

## **ANTI – RAGGING COMMITTEE**

Ragging is actually an act of familiarizing with the freshers. But of late, it has taken a distorted form in Higher Educational Institutions.

Ragging has now been regarded as a crime which destroys the physical and emotional confidence of students and led to an increase in suicide activities. We have seen and known through the media how ragging has ruined countless budding innocent lives and careers.

So, its time, it is out to an end to it in all educational institutions. The situation should always be under control.

As the Convenor of the Anti-Ragging Committee in our college the following steps have been taken to prevent ragging incidents in our college.

### **ORIENTATION FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> AND FINAL YEAR STUDENTS:**

1. At the beginning of the Academic Year, a meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final year students was convened by the Student Council. We have enlightened them on the disciplinary measures to be followed on the entry of the new students(new admissions) and have also created an awareness on how to receive the freshers and how to extend a friendly hand , warmth and affection and to create in the freshers, a feeling of belongingness in our college. The students are warned that they should give no scope for nasty activities like ragging. They were warned by the Principal, the staff and student council to keep from unfriendly attitude that may end in enmity. There should not be any scope for abuse or ragging of any kind was emphasized to them in the meeting.

There is total prohibition of ragging in our institution because the Committee has brought to the knowledge of the students that in our college, there are around 16 CC Cameras and every corner of the college can be seen through the footage. So this gives no scope for ragging or misbehavior of any kind among the students.

2. The college also has police cameras(secret) and students are made aware of it.
3. Every lane in the neighbourhood too, carries a phone number of the Police Department written on the walls that enables students to call in cases of distress. It serves as a warning to students.
4. Every Department and the faculty of each department carefully monitor the movements of the students while in college.
5. We have the mentor mentee system that enables close vigilance. One mentor(a faculty member) has around 30 students under the control of the mentor who closely monitors all the activities of the students in the group and gathers their grievances and move forward towards the redressal of grievances.

### **ORIENTATION FOR FRESHERS:**

At the very beginning of the academic year for all the newly admitted students, an orientation program is conducted along with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final year students, to drive into their minds, the ill-effects of ragging. The freshers should be alert and bring it to notice of the Committee or Students Council, any incidences of ragging. They can also report to the Head of the Institution, the Principal, the Vice-Principal and the Committee, the Heads of various departments of our college, take a lot of interest and effort to talk to the students and help them to create an awareness regarding Anti Ragging Measures that are taken up in the college.

Due to all the above reasons, the college functions smoothly in a free fair and friendly atmosphere among students.

#### **PUNISHMENT IN CASE RAGGING IS REPORTED:**

1. Ragging has now become an Act that violates an individual / student dignity. Following Supreme Court orders, a National Anti-Ragging Helpline was launched by the Indian Government because ragging is clear violation of human rights.
2. Students are given a Registered Toll-free Anti-Ragging Helpline number.
3. Two years imprisonment / Fine to the tune of 2.5 lakhs/ and dismissed from the educational institutions / Not to get admission in any other Educational Institutions
4. Under Section 4 of the Act 02, September 2015/UGC Regulations/Supreme Court Judgement on Anti- Ragging.
5. Hence, no cases are reported in our college because of the systematic counseling at regular intervals by the Committee and also by the Police Department officials and officials of the Department of Law.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

It was made clear to the students that Ragging is totally not found in the Institution and anyone found guilty of ragging or abetting ragging whether actively or passively raise apprehension of fear or shame or embarrassment / Teasing/ Abusing /threatening or playing jokes or causing hurt to students.

The speakers brought to the understanding of the students that Ragging involves abuse, humiliation or harassment of new entrants by senior students. To avoid psychological or physical torture meted out to them.