



BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY

Tiruchirappalli – 620 024

ANTI-RAGGING AWARENESS PROGRAMME

31-07-2012 - A/C Auditorium

Under the aegis of the Ragging Prevention Cell of Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, an Anti-Ragging Awareness Programme was hosted on Tuesday the 31st of July 2012 at the A/C Auditorium of Bharathidasan University in collaboration with the Police Department, Tiruchirappalli.

The objective of the programme was to curb ragging in higher educational institutions which is one of the directives of UGC, Human Resource Development, New Delhi and the Higher Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu.



The programme was attended by about 250 students of I year M.Tech. (integrated), I year M.Sc. (integrated) and PG I year programmes of Bharathidasan University. Heads of Departments, Faculty Members and staff also attended the programme.

Dr. S. Aruchamy, Registrar i/c, Bharathidasan University, delivered Welcome Address. Dr. K. Meena, Vice-Chancellor, delivered Presidential Address.

The highlights of the Presidential Address are given below:

- Our University constituted Anti-Ragging Committee comprising a few Heads of the Departments to curb ragging on the campus - in the premises of the departments and the hostels. This arrangement was in practice during the tenure of the previous Vice-Chancellors.

- It was in September 2011 under the direction of the present Vice-Chancellor, a Nodal Officer (Dr. C. Isaac Jebastine) was nominated for ragging prevention committee of this university. Since then various steps and measures have been taken by this cell to prevent ragging on the university campus and in the colleges affiliated to this university.
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- In compliance with UGC regulations to curb ragging in higher education institutions, the University has directed all the Principals of the Colleges affiliated to Bharathidasan University to constitute anti-ragging committees accommodating the Principal, Heads of the Departments, faculty members and student representatives from each department and also the Warden and the Deputy Warden(if the institution has hostels).
 - Anti-ragging Helpline information is provided on the University Website with the details - Name, Mobile number, Email ID of the Nodal Officer, Ragging Prevention Committee and a Documentary on Anti-ragging is also exhibited on the University Website to create awareness among the students.
 - Documentary on Anti-ragging in the UGC Website is downloaded and placed in the University Website and websites of affiliated colleges.
 - Periodical reports have been received from the Colleges and sent to the Joint Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi, and the Deputy Secretary to Tamil Nadu Government Higher Education ,Secretariat, Chennai from our University.
 - The information related to the Police Department Helpline is also provided to the students.

- Through public announcements, notices and board–displays, the students are advised not to indulge in ragging-related activities and the members of the committee attended the Meeting organized by The Commissioner of Police, Tiruchirappalli, in connection with the ragging-related issues in schools and colleges
- It is the first of its kind that an anti-ragging awareness programme in co-ordination with the Police Department of Tiruchirappalli is being held for the students and staff of Bharathidasan University.
- A similar programme will be held after a month for the students and Principals of all the colleges affiliated to Bharathidasan University.
- Following the University directives, various anti-ragging measures have been taken by all the Departments of Bharathidasan University and Affiliated Colleges to create a ragging-free educational environment and the institutions have succeeded in their attempts.

Tmt. S. Lalitha Lakshmi, IPS, Superintendent of Police, delivered a Special Address.



The highlights of the Presidential Address are given below:

- Ragging has claimed 19 precious lives in the past 2 years in India.
- Ragging is a criminal offence and the laws related to ragging are very stringent.
- The Superintendent of Police insisted that senior students must desist from ragging.
- Many helplines were suggested to students for their immediate rescue.

The Superintendent of Police distributed pamphlets to students which contained a lot of contact numbers and e-mail ids.

The Superintendent of Police and the Vice-Chancellor answered the queries of the students and clarified their doubts relating to the issue of ragging.



Dr. C. Isaac Jebastine, Nodal Officer, Ragging Prevention Cell, Bharathidasan University, proposed a vote of thanks.

Finally students of Bharathidasan University performed a skit to highlight the evils of ragging and it sent a very strong message to the students not to indulge in ragging.

The programme ended with National Anthem.

