

Curbing The Menace Of Ragging

WHAT IS RAGGING?

Ragging means display of disorderly conduct, doing of any act which causes or is likely to cause physical or psychological harm or raise apprehension or fear or shame or embarrassment to a student in any educational institution & includes:

- a) Teasing, abusing, threatening or playing practical jokes on, or causing hurt to such a student; or
- b) Asking a student to do any act or perform something which such student will not in the ordinary course willingly do (Maharashtra Prohibition of Ragging Act,1999).
- c) The human rights perspective of ragging involves the injury caused to the fundamental right to human dignity through humiliation heaped on junior students by seniors; often resulting in the extreme step of suicide by the victims.

Ragging has several aspects which include psychological, social, political, economic, cultural and academic dimensions. The political aspect of ragging is apparent from the fact that incidents of ragging are low in institutions which promote democratic participation of students in representation & provide an identity to students to participate in governance & decision making within the institute bodies.

STEPS THAT MAY BE TAKEN BY STUDENT IN AN EVENT OF INCIDENCE OF RAGGING

- 1) Contact number of wardens, all members of anti-ragging committee & squads, relevant authorities have been issued on the notice board. In case of any such occurrences, students may contact any of the above
- 2) Fresher or any other student, whether being victim, or witness, in any incident of ragging are encouraged to report such occurrence, and the identity of such informants will be protected & will not be subject to any adverse consequence only for the reason for having reported such incidents. Those who want to be anonymous can submit their complaints to administrative office. The identity shall be kept undisclosed.

- 3) The students can contact the members of anti-ragging committee or squad, whose phone numbers are displayed along with the anti-ragging poster or they can directly approach the dean who in turn will direct the complaint to anti-ragging committee.
- 4) Those in hostel can also contact the hostel warden or any other staff members who will in turn direct the case to relevant authorities.
- 5) Freshers who do not report the incidents of ragging either as victim or as witnesses shall also be punished suitably.

A] PUNISHMENT FOR RAGGING:

- a) Penalty for ragging (section 4): Whoever directly or indirectly commits, participates in, abets or propagates ragging within or outside any educational institution shall on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years and shall also be liable to a fine may extend to ten thousand rupees.
- b) Dismissal of student (section 5): Any student convicted of an offence under section 4 shall be dismissed from the educational institution and such student shall not be admitted in any other educational institution for a period of five years from the date of order of such dismissal.
- c) Suspension of student (section 6): Whenever any student or as the case may be parent or guardian or a teacher of an educational institution complains in writing of ragging to the head of the educational institution, the head of the educational institution shall without prejudice to the foregoing provisions, within seven days of receipt of complaint, do enquiry in to the matter mentioned in the complaint and if prima facie, it is found true shall suspend the student who is accused of the offence, and shall immediately forward the complaint to the police station having jurisdiction over the area in which the educational institution is situated for further action.
- d) Deemed abetment (section 7): If the head of the educational institution fails or neglects to take action in the manner specified in section 6 when a complaint of ragging is made, such person shall be deemed to have abetted the offence of ragging and shall on conviction be punished as provided in section 4.

B] ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION IN THE EVENT OF RAGGING

The institution shall punish a student found to be guilty of ragging after following procedure:

- A) Anti ragging committee of the institution shall take an appropriate decision following recommendations of the anti ragging squad.
- B) Anti ragging committee may depending on the nature and gravity of guilt recommend one or more of the following punishments namely:
 - i. suspension from attending classes and academic privileges
 - ii. withholding or withdrawing scholarship/fellowship & other benefits
 - iii. Debarring from appearing in test or examinations
 - iv. withholding results
 - v. debarring from representing the institution in any regional , national , or international event
 - vi. suspension or expulsion from the hostel
 - vii. cancellation of admission
 - viii. rustication from institution for period ranging from 1-4 semesters
 - ix. expulsion from institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institutions for a specified period.

Prevention of ragging/anti ragging measures

The college has setup appropriate committees to actively monitor,promote and regulate healthy interaction between the freshers,juniors and seniors students to prevent ragging

1)Anti-ragging committee:The institution has nominated anti-raggingcommittee headed by dean .It consists of faculty members, representative of parents,representative of students from fresher's and seniors and non teaching staff .It shall be duty of anti-ragingcommittee to co-ordinate with various committees to prevent ragging in the institution .

2)Anti-ragging squad: It is nominated by the principal.Theanti-ragging squad shall remain mobile ,alert and active all time to

maintain vigilance and patrolling .It shall make surprise raids on hostel and other places vulnerable to incident of ragging .It shall investigate incidence of ragging and report anti ragging committee

3)Display: The names of anti ragging committee members ,anti ragging squad members and hostel wardens are displayed on notice board along with their contact number

4)Teacher –Guardian system: It should be implemented for 1st B.D.S. students with the help of teachers involved in teaching them. About 5-10 students will be allotted to one teacher. They are to meet the concerned teacher every week to discuss various problems faced by students.

