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ANTI-RAGGING POLICY

Ragging continues to be a serious concern in the higher education system of our country, despite its well-documented adverse consequences such as loss of life, mental trauma, and disruption of academic and career prospects of students. Unfortunately, a few individuals still perceive ragging as a means of socialization or as a way to introduce young students to the realities of college life. Recognizing the gravity of this issue, the institution has constituted a dedicated Anti-Ragging Committee with the objective of preventing, controlling, and eliminating all forms of ragging on campus.

FORMS OF RAGGING AS IDENTIFIED BY THE RAGHAVAN COMMITTEE

As per the recommendations of the Raghavan Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the institution recognizes ragging as a multifaceted issue encompassing psychological, social, political, economic, cultural, criminal, and academic aspects.

ACADEMIC RAGGING:

Any act that prevents, disrupts, or disturbs the regular academic activities of a student is considered academic-related ragging. Exploiting junior students for completing academic tasks assigned to seniors, individually or in groups, also falls under this category. Such practices are particularly prevalent in professional institutions, including medical and dental colleges.

ECONOMIC RAGGING:

Any act involving financial extortion or forcing junior students to bear unnecessary financial burdens imposed by seniors is treated as an economic dimension of ragging.

CRIMINAL AND PHYSICAL RAGGING:

Any form of physical abuse, including sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene or

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lewd acts or gestures, causing bodily harm, or endangering the health or safety of a student, is classified as ragging with criminal implications.

PSYCHOLOGICAL RAGGING:

Any act of abuse through spoken words, emails, letters, public insults, or humiliation constitutes psychological ragging. This includes deriving sadistic or perverted pleasure by actively or passively participating in the discomfort of others. Lack of proper orientation for freshers regarding adjustment to higher education and hostel life may also contribute to psychological stress. Any act that affects the mental health, emotional well-being, or self-confidence of students is treated under this category.

POLITICAL ASPECT OF RAGGING:

The political dimension of ragging is evident from the fact that institutions promoting democratic student participation, representation, and involvement in governance report fewer incidents of ragging.

HUMAN RIGHTS PERSPECTIVE:

Ragging is a violation of the fundamental right to human dignity. Humiliation inflicted on junior students often leads to severe psychological trauma and, in extreme cases, results in suicidal tendencies among victims.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE INSTITUTION

(As per UGC Guidelines for Higher Education Institutions, 2009)

The institution has implemented the following preventive measures to combat ragging:

1. Regular awareness programmes and campaigns are conducted to educate students about anti-ragging regulations and consequences.
2. Posters and banners displaying anti-ragging messages and helpline numbers are prominently displayed across the campus.
3. An Anti-Ragging Squad has been constituted to receive complaints, conduct enquiries, and take

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prompt action.

4. An Anti-Ragging Monitoring Cell actively supervises student activities and ensures early detection and prevention of ragging incidents.
5. Hostel wardens are empowered and instructed to take immediate preventive and disciplinary actions against ragging within hostel premises.

MODE OF COMPLAINT REGISTRATION

Any student who is a victim of ragging must submit a written complaint in their own words to the Head of the Institution. In the absence of the Head, the complaint may be submitted to any member of the Anti-Ragging Committee. The committee shall conduct a thorough enquiry and submit its report to the Head of the Institution. Based on the findings, if the incident warrants action under penal laws, the Head of the Institution or an authorized committee member shall file a First Information Report (FIR) with the police and local authorities within 24 hours of receiving the complaint or enquiry report.

ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL

(As per UGC Guidelines, April 2009 under Section 26(1)(g) of the UGC Act, 1956)

Based on the severity and nature of the offence, the Anti-Ragging Committee may recommend one or more of the following punishments:

- Suspension from attending classes and academic activities
- Withholding or withdrawal of scholarships, fellowships, or other benefits
- Debarring from appearing in examinations or assessments
- Withholding of examination results
- Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national, or international events
- Suspension or expulsion from the hostel



- Cancellation of admission
- Rustication from the institution for a period of one to two years
- Expulsion from the institution with debarment from admission to any other institution for a specified period
- Collective punishment in cases where the offenders cannot be individually identified

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