

## **Ragging**

Ragging is strictly prohibited on Campus. Any case of ragging should be brought to the notice of the authorities. Anyone indulging in ragging is liable to disciplinary action including rustication from the University and to criminal prosecution under the relevant laws. UGC Directives defining and prohibiting ragging are as follows:

### **1. Definition of Ragging:**

Ragging includes display of noisy, disorderly conduct, teasing, rough or rude treatment, indulging in rowdy, undisciplined and obscene activities which cause or are likely to cause annoyance, undue hardship, physical or psychological harm or mental trauma or raise apprehension or fear in a fresher or other students, or forcing a student to do any act which such a student is not willing to do or which cause him/her shame or embarrassment or danger to his/her life or limb, or indulging in eve teasing.

### **2. Prohibition of Ragging:**

Ragging within or outside the educational institution is prohibited.

### **3. Penalty for Ragging:**

Whoever directly or indirectly commits, participates in, abets or instigates ragging within or outside any educational institution shall be suspended, expelled or rusticated from the institution and shall also be liable to fine which may extend to Rs.10,000/-. The punishment may also include i) cancellation of admission, ii) suspension from attending classes iii) withholding / withdrawing fellowship / scholarship and other financial benefits, withholding or cancelling the results. Provided that, except suspension, a student may be expelled only after an opportunity of hearing is given to such student. The inquiry in this regard shall be completed within a period of two weeks. Provided further that, if such ragging takes place during the course of any test or examination, such student may be permitted to undertake the test or examination but the result shall be subject to any decision which may be taken in that regard. Suspension may be resorted forthwith having regard to the nature of the complaint made or information received by the Head of the Institution or from a Warden of any hostel or member of the Proctorial staff or any other person. The decision to suspend or expel or other punishment shall be taken by the Head of the Institution.

Ragging is punishable in the University. Any student indulging in ragging may be expelled from the University from one to four semesters or debarred admission in any other Institution.

### **4. Deemed Abetment:**

If any member of the staff responsible for the management of the institution or its hostels neglects to take action, shall be deemed to have abetted ragging. In such a situation, disciplinary action may be taken against such member of the staff.

## **5. Undertaking:**

Every student shall give an undertaking in writing to the Head of the Institution at the time of admission or commencement of the academic session every year to the effect that he/she shall neither indulge himself/herself or instigate any other student in ragging or create nuisance to the academic atmosphere of the Institution.

Head of the Institution shall be responsible to take immediate action on receipt of the complaint/ information about any instance of ragging and shall dispose of the complaint expeditiously, not exceeding two weeks. The inquiry may be conducted by the Head of the Institution himself or through his nominee or nominees. The Head of the Institution/Warden of the hostels should immediately lodge an FIR in respect of offences regarding which action may be taken under the Indian Penal Code. The aforesaid action would be in addition to and not in lieu of the disciplinary action which may be taken by the Institution.