5)Orientation programme : A joint ‘Sensitization’ and orientation programme and counselling both fresher’s and seniors to be addressed by the principal and professional counsellors. The inmates of hostel shall be addressed by hostel warden.

6)Sensitization towards the ills of ragging and prevention of there of and obtaining undertaking from every employee of the college including teaching and non teaching members of staff, contract labour employed in the premises. A provision shall be made in service rules for issuing certificates of appreciation such member of the staff who report ragging which will form part of their service record.

7)The employers/employees of the canteens / mess shall be given necessary instructions to keep the strict vigil and to report the incidence of ragging to the college authorities, if any.

8)Wardens of the hostel are to take rounds of the hostel daily.

9)Affidavit from the student and parents: The affidavit from each student and his/her parents is obtained and the copies are available in the office.

10)Counselling of fresher’s: The professional counsellors shall counsel fresher’s in order to prepare them for life ahead, particularly in regard to life in hostel and to the extent possible , also involved parents and teachers in counselling sessions.

11)For Newly admitted students and for the students who want to be anonymous in their complaints, the complaints should be submitted to the administrative office.

12)Fresher's welcome party: Fresher's welcome party shall be organized by the senior students and the faculty together after admissions within two weeks of beginning of the academic session, for proper introduction to one another and where the talents of the fresher are brought out properly in the presence of faculty, thus helping them to shed theirinferiority complex , if any , and remove their inhibitions.

ANNEXURE C			
ANTI-RAGGING COMMITTEE			
SR. NO.	Designation	Name	Phone No
1.	Head of the Institute	Dr.GirishParmar (Dean)	9426006569
2.	Police Department Representative	Shri P.K. Khant	9925790429
3.	Local Media Representative	Shri R.R. Shukala (Amrutmanthan)	9904246195
4.	NGO	SonalbenModi	9825062644
5.	Parents Representative	ShriPravinbhaiSonagara	9725866246
6.	New Student Representative	DamorPankaj	9998119976
7.	Senior Student Representative	Swati Ranpara	7359291447
8.	Non Teaching Staff Representative	Mr. P.N. Patel	9925506061
9.	Revenue Administration Department Representative	(Mamlatdar)	079-27561970
10.	Faculty Member Representative	Dr.GeetaAsthana	9925586956

Annexure B			
Anti Ragging Squad			
	Designation	Name	Phone no.
1.	Hostel Rector	Dr.GeetaAsthana	99255586956
2.	Senior student representative (boys)	Patel Chintan	9879271403
3.	Senior student representative (girls)	Meet Dodiya	9033609991
4.	New student representative (boys)	Hardik Shah	9974661221
5.	New student representative (girls)	VasavaPriyanka	9824715290

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Sr.no	Designation	Name	Phone No
1.	Hostel Rector	Dr.GeetaAsthana	99255586956
2.	Hostel warden	Dr. Rajesh shah	9824669672
3.	Hostel warden	Dr. Vishal Chauhan	9824094872
4.	Girls hostel warden	Dr. Rachana Shah	9898111179
5.	Girls hostel asst. Warden	Dr. Swati Goyal	9909947117
6.	Girls hostel asst. Warden	Dr. SonalBedi	8000395412
7.	Administrative officer	DamorPankaj	9998119976
8.	Shahibaug police station	-----	079-25627187

Undertaking By Parents/Guardians

1. I, _____ F/O , M/O, G/O Mr. / Ms. _____ have carefully read and fully understood the law of prohibiting ragging and directions of the hon. Supreme court and the central/ state govt. in this regard as well as the DCI regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher education institutions 2009.

2. I assure you that my son / daughter / ward will not indulge in any act of ragging.

3. I hereby agree that if he / she is found guilty in any aspect of ragging, he / she maybe punished as per the provisions of DCI regulations.

Signed _____ day of _____ month of _____ year.

Signature

Address: _____

	Witness 1	Witness 2
Name		
Contact Details (Including Address Proof)		

Undertaking By Candidate/Student

1. I, _____ S/O , D/O, W/O of Mr. / Ms. _____ have carefully read and fully understood the law of prohibiting ragging and directions of the hon. Supreme court and the central/ state govt. in this regard as well as the DCI regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher education institutions 2009.

2. I assure you that I shall not indulge in any act of ragging.

3. I hereby agree that if I am found guilty in any aspect of ragging ,Imaybe punished as per the provisions of DCI regulations.

Signed _____ day of _____ month of _____ year.

Signature

Address: _____

	Witness 1	Witness 2
Name		
Contact Details (Including Address Proof)		