

Undertaking from the Students as per the provisions of the Anti-Ragging verdict by the Hon'ble Supreme Court

Name of Student:

Name of Parent:

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Program:

1. Meaning of Ragging

In common parlance, ragging means playing practical jokes on somebody or teaching someone a lesson.

The Supreme Court of India perhaps has given a more comprehensive meaning of ragging as under: 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 a junior student.

I have read the above basic definition of the Supreme Court of India and understood the meaning of the same. By signing here, I agree not to participate in any ragging activities during my stay here at IIIT Raichur.

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2. Brief Overview of Observations of the Supreme Court of India

(Case: *The University of Kerala vs The Council of Principals of College in Kerala & Others*)

- A. Ragging in educational institutions has been a matter of concern for this Court since long. Noticing that, notwithstanding a judgment of this Court in Vishwa Jagriti Mission through President vs Central Government through Cabinet Secretary & others (AIR 2001SC 2793), few remedial practical measures have been taken to prevent the menace of ragging in educational institutions.
- B. Ragging is rationalized and justified as a way of *Introduction* or *Getting Familiar* with the freshers at the starting of an academic session of any educational institution.
- C. In a very positive aspect, "Ragging" could not be considered as an abridgement between the seniors and the freshers, whereas "Introduction" could be considered as genesis of relationship between the two.
- D. When any student is admitted in a particular institution, he/she has to face certain problems and one of them which affects them the most is staying away from home and especially away from the dear ones. Because of these problems, the freshers expect someone to look after them, with whom they can have a homely environment as they were enjoying themselves at their respective homes. But nowadays the seniors have crossed the barriers, by which they have changed the meaning of "Introduction" into "Ragging".
- E. "Seniors" under the garb of "Introduction" have started ragging the fresher's and due to which, in recent years, it has become the talk of the day that the fresher's who have faced severe ragging are leaving the educational institutions, and some have attempted to commit suicide and even some have committed it.
- F. In modern era, "Ragging" has become *to be known only as synonym of "teasing", "terror", "harassment", "cruelty", "fear" and "physical and mental torture".
- G. By perusal of records and survey, it has come to be accepted that "Ragging" is a systematized form of Human Rights' abuse as embodied under the Constitution of India as well as other Constitutions of the World.
- H. Over the years all over the world and especially in South Asia, the practice of "Ragging" has come to be meant as an extreme "harassment", "terror" and even "physical and mental torture" of freshers.
- I. Ragging is a set of undisciplined activities undertaken by the seniors to break the ice with the juniors, who have been suddenly thrown into a totally new environment. The contention of seniors behind all such activities is simply to bring the freshers down to earth, because in their opinion the freshers do not respect the seniors and by doing all such inhuman activities under the garb of "Introduction", the seniors rag the freshers so that the freshers may respect them and be under their control. But this act cannot *be* reasonable and just. The act by the seniors is a "fist of steel against ice" and likewise by doing so, they shatter the ambition, aim and object of freshers and they become aloof in this practical world.

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- J. To prohibit "Ragging", this Court has given a series of guidelines to the educational institutions whether being Central, State, or private institutes.

Anti-ragging movement should be initiated by the institutions right from the time of advertisement for admissions. The prospectus, the form for admission and/or any other literature issued to aspirants for admission must clearly mention that ragging is banned in the institution and anyone indulging in ragging is likely to be punished appropriately which punishment may include expulsion from the institution, suspension from the institution or class for a limited period or fine with a public apology. The punishment may also take the shape of:

- (i) Withholding scholarships or other benefits
- (ii) Debarring from representation in events
- (iii) Withholding results and
- (iv) Suspension or expulsion from hostel or mess, and the like.

If there be any legislation governing ragging or any provisions in the Statutes and Ordinances, they should be brought to the notice of the students/parents seeking admissions.

The application form for admission/enrolment shall have a printed undertaking to be filled up and signed by the candidate to the effect that he/she is aware of the institution's approach towards ragging and the punishments to which he or she shall be liable if found guilty of ragging. A similar undertaking shall be obtained from the parent/guardian of the applicant.

Such institutions as introducing such a system for the first time shall ensure undertakings being obtained from the students and their parents/guardians already studying in the institutions before the commencement of the next educational year/session.

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POLICY of IIIT Raichur on Matters related to Ragging by the Registered Students of the Institute

IIIT Raichur has a NO TOLERANCE POLICY for Ragging by IIIT Raichur Students and of IIIT Raichur students, whether inside or outside the premises of the Institute. Should any incident of Ragging be brought to the attention of any competent authorities, the Institute will verify the authenticity of the case and if any individual(s) are found guilty, they would be immediately terminated from their program and the institute.

If you feel that you have been a victim of ragging by another student at the Institute, please contact the following persons:

Details of Anti Ragging Committee (Zero Tolerance to Anti Ragging) at IIIT Raichur:

Dr. Alka Assistant Professor E-Mail: alka03@iiitr.ac.in	Dr. Jahnvi Tiwari Assistant Professor E-Mail: jahnvi@iiitr.ac.in
Dr. Neha Agarwal Assistant Professor E-Mail: neha@iiitr.ac.in	Dr. Bharat Soni Assistant Professor E-Mail: bsoni@iiitr.ac.in
Dr. Priodyuti Pradhan Assistant Professor E-Mail: prio@iiitr.ac.in	Dr. Arnav Ghosh Assistant Professor E-Mail: arnav@iiitr.ac.in
Assistant Registrar IIIT Raichur E-mail: ar@iiitr.ac.in	

You will be required to give a written complaint giving details of the incident and the details of alleged student(s).

1. After receiving your complaint, the Institute will immediately activate the Student Affairs and Disciplinary Action Committee to investigate the matter. You may be contacted by either the Director or the Chair of the Student Affairs and Disciplinary Action Committee for some questions/clarifications about the incident. Hence, please be available during this time in case you are needed for such a purpose.
2. Counseling will be available as a resource for you through the Office of Student Affairs, in case you desire.
3. The Director of the Institute will inform you about the outcome of the investigation as soon as it is completed.
4. Frivolous use of this provision will also attract appropriate punishment from the competent authority.

I have read the above policy of IIIT Raichur and agree to abide by the same.

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