

SURENDERA DENTAL COLLGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE SRI GANGANAGAR (RAJASTHAN) - 335001

ANTI RAGGING MEASURES

For Strict Compliance by Students

SAY NO TO RAGGING

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REGULATIONS / DIRECTIVE FOR BANNING RAGGING & ANTI-RAGGING MEASURES

1. Aim

To maintain **RAGGING FREE CAMPUS'** status of the institution by preventing any type of ragging activity. The institution has adopted rigorous anti-ragging measures and provisions to curb the menace of ragging.

2. Terms of Reference

- a. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India Judgement (based on Raghavan Committee Recommendations)
- b. UGC Regulations, 2009

3. What constitutes Ragging?

Ragging is 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 cause or are likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or a junior student and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the psyche of a fresher or any other student.

Various types of ragging -The Raghvan Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court has, inter alia, mentioned the following types of ragging:

- (i) Ragging has several aspects with, among others, psychological, social, political, economic, cultural, and academic dimensions.
- (ii) Any act that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of a student should be considered within the academics related aspect of ragging; similarly, exploiting the services of a junior student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of seniors is also an aspect of academics related ragging prevalent in many institutions, particularly in the professional institutions in medicine.
- (iii) Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a junior student by senior students should be considered an aspect of ragging for ragging economic dimensions.
- (iv)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 can be put in the category of ragging with criminal dimensions.
- (v) Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, snail-mails, public insults should be considered within the psychological aspects of ragging. This aspect would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to others; the absence of preparing 'fresher's in the run up to their admission to higher education and life in hostels also can be ascribed as a psychological aspect of ragging coping skills in interaction with seniors or strangers can be imparted by parents as well. Any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of students also can be described in terms of the psychological aspect of ragging.
- (vi)The political aspect of ragging is apparent from the fact that incidents of ragging are low in institutions which promote democratic participation of students

in representation and provide an identity to students to participate in governance and decision making within the Institute bodies.

(vii) The human rights perspective of ragging involves the injury caused to the fundamental right to human dignity through humiliation heaped on junior students by seniors; often resulting in the extreme step of suicide by the victims.

4. Directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India (The Raghavan Committee) Regarding Curbing the Menace of Ragging

The Raghavan Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP No. 24295/2006 has submitted its detailed report to the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 7-5-2007. The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its Order dated 16-5-2007 has passed the following Order in the matter:- We have perused the Report of the Committee constituted pursuant to this Court's order to suggest remedial measures to tackle with the problem of ragging in educational institutions. An elaborate report has been submitted by the Committee headed by Dr. R.K. Raghavan. According to the Committee, the following factors need to be focused to tackle with the problem:-

- (a) Primary responsibility for curbing ragging rests with academic institutions themselves.
- (b) Ragging adversely impacts the standards of higher education.
- (c) Incentives should be available to institutions for curbing the menace and there should be disincentives for failure to do so.
- (d) Enrolment in academic pursuits or a campus life should not immunize any adult citizen from penal provisions of the laws of the land.
- (e) Ragging needs to be perceived as failure to inculcate human values from the schooling stage.
- (f) Behavioural patterns among students, particularly potential 'raggers', need to be identified.

- (g) Measures against ragging must put off its recurrence.
- (h) intensive action is required at the level of the school, higher educational institution, district administration, university, State and Central Governments to make any curb effective.
- (i) Media and the Civil Society should be involved in this exercise.

5. Prohibition of Ragging

- (a) Ragging within the Campus including its Institutions / Departments /Hostels or/ and any part of system as well as on public transport system outside the campus is strictly prohibited.
- (b) Ragging in any form is prohibited also in the private lodges/buildings where the college students are staying.
- (c) No person including students / staff / faculty shall participate or abet or propagate ragging in any form.

