

Anti-Ragging Regulations and Measures

Anti Ragging Measures

According to UGC, ragging is any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (fresher or otherwise) on the ground of colour, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional origins, linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background.

To ensure that no ragging takes place in the Institute and its hostel premises, by promulgating and enforcing stringent anti-ragging measures, and making provisions for deterrent and hard punishment to defaulters.

Ragging is a Grave Crime

Ragging is a cognizable offence (offence for which the police can arrest the offender without warrant). This heinous practice has caused deaths and suicides of many bright students in the recent past in India, forcing the Supreme Court to take a serious view of the menace, and recommend deterrent and justifiably harsh punishment to those guilty of ragging. So, a ragging complaint against a student, if found valid after investigation, can straightaway become a criminal case and land the perpetrator in serious trouble. The Institute is bound to take strong action against him or her, and regardless of this, the law of the land will catch up with the offender with hard punishment.

The excuse that ragging is a harmless interaction of senior students with juniors is no longer tenable. The so called induction sessions often cross all barriers of human decency and degenerate into gruesome incidents. This is viewed by experts as a serious flaw in the schooling and upbringing of the offenders.

According to clinical psychologists and counsellors, ragging can impact the victims in many ways. It can lead to negative repercussions like low self-esteem, depression and anxiety, a negative valuation of oneself and frustration at being helpless and not being able to defend oneself. This not only affects the academic performance of the individual, but brings down the prestige of the Institute in general.

Faculty Advisor on any academic or personal problem and seek help and counsel to overcome that.

Punishment

By the Institute:

- Cancellation of admission, suspension, rustication or expulsion from the Institute/ Hostel.
- Filing FIR with the police.
- Collective punishment may be imposed where the persons involved are not identified.

General Instructions

(a) Anti-Ragging Committee: The Institute has set up an Anti-Ragging Committee headed by a Senior Professor. It will comprise senior faculty members, staff and a Police representative (Station House Officer, Walayar Police Station).

This Committee will ensure that no incidents of ragging as given in this Regulation takes place, and it will also monitor and ensure that the instructions of this regulation are fully followed in letter and spirit at all times.

The Committee will also maintain the strictest vigil at all times and ensure that the Anti-Ragging Squad of the Institute carries out its functions properly. It will deliberate on the reports of the Anti-Ragging Squads or of any other person who witnesses the incident of ragging, or on the complaint of any fresher or other students, and determine the punishment, namely, Institute level disciplinary action or filing FIR with police or both.

(b) Institute-level Anti-Ragging Squad: The Anti-Ragging Squad of the Institute comprises senior faculty members, and representatives of students. Its function includes going around / patrolling the Departments, common areas of the Campus and other premises like playground, and maintain vigil at all times on all days and take action if they notice any incident of ragging or attempt at it.

The Anti-Ragging Squad also has the responsibility to investigate incidents of ragging and report it forthwith to the Anti-Ragging Committee. The Anti-Ragging Committee may

Action Procedure

Anti-Ragging Patrol or Anti-Ragging Squads shall immediately report any incident of ragging or attempt or conspiracy for ragging, or any related complaint to the Anti-Ragging Committee. The Anti-Ragging Committee will consider the matter, investigate and take immediate action as per the situation.

Instructions to Parents

Instruct your wards to desist from ragging freshers or other students in any form.

Keep regular contact with your wards and monitor their well being and academic progress.

Frequently interact with the Faculty Advisor and other faculty members to track the welfare and progress of your wards (every student will have a faculty advisor).

In our Institute if any student is found indulging in any activity, which comes in the category of ragging, then he/she becomes liable to any or all of following punishments:

- Suspension or expulsion from the hostel or the Institute,
- Withholding of results,
- Debarring from representation in events,
- Withholding scholarships or other benefits, or
- Anything which the Disciplinary Committee finds suitable as per the enquiry conducted.
- FIR to be filed with Police on receipt of complaint