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**“ANTI-RAGGING BOOKLET”**

**(TO ALL STUDENTS FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE)**

**WARNING**  
**Ragging is a crime**



*“Ragging is Social Evil”*

*“Ragging is Banned”*

# ANTI RAGGING COMMITTEE

## 1. What is Ragging?

Ragging is defined by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP 24295/2006 dated 16.5.2007 and Civil Appeal No. 887 of 2009 dated 8.5.2009 as "Any disorderly conduct whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any student, indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities which causes or likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear of apprehension thereof, in a fresher or a junior student, or asking the students to do any act or perform something which such students will not do in the ordinary course and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of a fresher or a junior student".

As per Andhra Pradesh Prohibition of Ragging Act 1997, "Ragging" means doing an act which causes or is likely to cause insult or annoyance or fear or apprehension or threat or intimidation or outrage of modesty or injury to a student.

**Ragging as defined by UGC under Clause 3 of the Regulations:** In addition to above, includes any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs academic activity of other student, exploiting the services of other students for completing their academic tasks, any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on any other student(s), act of physical abuse of all variants like sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts causing physical harm or danger, any abuse by spoken words, e-mails, post, public insults which includes deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to any other student(s).

The UGC vide D.O. letter No.F.1-15/2009 (ARC) pt.-III dated August 8, 2016 has expanded the definition of Ragging in the following manner:

"3 (j) Any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (fresher or otherwise on the ground of color, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional origins, linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background

### **Ragging as defined by AICTE:**

AICTE defines ragging as "Any conduct of a student or students by spoken or written words or by an act which has effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness, indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities which cause or likely to cause annoyance, hardship physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension in any student, asking any student to do any act which a student will not do in ordinary course and has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or torment or embarrassment adversely affecting physique or psyche of fresher or any other student, any act by a senior students preventing, disrupting or disturbing academic activity of any other student, exploiting services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to a student or a group of students, any act of financial extortion or forceful burden of expenditure, physical abuse of all variants like sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene & lewd acts, gestures, bodily harm or danger to health on fresher or any student, any act or abuse by spoken words, e-mails, posts, public insults to derive perverted pleasure, vicarious/sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in discomfiture to fresher or other student, any act affecting mental health and self-confidence of

any student to derive sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any other student”.

**2. PVPSIT stand on Ragging:** Ragging is not only a dreaded social evil predominating mainly in the Higher Educational institutions, but also a cognizable offence under the law. Every wise and conscious citizen will come forward to fight against ragging.

**3. Measures to prevent Ragging:** PVPSIT, being a premier institution of higher education, it is not lagging behind to join the mission to eradicate this dreaded social evil from the society and pledges to make PVPSIT a “Zero Ragging Campus”, which will, no doubt, be an important milestone towards perfect learning and acquiring practical knowledge and guarantee equal opportunities to all and highest regard for human rights.

In strict compliance to the directions of the Supreme Court, A.P Government, AICTE, UGC, and with a view to curb the menace of ragging effectively, PVPSIT has taken the following measures:

a) Constitution of (i) Anti-Ragging Committee, consisting of the Principal (Chairman), senior faculty and Non-Teaching staff (nominated by the Principal), representatives from students and few members from government and non-government organizations for taking appropriate Anti-Ragging measures within the college. (ii) Anti ragging squad (iii) Anti ragging cells.

#### **4. Punishments for indulging and abetting Ragging (Ref: Clause 9.1 of UGC Regulations as well as AICTE guidelines)**

1. The punishment to be meted out to the persons indulged in ragging has to be exemplary and justifiably harsh to act as a deterrent against recurrence of such incidents.
2. Every single incident of ragging a First Information Report (FIR) must be filed without exception by the institutional authorities with the local police authorities.
3. The Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution shall take an appropriate decision, with regard to punishment or otherwise, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging and nature and gravity of the incident of ragging.
4. a) 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: -
  - (i) Cancellation of admission
  - (ii) Suspension from attending classes
  - (iii) Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits
  - (iv) Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process
  - (v) Withholding results
  - (vi) Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
  - (vii) Suspension/expulsion from the hostel

- (viii) Rustication from the institution for period ranging from 1 to 4 semesters
- (ix) Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution.
- (x) 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 raggers.

b) Any form of ragging will be severely dealt with as per AP Prohibition of Ragging Act-1997 section-4.