6. Punishable Ingredients of Ragging

- (a) Criminal conspiracy to rag;
- (b) Extortion;
- (c) Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging;
- (d) Public nuisance created during ragging;
- (e) Violation of decorum and morals through ragging;
- (f) Injury to body, causing hurt or severe hurt;
- (g) Wrongful captivity;
- (h) Wrongful restraint;
- (i) Use of criminal force;
- (j) Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences;
- (k) Abetment to ragging;
- (1) Trespassing;

- (m) Offences against property;
- (n) Criminal intimidation;
- (o) Physical or psychological humiliation;
- (p) Attempts to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- (q) Threat to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- (r) All other offences following from the definition of "Ragging"
- 7. **Punishments and penalty** (to be decided based on the nature and gravity of offence)
- (a) termination of admission
- (b) Suspension from attending classes
- (c) Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits
- (d) Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process
- (e) Withholding results
- (f) Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
- (g) Suspension/expulsion from the hostel
- (h) Rustication from the institution for period ranging from 1 to 4 years
- (i) Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution.
- (j) Collective punishment: when the persons committing 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.
- (k) Whoever directly or indirectly commits, participates, abets or propagates ragging within or outside any educational institution shall be punished with

- imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years or with fine
- (1) Any student convicted of an offence under "ragging" shall not be admitted in any educational institution for a period which may extend to five years from the date of order of debarring.
- (m) Non -students involved in reports of ragging will be proceeded with under the criminal law of India.
- (n) Ex-Students involved in ragging and against whom necessary action is taken under these provisions, will also be rendered ineligible for a period of five years from seeking enrolment in any of the Institutions. They will, however, be given post decisional hearing, with strict adherence to the law of natural justice.
- (o) In case any student who has obtained degree from the institution is found guilty; under these Regulations, appropriate action will be taken under the provisions of the Regulations relating to Conduct of Examinations.

8. Measures for Curbing Ragging

(a) Before Admission/Registration

- (i) A Student will be only registered for the Programme on submission of two Affidavits on Rs. 10.00 stamp paper each, duly notarized, one signed by the student and the other signed by the parent. Formats of the Affidavits are given at:-
- Annexure I By the student
- Annexure II By the parent
- (ii) A student will not be registered for the programme until the Affidavits mentioned above are submitted.

(b) On Admission & Registration

- (i) Every student, at the time of Registration will go through this booklet and will be given a printed leaflet detailing to whom he/she has to turn to for help and guidance for various purposes including committee member names and telephone numbers.
- (ii) A student will give a signed receipt to his/her Head of Institution that he/she has received the printed leaflet and has thoroughly read and well understood the contents of 'Regulations/Directives for Banning Ragging & Anti Ragging Measures' booklet.

9. General Instructions

(a) Anti-Ragging Committees

- (i) Head of Institution will form an "Anti-Ragging Committee" headed by the Head of Institution. It will comprise of selected faculty members, representative of district and police administration, students from the freshers category as well as seniors and selected non-teaching staff.
- (ii) This Committee will be fully and totally responsible to ensure that no incidence of ragging as given in these regulations takes place and will also monitor and ensure that the instructions of these regulations are followed fully at all times.
- (iii) The Committee will also maintain alert vigil at all times and ensure that the Anti-Ragging Squads of the Institutions carry out their functions properly.

(b) Anti-Ragging Squads

(i) Head of Institution will constitute a number of Anti-Ragging Squads.

The number of squads will be based on the number of blocks / floors and strength of the students so that the Anti - Ragging Measures can be effectively implemented.

(ii) Anti-Ragging Squads will comprise of senior faculty members and responsible representatives of senior and fresher students. Its function will include going

- around / patrolling the Institution and the Campus common areas, maintain vigil and take action if they notice any incidence of ragging either in their Institution or any other Institution / or in the Campus.
- (iii) The Squads will also have the responsibility to investigate incidences of ragging and to report to the Anti-Ragging Committee &Anti-Ragging Control Room for immediate action / punishment wherever required.
- (iv) On the report of Anti-Ragging Squad or any other person who witnesses the incidence of ragging or on the complaint of any fresher student, immediate action will be taken by the Anti Ragging Committee.

