

RAGGING AND ANTI-RAGGING RULES

Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts:

- a) Any conduct by any student or students whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness a fresher or any other student;
- b) Indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities by any student or student which causes or is likely to cause annoyance/hardship/physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student.
- c) Asking any student to do any act, which such student will not in ordinary course do and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or torment or embarrassment, so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of such fresher or any other student;
- d) Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts, or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher.
- e) Exploiting the service of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- f) Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students.
- g) Any act of physical abuse including all the variants of it; sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person.
- h) Any act or abuse by spoken words, e-mails, post, public insults etc. which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to fresher or any other student.
- i) Any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of a fresher or any other student, with or without an intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or any other student.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION

On receipt of the recommendation of the Anti-Ragging Squad or on receipt of any information concerning any reported incident of ragging, the Head of institution shall immediately determine if a case under the Penal law is made out and if so; either on his/her own or through a member of the Anti-Ragging authorized by him or her in this behalf, proceed to file a First Information Report (FIR) within 24 hours of receipt of such information or recommendation, with the police and local authorities, under the appropriate Penal Provisions relating to one or more below mentioned act.

- i. Abetment to Ragging.
- ii. Criminal Conspiracy to Ragging.
- iii. Unlawful assembly and rioting while Ragging
- iv. Public Nuisance created during Ragging.
- v. Violation of decency and morals through Ragging
- vi. Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt
- vii. Wrongful restraint
- viii. Wrongful confinement
- ix. Use of Criminal force
 - x. Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offence
 - xi. Extortion
 - xii. Criminal trespass
 - xiii. Offences against property
 - xiv. Criminal intimidation
 - xv. Threat to commit any of the above-mentioned offences
 - xvi. Physical or Psychological humiliation.
 - xvii. Any other offences following from the designation of “Ragging”.

Provided that Head of the institution shall forthwith report the occurrence of the incident of ragging to the District level ARC and the office of the affiliating University, if the institution is an affiliated Institution. Institution shall also continue with its enquiry initiated under clause (9) of these regulations and other measures without waiting for action on the part of police/local authorities and such remedial action shall be initiated and completed immediately and in no case later than a period of 7 days of the reported occurrence of the incident of Ragging.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION IN THE EVENT OF RAGGING

Sub Clause: 1. The institution shall punish a student found guilty of Ragging after following the procedure and in the manner prescribed herein under:

- a) The Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution shall take an appropriate decision, in regard to the punishment or otherwise, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging and nature and gravity of the incident of ragging established in the recommendations of the Anti-Ragging Squad.
- b) The Anti-Ragging Committee may, depending on the nature and gravity of the guilt established by the Anti-Ragging Squad, or award to those found guilty one or more of the following punishments namely:
 - i. Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges
 - ii. Withholding /withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits.
 - iii. Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process.
 - iv. Withholding results.
 - v. Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival etc.
 - vi. Suspension/expulsion from the hostel
 - vii. Cancellation of admission.
 - viii. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specific period.

Provided that where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment.

- c) An appeal against the order of punishment by the Anti-Ragging committee shall lie.
 - i. In case of an order of an institution affiliated to or constituent part, of a university to the vice-chancellor of the University.
 - ii. In case of an order of a University to its Chancellor
 - iii. In case of an institution of national importance created by an Act of Parliament to the Chairman or chancellor of the institution.