

MAHATMA GANDHI COLLEGE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695004

MINUTES OF THE ANTI RAGGING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 DECEMBER 2022
AT 10 AM IN HYBRID MODE (COLLEGE GUEST ROOM & ONLINE)

Present

1. Dr. Sakthi Babu R. L. (Principal -in-charge)
2. Mr. Rakesh R. Nair (Reporter, Mathrubhumi Daily)
3. Jyothika Suresh (I Year B.A. Sociology student)
4. Gautham Mohan Y.M. (III Year B.Sc. Chemistry student)
5. Dr. Padma Kumar H. (Head, Physics Department)
6. Mr. Ravisankar R. S. (Asst. Professor of Political Science)
7. Dr. Balamurali R. S. (Head, Zoology Department and Convener, Anti-ragging Committee)
8. Mr. Jayakumaran S. (Senior Superintendent, O/o the Commissioner of Land Revenue, Government of Kerala) – ONLINE
9. Dr. Ajitha Bai (Sanjeevani, NGO) – ONLINE
10. Arsha P R (II Year B. Com student) – ONLINE
11. Dr. Dileep A.S. (Head, Department of Commerce)- ONLINE
12. Adv. (Dr.) Radhika G. (Law Lecturer) – ONLINE
13. Dr. Prathiba S. Nair (Head, Psychology Department)- ONLINE

The Committee met online and offline simultaneously (hybrid mode) on 23 December 2022 at 10 AM for discussing the report submitted by the Anti-ragging squad after inquiry and the follow up action on the complaint forwarded by the Anti-ragging cell of UGC (KL-0023) on 17.11.2022.

Dr. Sakthibabu R. L., Principal in charge welcomed the members of the committee and handed over the conduct of the proceedings to the Anti-ragging Committee convener who briefed the background and the action taken so far on the complaint to the members. He also reported to the committee about the inquiry report submitted by the anti-ragging squad to Principal, on 19 December 2022. The report of anti-ragging squad was a comprehensive one which inquired into every aspect of the happenings of 1.11.2022, in this regard at the college premises. After scrutiny and detailed discussions, the committee accepted the findings of the anti-ragging squad and categorized the 9 accused into three categories based on the gravity of participation in the incident.

The nine accused are,

1. Abhishek A. Nair, II Year BSc Zoology
2. Vaishak S., III Year BSc Physics
3. Gokul Krishna S., II Year BSc Mathematics
4. Aravind C., II Year BA Malayalam
5. Gokul Raj R., II Year BA English
6. Gokul B., II Year BA Sociology
7. Sandeep S., III Year BSc Botany

8. Anandu S., III Year BA Sociology

9. Naveen S. Venu, III Year BA Sociology

1. The **accused 1-3** are found to be directly involved in the incident and their role is established from the statements of complainant, witnesses and from the digital evidence produced by the complainant.

The committee decided to recommend to the Principal to expel these students from college by giving them TC immediately or dismiss them and debarring from admission to any other institution in this academic year (9.1.b.ix of the UGC Regulation on Anti-ragging, 2009).

2. The presence of **accused 4-6** at the place of occurrence is clear from the digital evidence produced. From the inquiry and upon the perusal of the detailed statement of the accused and also from the digital evidence, they are not involved in manhandling of the complainant. But they can be held guilty of not informing the college authorities about the incident and tried to cover up it.

The committee recommend that their suspension period may be ratified as rustication from the institution and to revoke the suspension with effect from the day of college re-opening after Christmas vacation. They should be given a letter of warning from the institution that any other act of indiscipline will be viewed very seriously and will take stringent action against them (9.1.b.viii of the UGC Regulation on Anti-ragging, 2009)

3. The inquiry could not establish the role of **accused 7-9** from the statements and other related evidences. There were no digital or other evidence or even witnesses for establishing their presence at the site and time of incident.

The committee decided that the suspension of these students may be revoked. But an FIR is registered in Peroorkada Police station as per No. 1319 dated 2/11/2022 and if these students were found guilty in police inquiry, the college should recommend to University of Kerala for withholding/cancellation of their results and degree if awarded. The committee decided to represent to police authorities to inquire expeditiously any involvement of these students in this case. (9.1.b.iv and other provisions of the UGC Regulation on Anti-ragging, 2009)

All the decisions taken by the committee were unanimous and the student member Jyothika Suresh gave a suggestion regarding the importance of conducting an awareness program for students on UGC regulations and rules related to ragging. The committee decided to conduct a program at the earliest. The anti-ragging committee convener extended vote of thanks to members present in the meeting and the anti-ragging squad members for their sincere and fair effort of inquiry. The meeting ended at 11.30 AM.



Dr. Balamurali R.S.
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Handwritten signature and date
23/12/2022

Principal
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