

# Anti-ragging Policy

## AICTE Regulations as per the Directives of Supreme Court

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

- a. any conduct 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 undisciplined 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, posts, 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 other student with or without an intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or any other student.

**Every single incident of ragging a First Information Report (FIR) must be filed without exception by the institutional authorities with the local police authorities.**

**Depending upon the nature and gravity of the offence as established the possible punishments for those found guilty of ragging at the institution level shall be any one or any combination of the following:-**

1. Suspension from attending classes
2. Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits
3. Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process and/or withholding results
4. Fine with public apology
5. Suspension/expulsion from the hostel
6. Rustication from the institution for period ranging from 1 to 4 semesters
7. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution.

Collective punishment: when the persons committing or abetting the crime of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment as a deterrent to ensure community pressure on the potential raggars.

**Directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP No. 24295 of 2006 dated 16-05-2007 and in Civil Appeal number 887 of 2009, dated 08-05-2009 to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging**

**Ragging includes**

- Any conduct 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
- Or indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student
- Or 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, with or without an intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or any other student

## **Raghavan Committee Recommendation to Supreme Court**

Ragging is as any act which violates the dignity of the individual student or is perceived to violate his/her dignity.

**Ragging is a cognizable, non-bailable, non-compoundable offence with punishment ranging from one year imprisonment and fine up to 7 years rigorous imprisonment and fine.**

Broadly ragging can be categorized in the following way for which various term of punishment are prescribed:

A. **Verbal:** Where senior causes mental harassment, discomfort for the junior by forcing him/her to answer unacceptable/ personal questions, dance, sing etc is said to rag the junior. It also includes within its ambit cyber ragging.

**Punishment: 1 year imprisonment or fine or both.**

B. **Severe Verbal Ragging:** Where the mental harassment, discomfort is to such an act as forces the junior to withdraw from the college.

**Punishment: 7 year imprisonment with fine.**

C. **Physical:** Any act by the senior towards the junior which inflicts bodily injury on the junior, like beating the junior, hitting him/her with objects etc.

**Punishment: 7 year imprisonment with fine.**

D. **Sexual Ragging:** Where the senior asks the junior to do an act which damages sexual dignity of the junior.

**Punishment: 7 year rigorous imprisonment and fine.**

Penalty for Ragging (Institute level) - (a) Expulsion from the educational institution, if found guilty on inquiry by the Institution against a complaint lodged by any other student. (b) Any student convicted with imprisonment shall be dismissed from the educational institution in which he/she has been prosecuting his studies for the time being, and shall not be re-admitted to that educational institution.

## **Hi-Tech College of Engineering has zero tolerance for ragging**

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# **RAGGING IS BANNED RAGGING IS A SOCIAL EVIL RAGGING IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE**

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### **Myths and Facts...**

**Myth: Ragging makes a student bold and prepares us for the difficult circumstances in Life. It makes us strong.**

**Fact: Boldness as instilled by ragging is a weak acceptance of fate by victims. It teaches us how to be exploited and mutely, non-resistively accept it.**

**Myth: Ragging helps in breaking the ice between the seniors and freshers. It helps in their interaction and developing friendship between them.**

**Fact: Ragging is an archaic method of interaction with several harmful effects. Today with advance psychological science there are many other healthy ways of interaction which are more effective and without any human rights abuse.**

**Myth: Ragging generates a feeling of unity and Oneness.**

**Fact: Ragging divides the students on the lines of caste, region, class etc. It sets mob mentality in the students.**

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Ragging is against the concept of equality, student unity and civilized behaviour.

Ragging would always hurt fellow human beings.

Ragging has claimed many innocent lives.

Ragging will land you in jail.

Ragging is a perverted act of a distorted mind.

Ragging is inhuman; let us stop the cycle of ragging.

Be a part of Ragging Free Campus.

Goodbye ragging

No fear on our campus.

## **Say no to ragging.**