10. Instructions specific to Hostels

- (a) The hostels for the fresher students will be in separate hostel blocks and entry into the freshers' blocks will be manned by security staff round the clock.
- (b) No one, particularly senior students will be permitted to enter the freshers' block at any time. Similarly fresher students are not permitted to visit blocks of senior students. The responsibility for ensuring the above instructions will be of the security guard / guards on duty at the entry points to the freshers' blocks.
- (c) All fresher students will report back in their respective hostel rooms latest by 09:00 pm.
- (d) All senior hostel students will be in their respective hostels latest by 10:00 pm.
- (e) Proper attendance of hostel students both freshers and seniors will be taken at 9:00 PM and 10:00 PM respectively.
- (f) All hostel students must have their college ID Card at all times with them and must abide by the Hostel Rules in addition to the Anti-Ragging Regulations.
- (g) All Day Scholars are required to leave the Campus latest by 08:00 pm.
- (h) Entry / presence of Day Scholars in the Campus will not be permitted beyond 08:00 PM and on holidays unless specifically allowed under the authority of the

respective Head of Institution. Strict disciplinary action will be taken if a day scholar is seen in the Campus after 08:00 PM or on holiday without proper authority.

11. Action Procedure

(a) **Institutional Anti-Ragging Squads** functions will include going around / patrolling the Institution and the Campus common areas, maintaining vigil and taking action if they notice any incidence of ragging or abetment of ragging either in their Institution or any other Institution or in the Campus.

The Squads will also have the responsibility to investigate incidences of ragging and to report to the Institutional Anti-Ragging Committee, Anti-Ragging Control Room and Director Principal for immediate action wherever required.

- (b) **Anti-Ragging Patrols** will immediately report any incidence of ragging or abetment of ragging noticed by them to the Anti-Ragging Control Room & Director Principal immediately.
- (c) **Director Principal / Institutional Anti-Ragging Committee** will take immediate action as per the situation.
- (d) **Director Principal** will examine the report received from Institutional Anti-Ragging Committee/Squads/Patrols, investigate and recommend appropriate punishment.

12. Student Orientation

A comprehensive orientation programme will be organized for all students on commencement of their respective programmes. It will be mandatory for all students to attend the orientation programme.

13. Freshers Introduction / Induction

A systematically organized Freshers' Introductions/Get-Together party will be organized by Institution which would conform to the decorum and dignity as expected by the institution and act as a forerunner for introductions and ice breaking between seniors and freshers.

14. Special Advisory to Freshers

- (a) Freshers should not hesitate or feel shy of reporting any incident of ragging either as a victim or as a witness.
- (b) Freshers should move in groups (particularly the hostel freshers) and immediately report at any time of the day or night, any attempt to ragging or any incident of ragging to any of the Institutional/Hostel authority or to any of the authority whose contact numbers are given in this booklet.
- (c) The important contact numbers should be saved by freshers in their mobile phones.

15. Anti Ragging Complaint Boxes

Each Institution and Director Hostel Administration will place Anti-Ragging Complaint Boxes in selected areas in the Institutions and in the Hostels for students who may drop in their complaints of any incidence of ragging which has not otherwise been reported for necessary action by the Anti-Ragging Committee / Squads.

