti-ragging measures taken at the District level monitoring committee meetings on Anti-Ragging have not been received from the District Collectors of Coimbatore, Erode and Tiruchirappalli.
- Among the State Universities, Tamil University seems to have taken no initiative at all, as it has not sent any report on the measures taken. The report from Thiruvalluvar University does not include any measures taken by the University during the last two years.
- The instructions given by the Villupuram District Collector that Institutions shall take up yoga, meditation and counseling to curb ragging needs encouragement. Other Districts may also follow this measure.
- Availing the services of the professional counselors to assist freshers, as suggested by the Thanjavur District, would also be a helpful measure.
- Social media has a far reach and connectivity among various sections of the society. This vast reach of social media should be used to

eradicate ragging to make Tamil Nadu a ragging Free State. Creating Goodwill Groups among students is necessary to strengthen the friendship among seniors and new entrants.

- Regarding the reports in the media about the incidents of 'Blue Whale' taking away the young precious lives, measures have to be taken to identify the vulnerable at the initial stage, develop apps to counter this, provide counseling, so as to instill courage and boldness in them to prevent the innocent students falling a prey to the 'Blue Whale' menace.
- The family system also plays an important role in prevention of ragging.
- It is commendable that the State and Deemed Universities have come forward and installed CCTV Cameras in the campus and reconstituted the Anti-ragging Committees.

The Director General of Police informed that only one incident of eve-teasing was reported in Ramanathapuram District and the students involved in the eve-teasing were arrested and later released after registering a regular case. He also informed that stringent action is being taken to curb the menace of ragging.

The Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Prohibition and Excise Department informed that a consolidated proposal on installation of CCTV Cameras and seeking financial assistance from NIRBAYA funds is being sent to Government of India.

The Chief Secretary to Government has observed that the District Level Monitoring Committee meetings by the District Collectors can be conducted in the month of July every year. She has also instructed to ensure that the students do not become victims of cyber ragging. She also instructed to update the 3 members committee consisting of Psychiatrists / Psychologists in each district to counsel the students affected by ragging / campus problems and the menace of alcoholism.

With the permission of the Hon'ble Governor the documentary film on Anti-ragging was shown to the members of the State Level Monitoring Committee. Hon'ble Governor appreciated the effort and suggested that the film could be shown in Cinema theatres and in T.V. Channels.

The Principal Secretary to Government informed that action will be taken on the valuable advice and suggestions given by Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and follow up action will be taken on the items listed below:-

- (i) to instruct District Collector, Cuddalore and Registrar, Tamil University to conduct the District Level Monitoring Committee in time and take proper follow up action.
- (ii) to prepare a structured format regarding the points to be focussed for sending action taken report on anti-ragging.
- (iii) to create positive awareness on social media to eradicate ragging,
- (iv) formation of goodwill groups,
- (v) creating positive awareness on usage of Cell phone.
- (vi) action will be taken to prevent Blue Whale menace.
- (vii) action will be taken to telecast the documentary film on Anti-Ragging in Cinema halls and educational institutions.

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- (viii) to update the 3 members committee consisting of Psychiatrists / Psychologists in each district to counsel the students affected by ragging / campus problems and menace of alcoholism.
 - (ix) to conduct District Level Monitoring Committee meeting by all Collectors and Universities during July every year.

Finally, the Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department thanked the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Prohibition and Excise Department, Director General of Police and the Principal Secretary to Governor for their valuable suggestions.

CH.Vidyasagar Rao
Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu / Chairman

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Section Officer
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