distress to.. de-stress

what to expect and how to navigate the professional college career.

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A BIG WELCOME TO YOU SMART YOUNG PEOPLE!!

All of you are likely to have a great career, will have fame, money and a good life.

entry...







...exit



A well-fought entry...

EXPECTATIONS

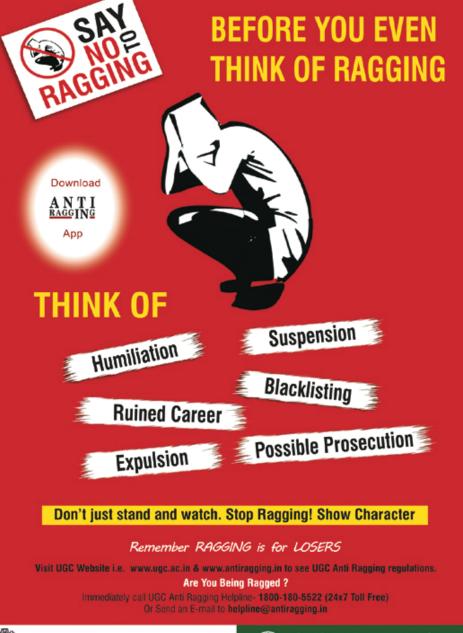
- Learning from experts
- Interesting knowledge about human body
- Working with patients
- Helpful peers and supportive teachers
- Admiration from society
- Career is set!



- Self study, huge load
- Boring and difficult to understand subjects
- Long hours at clinics
- Struggle to score marks (which was easy before).
- Lonely, sometimes poor support.
- It's a loooong road to career and specialisation.









- There are strict laws now and a national helpline. 1800 180 5522/ helpline@antiragging.net
- It is not worth it for a senior student., for a complaint can compromise their career.
- Measures by institutions: prominent posters, notices, undertakings from students, CCTV cameras and watchful staff
- Juniors: Move around in groups, firmly refuse, get away from the situation, shout if needed, perhaps.. a good idea to not stand-out.
- stand up for your colleagues
- Complain to authorities, even anonymous complaints can be made
- Friendly introduction of seniors





Bullying (& cyberbullying)

- Is not restricted to schools as most think
- When it happens in colleges.. esp. professional colleges, it can be have severe impact
- Student may not have access to parental support (stays in hostel) or parents may think it is a pressure of studies
- There is humiliation & character assassination
- If unchecked it can impact one's self-esteem, poor academic performance, personality changes, depression and severe cases even suicidal tendencies



- It does not receive the same attention as ragging, yet remains a problem.
- Talk to your parents/ teachers/ senior students/ counsellors
- Talk to your friends
- Make a complaint. Remember that the bully is counting on you to not do it, he/she wouldn't have done it if he/she was sure that you would complain.
- <u>complaint-mwcd@gov.in</u>
- See a professional



ACADEMICS

- Everyone of you who are here are because you folks were very good in studies.. Toppers in your class.
- But here this is cream of cream. If some of you will do well and be on top.. Some will have to be at the bottom
- Tradional ways of studying do not always help
- You realise that .. One cannot relax.
- Hard work / Smart work.



HOSTEL LIFE

- Independent living, unsupported living, unsupervised living
- Self discipline
- Self budgeting
- Fun. Temptation. Traps



When things go wrong.. What can you do?

- There will be times when you get overwhelmed
- Cause could be anything: academic pressure, poor performance in vivas/ clinics, fight with friends, breakup, family issues etc
- Speak to someone whom you trust.
- Seek professional help: pervasive and severe.
- Alcohol, smoking and drugs have never made anyone feel better and never will.
- Don't do anything on an impulse

S/s to look out for:

- Feeling low in mood or irritable
- Lack of interest in stuff that you enjoyed before
- Avoiding friends/ family
- Changes in sleep or appetite
- Low in confidence, energy
- Feelings of guilt, self harm, suicidal thoughts
- Some times: young ppl may even get s/s in which one may become paranoid, find it difficult to trust others or have hallucinations



Thank you!



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