# M. S. P. Mandal's Shivchhatrapati College, Aurangabad Internal Quality Assurance Cell



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#### Introduction:

- Ragging is an "initiation ritual" practiced in higher education institutions involving abuse, humiliation, or harassment of new entrants or junior students by the senior students.
- Ragging may take a malignant form wherein the newcomers may be subjected to psychological or physical torture.
- In 2009, the University Grants Commission of India imposed regulations upon Indian universities to help curb ragging cases in higher education institutions.
- In harmoniousness with the UGC regulations 2009 and in view of the directions of the Honorable Supreme Court in SLP No. 24295 of 2006 dated 16-05-2007 and in Civil Appeal number 887 of 2009, dated 08-05-2009 regarding ragging Shivchhatrapati College, Aurangabad maintains the policy of keeping the campus free from ragging.
- The regulations of the Central and State governments, UGC and court orders including anti-ragging undertaking by students and parents, awareness programs are conducted in the institute.
- Regular updating of the instructions from the Central, State, UGC, and court orders are maintained well in the institution.
- The institution strictly observes the provisions of the acts of the Central Government and the State Governments, if any, or if enacted and / or for the time being in force, considering ragging as a cognoscible offence.
- The institute has constituted a special Anti-ragging cell in the institute which ensures strict caution on activities of students especially during the arrival of new batches in the beginning of the academic year. The honorable principal of the Institution directly supervises the Antiragging, Cell.
- Special sessions are arranged for the newcomers in the first weeks of the academic year during the student induction program in order to prepare them for the socio-academic life in the campus of institution.

# Objectives:

- ❖ To maintain a ragging free campus by following the UGC regulations on curbing the menace of ragging.
- ❖ To create awareness about ragging & ensure a student-friendly environment at all times.
- ❖ To facilitate campus monitoring to ensure nil ragging.
- ❖ To prevent physical or mental torture or any disorderly conduct towards any student causing apprehension, humiliation, or agitation among students of the institute.

### What is Ragging?

Ragging is an "initiation ritual" practiced in higher education institutions involving abuse, humiliation, or harassment of new entrants or junior students by the senior students.

It involves any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher. 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.
- b) Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- c) Treating or handling with rudeness a fresher or any other student. 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.
- d) Asking any student to do any act which such student will not keep him physically and mentally healthy.
- e) Ragging is a serious crime and is punishable by law.



### Measures for prevention of ragging:

It is essential and mandatory for every stake holder to take following measures for prevention of ragging at such institutions:

- \* Ragging within and outside the campus is totally banned.
- Every candidate has to fill an affidavit.
- ❖ The affidavit should be filled up and signed by the candidate to the effect that he/she is aware of the law regarding prohibition of raging as well as the punishments, and that he/she, if found guilty of the offence of ragging and/or abetting ragging, is liable to be punished appropriately.
- Parents of the students are also made aware of the anti-ragging regulations.
- Students are counselled during the induction programs to avoid ragging in the campus.
- Student code of conduct is displayed in the campus.
- ❖ Anti-Ragging policy is displayed on the college website.
- Anti-ragging Committee: Institute has constituted an Anti-ragging Committee which is headed by the Head of the Institution which takes care to maintain a ragging free campus in the institution.
- The Anti-Ragging Committee can make surprise raids in the classrooms and college campus.
- If anyone found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging is liable to be punished.
- ❖ Any student who found guilty of ragging is seriously dealt with as per the university regulations.
- ❖ The case should also be reported to the law-and-order Department of the state immediately at the reception of the complaint at the college office.

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## Actions to be taken against students:

- ❖ Under the anti-ragging law, student if found can be imprisoned for 3 years along with a fine as per the Supreme Court order 2001.
- ❖ A strong and exemplary and justifiably harsh punishment can be given to the guilty students.
- ❖ Action can be taken to prevent the guilty one to attend classes and practicals.
- ❖ Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution shall take appropriate decision depending upon the nature and gravity of the case.
- ❖ Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
- Withholding the free ship and academic benefits of the student can be punished.
- ❖ First Information Report (FIR) can be filed be filed without exception by the institutional authorities with the local police authorities.

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