

WARNING AGAINST RAGGING

DEFINITION OF RAGGING

“Ragging” means the following: Any 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 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.

It has been made clear that ragging is strictly prohibited in IGMC & RI. Anyone who indulges in this legal offense will be severely dealt with and FIR will be lodged against the guilty.

All the senior student should be watchful and help the new comers in all possible ways.

Ragging is a punishable offense. If a fresher is forced to do anything which results in his/her mental discomfort, it will be interpreted as ragging, an act banned by a ruling of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Dear freshers,

Many of you may have apprehensions about campus life, particularly about your "interactions" with the seniors especially during the first few weeks/months. All precautionary measures are taken to ensure safety of the new comers.

Freshers are advised to avoid: Any "interaction" outside public areas and visiting seniors' rooms, or inviting seniors to your rooms.

If in need please contact

1. the Anti-ragging committee
2. You can even contact your hostel warden to report any incidence of ragging.
3. you can also leave an anonymous note about ragging that you have witnessed or experienced, to any of your teachers or any other faculty member. It will help us to curb ragging more effectively.

Advice to seniors: Seniors are strictly advised to not indulge in any activity that shall be interpreted as ragging, which may take the following forms:

1. Physical abuse, e.g. forcing to eat, drink or smoke, forcing to dress or undress.
2. Verbal abuse, e.g. swear words and phrases, direct or indirect derogatory references to the person's appearance, attire, religion, caste, family or chosen field of study.
3. Forcing juniors to indulge in any of the following activity or similar such activities
 - Chores for seniors e.g. copying notes, cleaning rooms etc.
 - Missing classes. Not allowing to study.
 - making them stay awake or shortening/interrupting their sleep.
 - asking to sing or dance or perform in any other way.
 - Using foul language or shouting or cheering.
 - Misbehaving, particularly with women.
 - asking to read pornographic/objectionable material.
4. Lifestyle restrictions, e.g.
 - Not allowing certain kinds of clothing or accessories belts, shoes etc.
 - Enforcing rules regarding shaving or oiling hair.
 - Forcing to wear certain kinds of dress.
 - Restricting access to parts of the hostel e.g. common room.
 - Requiring certain modes of address i.e. seniors should be called Sir or Ma'am.
 - Requiring a particular waking time.
5. Conversational mind-games. Particular forms of interaction in which a senior or set of seniors manipulates the conversation so as to humiliate the junior or make him/her feel stupid or insecure or generally threatened.

PUNISHABLE INGREDIENTS OF RAGGING

1. Abetment to ragging;
2. Criminal conspiracy to rag;
3. Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging;
4. Public nuisance created during ragging;
5. Violation of decency and morals through ragging;
6. Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt;
7. Wrongful restraint;
8. Wrongful confinement;
9. Use of criminal force;
10. Assault as well as sexual offenses or unnatural offenses;
11. Extortion;
12. Criminal trespass;
13. Offenses against property;
14. Criminal intimidation;
15. Attempt to commit any or all of the above mentioned offenses against the victim(s);
16. Physical or psychological humiliation;
17. All other offenses following from the definition of "Ragging".
18. Any other such or similar offences that shall be injurious mentally or physically to the concerned

MEASURES FOR PROHIBITION OF RAGGING AT THE INSTITUTION LEVEL

1. The institution shall strictly observe the provisions of the act of the Central Government and the State Governments, if any, or if enacted, considering ragging as a cognizable offense under the law on a par with rape and other atrocities against women and ill-treatment of persons belonging to the SC/ST, and prohibiting ragging in all its forms in all institutions.
2. Ragging in all its forms shall be totally banned in the entire institution, including its departments, constituent units, all its premises (academic, residential, sports, canteen, etc) whether located within the campus or outside and in all means of transportation of students whether public or private.
3. The institution shall take strict action against those found guilty of ragging and/or of abetting ragging.

PUNISHMENTS: the possible punishments for those found guilty of ragging shall be any or combination of the following:

1. Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges;
2. Withholding/Withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits;
3. Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process;
4. Withholding results;
5. Debarring from representing the institution in regional, national or international meet, tournament, festival, etc;
6. Suspension/ expulsion from the hostel;
7. Cancellation of admission;
8. Rustication from the institution for period from 1 to 4 semesters;
9. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution
10. Fine ranging between Rupees 25,000/- and rupees 1 lakh;
11. Collective punishment: When the persons committing or abetting the crime of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment.