



Bharati Vidyapeeth's (Deemed To Be University)

School of Physiotherapy

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ANTI RAGGING COMMITTEE

WARNING
Ragging is a crime



VISION: Prevention and prohibition of Ragging in the Institutions, Universities including Deemed to be Universities imparting technical education.

MISSION: Ragging is totally prohibited in BVDU School of Physiotherapy, Sangli, inside and / or outside the campus and anyone found guilty of ragging and / or abetting ragging whether actively or passively, or being a part of conspiracy to promote ragging, is liable to be punished in accordance with UGC Regulations 2009 as well as under the provisions of any penal law for the time being in force. BVDU School of Physiotherapy ensures that the congenial and welcoming environment is given to the freshers. To achieve this objective following committee have been formed by the Institute as per UGC Regulation 2009:

Ragging is strictly banned in the Institution premises. If anybody is found indulging in such like activities, strict disciplinary action will be taken against the defaulters, irrespective of the extent. Ragging is banned by Supreme Court of India. Based on the Hon'ble Supreme Court directions, UGC has issued strict regulations and guidelines. All students are expected to adhere to the same. Defaulters will be dealt severely.

Ragging of fresh students in academic institutions by senior students is rampant in Indian Colleges. Ragging has taken many shapes including physical violence, sexual abuse and humiliation and milder form of pressurizing juniors to do Term Papers etc. Several steps taken by authorities so far have not improved matters. Even deaths due to ragging continue to be reported.

University Grants Commission has set up a toll free Helpline for dealing with Ragging. Any victim of ragging can ring up **the toll free number 18001805522** or send an email to: **helpline@antiragging.net**. The helpline will be operational 24 hours. Immediate action will be taken within fifteen minutes by alerting appropriate authorities, be it the head of the educational institution, the district collector or the police. Monitoring the progress of follow up activities by all concerned is also included.

WHAT CONSTITUTES RAGGING

Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts:

- a. A misconduct 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 rudeness a fresher or any other student.
- b. Indulging in rowdy or indisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student.
- c. Asking any student to do 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.
- d. Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher.
- e. Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- f. Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students.
- g. Any act of physical abuse including all variants of it: sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person.
- h. Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, post, public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to fresher or any other student .
- i. Any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of a fresher or any student.

OBJECTIVES

- To prohibit misconduct by any student or students whether by words spoken or written.
- To prohibit an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness of a fresher or any other student.
- To prohibit students from indulging in rowdy or indisciplined activities.
- To stop conduct of any activity likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or raise fear or apprehension thereof in the mind of any fresher or any other student or asking any student to do any such act which such student will not in the ordinary

course do so and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame.

- To stop torment or embarrassment which may adversely affect the physique or psyche of such fresher or any other student, with or without an intent to derive a sadistic pleasure.
- To stop showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or any other student; and thereby, to eliminate ragging in all its forms from universities, deemed universities and other higher educational institutions in the country by prohibiting it under these Regulations, preventing its occurrence and punishing those who indulge in ragging as provided for in these Regulations and the appropriate law in force.

POLICY FOR ZERO TOLERANCE

The institution shall punish a student found guilty of ragging after following the procedure and in the manner prescribed herein as under:

- a) The Anti-Ragging Committee of the Institution shall take an appropriate decision, in regard to punishment or otherwise, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging and nature and gravity of the incident of ragging established in the recommendations of the Anti-Ragging Squad.
- b) The Anti-Ragging Committee may, depending on the nature and gravity of the guilt established by the Anti-Ragging Squad, award, to those found guilty, one or more of the following punishments, namely:-
 - i. Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
 - ii. Withholding/ withdrawing scholarship/ fellowship and other benefits.
 - iii. Debarring from appearing in any test/ examination or other evaluation process.
- iv. Withholding results.
- v. Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
 - vi. Suspension/ expulsion from the hostel.
 - vii. Cancellation of admission.
 - viii. Rustication from the institution for period ranging from one to four semesters.
 - ix. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period. Provided that where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment.
- c) An appeal against the order of punishment by the Anti-Ragging Committee shall lie,

- i. In case of an order of an institution, affiliated to or constituent part, of a University, to the Vice-Chancellor of the University;
- ii. In case of an order of a University, to its Chancellor.
- iii. In case of an institution of national importance created by an Act of Parliament, to the Chairman or Chancellor of the institution, as the case may be.

PROCEDURE FOR LODGING COMPLAINT AND // ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION

On receipt of the recommendations of the Anti Ragging Squad or on receipt of any information concerning any reported incident of ragging, the Head of institution shall immediately determine if a case under the penal laws is made out and if so, either on his own or through a member of the Anti-Ragging Committee authorized by him in this behalf, proceed to file a First Information Report (FIR), within twenty four hours of receipt of such information or recommendation, with the police and local authorities, under the appropriate penal provisions relating to one or more of the following, namely;

- i. Abetment to ragging;
- ii. Criminal conspiracy to rag;
- iii. Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging;
- iv. Public nuisance created during ragging;
- v. Violation of decency and morals through ragging;
- vi. Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt;
Wrongful restraint;
Wrongful confinement;
- ix. Use of criminal force;
Assault as well sexual offences or unnatural offences;
- x. Extortion;
- xii. Criminal trespass;
- xiii. Offences against property;
- xiv. Criminal intimidation;
- xv. Attempts to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victims;

- xvi. Threat to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victims;
- xvii. Physical or psychological humiliation;
- xviii. All other offences following from the definition of “Ragging”.

PENALTIES

The following are the penalties that may be imposed on a student.

Minor Penalties

1. Oral/Written Warning.
2. Fine.
3. Suspension from the class for a week.

Major Penalties

1. Fine.
2. Suspending from class for one month/semester.
3. Prevention from appearing University Exams.
4. Prevention from T & P facilities.
5. Suspension from Hostel.
6. Rustication from college.

Frequency of Meeting:

- There shall meet at least thrice in a year.
- In case of exigency, the member secretary can call a meeting.
- There shall be a notice for the requisition of meeting.

Minutes of the meeting:

The minutes are usually completed by the Chairperson, but can be assigned to someone else.

- Minutes of meetings should be written for review within one week of the meeting.
- Copies must be preserved and handed over to the next member student at the end of the term.

ANTI-RAGGING COMMITTEES

The Anti-Ragging Committee will comprise of the following members. They are to make sure that no ragging takes place in the college campus.

The decision of Anti –Ragging Committee for each incident will be taken in consultation with the following members (if the nature of incident demands so):

In continuation, the under mentioned faculty members and students will constitute the structure of Anti-Ragging Committee for their respective Institution. If any incident takes place, it will be acted upon and reported through the members of that Institution, and rest all other formalities will take place through that stream of members of that particular institution.

Anti-Ragging Committee

Chairperson	Dr. Sneha V. Katke
Members	Dr. Pooja Narwadkar (Civil)
	Mrs. Manisha Dubule (Police)
	Mr. Rohit Rokhade (Media)
Staff	Dr. Sunil Harsulkar
Staff	Dr. Manal Anthikat
Parent	Pradeep Aahi
Parent	Mehul Vasa
Student (Male)	Ma. Kaustubh Mane
Student (Female)	Miss Mrudula Suryawanshi

CONTACT NUMBERS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

VISHRAMBAG POLICE STATION – SANGLI
LANDLINE NO. 02332670033

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS AS MENTIONED ABOVE

1. The faculty members can take the help of the member students as and when required and can also involve them in different activities relating to Anti-Ragging Committee.
2. Keep an alert eye to avoid any of ragging incidence.
3. Walk around the campus to ensure that there is no such activity taking place.
4. Keep reminding students about the severe actions which could be taken against them if they are found involved or indulged in ragging.
5. Make students aware of their respective Institution about the rules and regulations of Anti-Ragging.
6. Informing students about the affidavit and encourage students to fill and submit it in time.
7. Taking ownership in making the environment of the campus absolutely free from Ragging.
8. Actively participation in monthly meeting of Anti-Ragging Committee or as per the scheduled informed to them from time to time.
9. Identify and keep in close observation of the sensitive places of the institute where such incidents can take place.
10. For each ragging incident, the member person is supposed to prepare and submit a complete report including their remarks about the incident for further action to the Head of Anti-Ragging Committee
11. If any such incident is reported to member or member himself/herself comes across such incidents, he/she has to immediately try to get connected telephonically/face to face to the group of students found/reported to indulge in ragging.
12. The member person will immediately investigate about such incident and will take in written from the doer and the culprit.
13. The member person will also try to collect the information Oral and Written from the witnesses and will put remarks of the witness in the report.
14. Simultaneously, the member person will immediately bring to the notice of Head of Anti-Ragging Committee about such happening as first information and later on will submit an exhaustive report to the Heads for further process and action.
15. Since the gravity of the incident will be decided by the report which will get reflected into the decision of the degree of punishment for the defaulter, it is expected from the each member person that they make/develop the report with utmost sincerity and care.

16. Each such report submitted to the Head of Anti-Ragging Committee will be further investigated by their own resources in order to reach to a right judgment & appropriate decision.
17. The member faculty of each stream of Anti- Ragging Committee will be in close touch with the heads regarding the report they have submitted to the Head. His/her responsibility will not be over just by submitting the report; rather they may also be expected to be a part of decision. Thus, they are supposed to be in touch with the Head till the final verdict upon the case submitted has come out.
18. Each nominated member of the committee is expected to abide by the SOP.