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Anti - Ragging Policy



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ANTI - RAGGING POLICY

'Ragging', a social menace has no place in academic environment of the Institute and concerted efforts are required to be in place to prevent its occurence at any point of time.

Matoshree Vimalabai Deshmukh Mahavidyalaya, is a renowned educational Institute in Amravati city, offering co-education. There is girl's hostel within the college campus. To prevent the menace of ragging and maintain healthy interpersonal relations among students in the college campus of Matoshree Vimalabai Deshmukh Mahavidyalaya ragging is strictly forbidden in or outside the college campus.

Ragging is a serious social indiscipline and offence. In pursuance of the judgment of the honorable Supreme Court of India dated 8/5/2009 in Civil Appeal No.887/2009 UGC has framed "UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions 2009" which have been notified in the Gazette of India. (Under section 26(1) g of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956)

What constitutes Ragging?

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

- 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.
- Indulging in rowdy or indiscipline 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.
- 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.

- Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher.
- Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, post, 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.
- Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students.
- Any act of physical abuse including all varients of it sexual abuse, homosexual
 assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily
 harm or any other danger to health or person.
- Any act that affects 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.

Wide dissemination of Anti - Ragging Policy

Prospectus and Admission forms

- All prospectus should contain a specific caution that "ragging is banned in the Institute, and anyone found indulging in ragging, is likely to be punished appropriately which may include expulsion from the institute."
- All students of the Institute are required to sign an anti- ragging declaration forms at the time of admission to the institute.

Erection of Posters-

Academic programme office may out up posters in prominent places within the campus to exhort students to prevent, or not to indulge in ragging, also mentioning the names of the officials and their contact numbers, to be contacted in case of "ragging". The same needs to be displayed on the website of the institute.

Anti - Ragging Committee (ARC) at the Institute Level-

An Anti - Ragging Committee (ARC) should be constituted at the Institute level to moniter the various aspects related to the menace of ragging. The members of this committee can be nominated by the Principal at the beginning of each academic year.

Ragging Reporting Procedure -

- If any individual believes that he or she has been subjected to 'ragging'
 or has knowledge of such incident, such person shall have the option to
 file a complaint with the committee members of ARC. This may be
 done in writing or orally. Written complaint is preferable.
- A complaint box also be made available for students to drop their complaints, placed near the administrative wing in college and in hostel.

ARC as Enquiry Committee-

ARC will investigate all reported cases of ragging, in such a way, so as to maintain confidentiality to the extent practicable under the circumstances. The complaint box shall be opened quarterly in presence of all ARC members.

Process of Enquiry -

The process of enquiry should be such to ensure that principles of natural justice are adhered to. Action to be taken by the Head of the institution on receipt of the recommendation of the Anti ragging committee of the institution which is formed every year to prevent ragging related issues both inside and outside the college campus.

Administrative action in the event of Ragging-

The institution shall punish a student found guilty of ragging after following the procedure and in the manner prescribed here in under. The Anti Ragging Committee of the institution shall take an appropriate decision, in regard to punishment or otherwise, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging and nature and gravity of the incident of ragging established award, to those found guilty, one or more of the following punishments, namely -:

- · Suspension from attending classes and academic privilages.
- · Withholding / withdrawing scholarship / fellowship and other benefits.
- Debarring from appearing in any test / examination or other evaluation process.
- · Withholding results .
- Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival etc.
- · Suspension / expulsion from the hostel.
- · Cancellation of admission.
- Rustication from the institution for period from ragging from one to four semesters.

Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period. Provided that where the persons committing the act of ragging are not identified the institution shall resort to collective punishment.

Appeal -

Appeal with regards to any action taken against the accused at any level and / or against the punishment awarded under this policy, shall lie with the Principal of the institute, which should be filed within a period of two weeks from such an action or award of punishment.

Saving And Repeal Clause -

Principal of the Institute will possess the sole authority for any interpretation, modification or amendment to the policy depending upon the need from time to time. He/ She will posses powers to exercise his / her discretion with respect to any or all of the clauses of this policy.

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