

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **GOVERNOR CHAIRS THE STATE LEVEL MONITORING CELL MEETING TO ERADICATE THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

The annual meeting of the State Level Monitoring Cell to eradicate the menace of ragging was held under the Chairmanship of Thiru CH.Vidyasagar Rao, Hon'ble Governor & Chairman of the Cell on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at Raj Bhavan, Chennai. Members of the Cell Thiru K.P. Anbalagan, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Dr.(Tmt) Girija Vaidyanathan, IAS, Chief Secretary to Government, Thiru Niranjan Mardi, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Home, Prohibition & Excise Department, Thiru T.K. Rajendran, IPS, Director General of Police, Thiru Sunil Paliwal, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department and Thiru Ramesh Chand Meena, IAS, Principal Secretary to Governor, participated in the meeting.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department welcomed the Hon'ble Governor, the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education and other members.

Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education stated that ragging has been almost eradicated in Tamil Nadu and there is a conducive environment where freshers are welcomed by seniors in the institutions with bouquets. The Minister assured that all efforts will be made to maintain ragging free environment.

The Hon'ble Governor & Chairman of the State Level Monitoring Cell congratulated Tamil Nadu for setting itself as a model for other states in curbing ragging to a great extent. He suggested that all District Collectors may be instructed to have the meetings of the District Level Committees held during a specific month, the outcome of which should be really helpful to the students. The Chief Secretary to Government suggested that these meetings may be held between July 15 and August 15 every year. It was also suggested that a format may be devised for reporting by the Districts Committees and the Universities.

A short documentary film, which is proposed to be screened in the Cinemas for public viewing to create awareness about evils of ragging was screened during the meeting. The Hon'ble Governor appreciated the effort and suggested that the documentary may be screened on Television too, so as to sensitize the family members of the students.

The Director General of Police stated that stringent action has been taken against two students involved in a case of eve-teasing and the department is keeping a strict vigil to ensure ragging-free environment.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department thanked the members and assured the Forum that the Department will be taking all necessary measures to ensure eradication of ragging.

Thiru K.V.Muralidharan, IAS., Deputy Secretary to Governor & Comptroller, Governor's Household, Thiru D.Mohan, IAS., Deputy Secretary to Governor (Universities) were also present.

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Raj Bhavan, Chennai  
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for Principal Secretary to Governor