**Table 2: Punishments for Ragging**

<b>Nature of ragging</b>	<b>Punishment</b>
Teasing, embarrassing and humiliating	Imprisonment up to 6 months or fine up to Rs.1,000/- or both
Assaulting or using criminal force or criminal intimidation	Imprisonment up to 1 year or fine up to Rs.2,000/- or both
Wrongfully restraining or confining or causing hurt	Imprisonment up to 2 years or fine up to Rs.5,000/- or both
Causing grievous hurt kidnapping or raping or committing unnatural offence	Imprisonment up to 5 years and fine up to Rs.10,000/-
Causing death or abetting suicide	Imprisonment up to 10 years and fine up to Rs.50,000/-

**5.Filing FIR: (Ref: Clause 7 of UGC Regulations)** For every single incident of ragging, a First Information Report must be led without exception by institutional authorities with the local police authorities within twenty-four hours of receipt of information with intimation to concerned District Level and University Level Anti-Ragging authority, under appropriate penal provisions relating to one or more of the offences falling under the definitions of Ragging.

**6. Submission of undertaking:**

- a) It is mandatory for each fresher and parents as well as hostel boarders to submit, at the time of admission, a written undertaking (Format for student attached (at Annexure I) and for parents (at Annexure II)
- b) Hostel Boarders are to submit affidavit/written undertaking in the Format at (Annexure-III)

**7. Helpline Contact Numbers:**

- i) In case of any Ragging like incident happens in and outside the RGU Campus, student may contact for help using the following Phone numbers for necessary help.

\* *Dr.K.Ramanjaneyulu, Professor, PVPSIT, 8328175703, Mail ID: kongara.raman@gmail.com*

*\* Administrative Office, Phone No: 0866-2581699 Mail ID: principal@pvpsiddhartha.ac.in*

ii) It is the duty of any student/faculty/staff to report forthwith to the higher authorities using the above mail ID/ phone numbers, if any incident of ragging comes to their notice. Playing a silent spectator's role in such incidents, amounts to indulging in such activities which is also punishable crime under the law.

## **8. Duties of students and Guardians:**

a) Duties of fresher's & their guardians:

i) To maintain a cordial relationship with members of the PVPSIT family particularly with the students exhibiting perfect manners and decent behaviors

ii) To show due respect to faculty members, officers and other staff of PVPSIT and outsiders visiting the PVPSIT.

iii) Students enjoy all rights and privileges like other citizens of India. As such, they should not bow down their heads to any force trying to deprive them of their rights and privileges, but to stand boldly. In case, a student or a group of students forces them to obey orders/directions, which they consider to be embarrassing, undignified, they should forthwith report it to the concerned authority using the helpline phone numbers/mail ID.

iv) PVPSIT authority is always ready to redress the grievances of any student traumatized because of ragging and ragging like activities and hope all sort of co-operation from parents/guardians.

## **9. Duties of Senior Students:**

Senior students will always welcome a fresher in a befitting manner creating a homely environment in the PVPSIT campus, where only love and affection, peace and tranquility, a culture to help others and a healthy academic environment congenial for useful studies, proper growth and all-round development of a student prevails, so that all students (seniors and juniors) feel PVPSIT campus a free and secured one for peaceful learning without any disturbances whatsoever.

## **Conclusion**

The aim of publishing Anti-Ragging Bulletin by PVPSIT is to acquaint the members of PVPSIT family, particularly the students, with various provisions of law on prevention and prohibition of ragging in educational institutions, including punishments to be faced by the offenders and steps taken by PVPSIT to eradicate one of the most dreaded social evils from the college as well as the society. It is sincerely hoped that the Booklet will definitely help to create a platform, free from any disturbance, for peaceful learning and teaching and exposure of the hidden talents of the students.