ANNEXURE I

AFFIDAVIT BY THE STUDENT

(ON Rs.10/- STAMP PAPER DULY NOTARIZED)\

l	(Tull	name	OI	stuaent	with
admission/registration/enrolment	number)	s/o/d/o Mr/Mrs/Ms.			
					(full
name)r/o					
do hereby solemnly affirm and declare	as under:				
1. That I am a student of				(Co	ourse /
Programme) at Surendera	Dental (College	& Rese	earch Instit	ute, Sri
Ganganagar, Rajasthan.					
2. That I have received and gone thro	ough and f	fully und	lerstood	the Regula	ations /
Directive for Banning Ragging and A	Anti-Raggi	ng Meas	sures in	accordance	e with
regulations may be called the DCI Reg	ulations or	n Curbin	g the M	enace of Ra	agging
in Dental Colleges, 2009.					
3. I have, in particular, perused th	e Regulat	ions and	l am a	ware as to	o what
constitutes ragging.					
4. I have also, in particular, perused the	ne UGC Re	egulation	s and a	m fully awa	are of
the penal and administrative action tha	t is liable to	o be take	n agains	st me in cas	e I am
found guilty of or abetting ragging,	actively	or passi	vely, or	being par	rt of a
conspiracy to promote ragging.		_			
5. I hereby solemnly aver and undertak	e that :				
a) I will not include in any behaviou	r or act th	at may	he cons	tituted as 1	ragging

- a) I will not indulge in any behaviour or act that may be constituted as ragging under the Regulations.
- b) I will not participate in or abet or propagate through any act of commission or omission that may be constituted as ragging under the Regulations.
- 6. I hereby affirm that, if found guilty of ragging within or outside the premises of the institution, I am liable for punishment according to the Regulations, without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be taken against me under any penal law or any law for the time being in force.
- 7. I hereby declare that I have not been expelled or debarred from admission in any institution in the country on account of being found guilty of, abetting or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging; and further affirm that in case the declaration is found to be untrue, my admission is liable to be cancelled.

8. For my parents shall not hold liable the Institution or any of its officials for any loss (s), damage (s) and shall not claim any compensation from the Institution o its office bearers.
Declared this day of month of
Signature of Deponent Address: Name: Telephone/Mobile No:
VERIFICATION Verified that the contents of this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and no part of the affidavit is false and nothing has been concealed or misstated therein. Verified at (place)
Signature of Deponent Solemnly affirmed and signed in my presence on this day of

ANNEXURE II

AFFIDAVIT BY PARENT / GUARDIAN

(ON Rs.10/- STAMP PAPER DULY NOTARIZED)

I, Mr/Mrs/Ms		
(full name of parent/guardian) Fath		
(full name of student with admission/re	egistration/enrolment	
number) having been admitted		(Course /
Programme) at Surendera	a Dental College & Research	Institute, Sri
Ganganagar, Rajasthan.	-	

- 1. That I have received and gone through and fully understood the Regulations / Directive for Banning Ragging and Anti-Ragging Measures in accordance with regulations may be called the DCI Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Dental Colleges, 2009.
- 2. I have, in particular, perused the Regulations and am aware as to what constitutes ragging.
- 3. I have also, in particular, perused the UGC Regulations and am fully aware of the penal and administrative action that is liable to be taken against my ward in case he/she is found guilty of or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.
- 4. I hereby solemnly aver and undertake that:
- a) My ward will not indulge in any behaviour or act that may be constituted as ragging under the Regulations.
- b) My ward will not participate in or abet or propagate through any act of commission or omission that may be constituted as ragging under the Regulations.
- 5. I hereby affirm that, if found guilty of ragging within or outside the premises of the Institution, my ward is liable for punishment according to the Regulations, without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be taken against him/her under any penal law or any law for the time being in force.
- 6. I hereby declare that my ward has not been expelled or debarred from admission in any institution in the country on account of being found guilty of, abetting or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging; and further affirm that in case the declaration is found to be untrue, his/her admission is liable to be cancelled.

7. For my ward shall not hold liable the Institution or any of its officials for any loss (s), damage (s) and shall not claim any compensation from the Institution of its office bearers.
Declared this day of month of
Signature of Deponent Address: Name: Telephone/Mobile No:
VERIFICATION Verified that the contents of this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and no part of the affidavit is false and nothing has been concealed or misstated therein. Verified at (place)
Signature of Deponent Solemnly affirmed and signed in my presence on this day of