



Med college acts against 7 students in ragging row

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AFTER remaining in denial mode for four days, the Saifai Medical University finally took action against seven students of senior MBBS batch, accused of ragging newcomers on campus on Friday.

A 12-member committee was set up by university authorities to probe the incident. The panel, in its report, submitted to Vice-Chancellor Raj Kumar on Thursday evening, held seven students of 2018 batch guilty of ragging freshers and recommended their suspension from classes and hostel for a month. It also recommended imposition of a fine of ₹25,000 each on the seven accused. Moreover, a penalty of ₹5,000 would also be imposed on all other students of the 2018 batch.

In a related development, UP CM Yogi Adityanath summoned the V-C to Lucknow on Friday evening and sought an explanation on why he, the university's registrar and other officials kept the government in

dark about the incident.


As per the highly placed sources, the medical university authorities, including the V-C, had initially claimed no such incident had taken place on campus. The V-C was on his way to the state capital at the time of filing this report.

The 12-member panel was set up only after Medical Council of India (MCI) served a show-cause notice on V-C, on Thursday, over the alleged ragging of 150 first-year MBBS students. With their heads tonsured, the freshers were forced to salute the seniors, it was alleged.

The MCI, in its notice, also warned the university of a ₹1.5-crore penalty if it failed to respond to the show-cause notice within 24 hours.

The university administration is also contemplating getting an FIR registered against the seven culprits.

A day after the ragging incident, the V-C had tried to play down the incident, calling it part of 'sanskar' (ritual), which should be taken sportingly.


The inquiry will be completed by tomorrow noon and its outcome will be sent to the government and the authorities concerned

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