



South Konkan Education Society's
R.P.D COLLEGE OF ARTS AND COMMERCE, BELAGAVI
(AUTONOMOUS)
(Affiliated to Rani Channamma University, Belagavi)

Anti-Ragging Policy

PREAMBLE:

In recognition of the need to create a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment conducive to academic excellence and personal growth, R.P.D. College, Belagavi adopts this Anti-Ragging Policy. We acknowledge the detrimental effects of ragging on students' physical and psychological well-being and are committed to eradicating this menace from our campus.

Ragging, in any form, is a criminal offense and violation of human dignity and rights. It undermines the values of respect, compassion, and equality that our institution stands for. R.P.D. College, Belagavi uphold a zero-tolerance approach towards any act of ragging and are dedicated to taking proactive measures to prevent its occurrence and address it with utmost seriousness if it arises.

This policy is formulated in alignment with national and local laws of the Indian constitution, including the regulations set forth by educational authorities of Government of India, to ensure a comprehensive framework for preventing and addressing ragging. It sets forth the definitions, preventive measures, reporting mechanisms, and disciplinary actions related to ragging.

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide a safe, secure, supportive and healthy environment for the holistic growth of the individual.
- To create a zero-tolerance environment towards ragging within the institution.
- Implement measures to prevent the occurrence of ragging through awareness, monitoring, and stringent enforcement of rules.
- To ensure unhindered access towards higher education and career goals
- To promote values of respect, dignity, and equality among all members of the campus community.

SCOPE:

- This policy applies to all students enrolled in any program or course offered by R.P.D. College of Arts and Commerce, Belagavi (Autonomous).
- The policy is binding on all faculty members, administrative staff, and any other employees of the institution.
- Any visitor or guest on the institution's premises is also subject to the provisions of this policy.
- Policy covers all areas within the campus, including classrooms, laboratories, libraries, hostels, canteens, sports facilities, and any other on-campus locations.
- Any off-campus location where institution-sanctioned activities or events take place, including internships, field trips, study tours, and other off-site academic or extracurricular activities.
- Any online or virtual platform associated with the institution, including online classes, forums, social media groups, and other digital communications.

ANTI-RAGGING COMMITTEE:

- Principal (Ex-officio)
- Chairperson
- Office superintendent
- Mentors
- Hostel wardens
- PSI of Local Police Station

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Regular educational initiatives to inform students, faculty, and staff about the policy,
- Dissemination of the negative impacts of ragging, and the importance of maintaining a respectful campus environment through various orientation and sensitization programmes.
- Implementation of measures such as increased vigilance in vulnerable areas, installation of surveillance cameras, and regular patrols by security personnel.
- Implementation of pre-emptive measures to prevent ragging.
- Any act of ragging shall not go unnoticed and should be reported to the concern committee.
- Redressal of complaints pertaining to ragging and related inconveniences.
- Formation of Anti-Ragging Squad

DEFINITIONS:

- Ragging: According to the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, ragging is defined as:

"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 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 or 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."

- Zero Tolerance: An act of ragging, major or minor, shall not go unnoticed and any person indulging in ragging shall not go unpunished.
- Complainant: student or any enrolled in the institution or parent/guardian of the aggrieved.

COMPLAINT PROCESS:

- A written and or online (via email to helplinerpd@rpdbgm.edu.in) complaint shall be submitted to any of the Anti-ragging committee member/management authority.
- The Anti ragging committee shall conduct a thorough unbiased enquiry and submit the report to the Principal within five working days.
- Any student/staff of the institution found guilty of ragging after enquiry, the action shall be taken by the principal.

PUNISHMENT FOR ACT OF RAGGING:

Depending upon the nature and gravity of the offence as established by the Anti- Ragging Committee of the institution, the possible punishments for those found guilty of ragging at the institution shall be any one or any combination of the following:

- Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges
- 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 a period ranging from 1 to 4 semesters
- Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period
- Fine ranging between Rupees 25,000/- and Rupees 1 lakh
- Collective punishment: When the persons committing or abetting the crime of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment.

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