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**Anti-Ragging Regulations and Measures**

**1.  Aim:**

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

**2.  References:**

* **Judgements of the Supreme Court of  India**
* **Report of the R.K. Raghavan Committee appointed by the Supreme Court**
* **Regulations and Guidelines from the University Grants Commission of India, and other sources**

**3. Ragging is a Grave Crime:**

* **Ragging is a cognizable offence (an offence for which the police can arrest the offender without a warrant). This heinous practise 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.**
* **As  per  the  Supreme  Court  directive,  the primary  responsibility  of  preventing  ragging  rests with  the  educational  institution  itself,  by  sensitizing  the  students  and  parents  on  the  highly immoral side of it, cautioning the students that indulging in ragging can dash all their career goals, and by taking stern action against the offenders.**

**Thus, our motto is: Zero Tolerance to Ragging! A firm NO to ragging in any form!**

**4. What Constitutes Ragging:**

* **According to the Honourable Supreme Court of India, ragging means: “Any disorderly conduct whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any other student, indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or a junior student, or asking the students to do any actor perform something which such student will not in the ordinary course and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of a fresher or a junior student.”**

**Specifically, ragging constitutes any one or more of the following acts:**

* **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  rudenes  fresher  or  any  other student.**
* **Indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or are likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological or physical harm or to raise the fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or any other student.**
* **Asking the students to do or perform any act which such  student will not in the 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.**
* **Any  act  by  a  senior  student  that  prevents,  disrupts  or  disturbs  the regular  academic activity of any other student or fresher.**
* **Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.**
* **Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by other students.**
* **Any  act  of  physical  abuse  including  all  of  its  variants,  viz.,  sexual abuse,  homosexual assaults, stripping,  and forcing obscene and lewd**

 **acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or**

 **person.**

* **Any  act  or  abuse  by  spoken  words,  e-mails,  posts, or  public  insults  which  would  also include  deriving  perverted  pleasure,  vicarious  or  sadistic  thrill,  or**

 **showing  off  power, authority  or  superiority,  or  passively  participating  in the discomfiture  to  any  fresher  or  any other student.**

* **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 over any fresher.**

**5. Prohibition of Ragging:**

* **Ragging in any form is strictly prohibited.**
* **with in the Institute Campus including the Departments, etc.,**
* **in Playgrounds, Transport Vehicles, etc.**

**6. Punishment:**

* **By the Institute:**
* **Cancellation of admission, suspension, rustication or expulsion from the Institute.**
* **Filing FIR with the police.**
* **Collective punishment may be imposed where the persons involved are not identified.**
* **By the Law & Order Agencies: Over  and  above  the  Institute- level  action,  there  will  be  strong  police  and  legal  action. Ragging is a cognizable offence under the law of the land, and the Supreme Court has ruled that  the  punishment  to  be  meted  out  has  to  be  exemplary  and  justifiably  harsh  to  act  as  a deterrent. According  to  relevant  sections  of  the  The  Indian  Penal  Code  (IPC),  those  found  guilty  of a ragging  related offence  can be punished with imprisonment or fine or both.**

**7. Anti Ragging measures in the college:**

* **We have put in place a structured mechanism to monitor ragging related issues and mete out the most stringent punishment to the wrong-doers. We  have  an  Institute-level  Anti-ragging  Committee  to  oversee  and  enforce the anti-ragging regulations in letter and spirit.This Anti-Ragging  Committee is headed  by a  Senior  Professor.  It comprises senior faculty members and staff.**
* **This  Committee  will  ensure  that  no  incidents  of  ragging  as  given  in  this  Regulation  takes place,  and  it will monitor ensure the instructions f regulation are fully followed in letter and spirit at all times.**

**8. Reporting of Ragging Incidents or Apprehension thereof:**

* **Freshers are requested to report any ragging-related matter to any faculty or staff member, Faculty Advisor, or any member of the Anti-Ragging Committee. Any fresher student who went through or is apprehensive of an impending ragging incident shall  promptly  report  it  to  any  member  of  the  Anti-Ragging Committee, or the Staff Advisor, or any  faculty member or staff by any means such as, in  person,  by phone  call,  by  e-mail,  by  written  note,  etc.  The  written  complaints  may  also be  dropped  in  the  drop boxes  kept  prominently  for  this  purpose  at  various  locations  in the academic buildings and hostels. The complaints can even be anonymous.**

**9. 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.**

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