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ANTI RAGGING POLICY

PREAMBLE

To eliminate ragging in all its forms from the campus, Bharata Mata College, Thrikkakara has adopted the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace Of Ragging In Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 and has formulated an Anti Ragging Policy based on it. The college has an active Anti Ragging Committee formed with the objective of eliminating ragging within the institution or outside. This Anti Ragging policy defines ragging, proposes measures to generate awareness and to eradicate practices of ragging from the campus, and lists the administrative action in the event of ragging. This policy reiterates the College's commitment to uproot ragging from the campus and to build a safe and conducive environment for learning.



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POLICY FOR ANTI - RAGGING

“Ragging is a Crime – Don’t engage in it”

Policy for Anti-Ragging has been formulated in the Bharata Mata College in conformity with the Supreme Court judgements and directions, the UGC guidelines and the State Government instructions. College has adopted ‘Zero-Tolerance’ policy in ragging of any student inside the college premises. Punitive action will be taken against the student accused and found guilty of ragging, as per the provisions mentioned in this policy.

DEFINITION

Ragging is as “an act that violates or is perceived to violate an individual student’s dignity”. College as per this policy shall follow the UGC Regulation on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Institutions, 2009 which declares ragging as 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.

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- 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 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.
- 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 that affects the 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.
- Anti-Ragging cell has been constituted in the college to create a ragging free and disciplined environment, by instilling the principles of democratic values, tolerance, empathy, compassion and sensitivity so that students become responsible citizens.

OBJECTIVES OF ANTI-RAGGING COMMITTEE

- To prohibit 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
- To bring out an awareness among the students about the consequences of ragging
- To keep a constant eye and vigilance over ragging so as to prevent its occurrence
- To address any ragging issues immediately and taken action as advised by the committee.

ANTI-RAGGING COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION

The committee will be constituted with the following members:

Every institution shall constitute a Committee to be known as the Anti-Ragging Committee to be nominated and headed by the Head of the institution. It shall have a diverse mix of membership in terms of levels as well as gender. The members shall consist of

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Chair Person – Principal

Representative of Civil and Police administration

Representative of Local Media

Representative of NGO involved in youth activities

Faculty members

PTA representative

Student representative from Freshers

Student Representative from Seniors

Non teaching staff

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ANTI RAGGING COMMITTEE

- To ensure compliance with the provision of the UGC regulation at the institute level.
- To constitute a smaller body to be known as the Anti Ragging Squad to be nominated by the Head of the Institution with such representation as may be considered necessary for maintaining vigil, oversight and patrolling functions and shall remain mobile, alert and active at all times. The squad shall have representation of various members of the campus community and shall have no outside representation. It shall be the duty of the Anti-Ragging Squad to be called upon to make surprise raids on places vulnerable to incidents of, and having the potential of, ragging and shall be empowered to inspect such places.

FUNCTIONS OF ANTI- RAGGING COMMITTEE

- Investigation and closure of cases reported
- Prevention of ragging in campus
- Anti-Ragging policy boards will be installed at the campus entrance and inside the campus
- Awareness session once in a semester
- Referring students to the Counselling cell of the college
- Documenting written undertaking by students and parents at the time of admission.

MEASURES TO PREVENT RAGGING

- Students and parents submit anti ragging related affidavits to the institutions at the time of admission.
- Awareness sessions will be included in the orientation programs for fresher and senior students.
- Anti-Ragging regulations will be displayed in the prominent places in the campus and hostels and on the Institute's website.
- Anti-Ragging Committee will ensure compliance with the provisions of the regulations as well as of any law that is applicable.

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING CASES

Students/Teachers are encouraged to report any ragging act witnessed or experienced by them to any faculty member/ anti-ragging committee / Student's grievance redressal committee/any staff member with whom the student may feel comfortable. Written complaint has to be submitted to the Principal/ Cell coordinator by the student who is the complainant. On receiving the written complaint, Principal shall forward the complaint to the Discipline Committee of the College. Discipline Committee shall investigate the allegation and recommend appropriate action to the College Council.

PUNISHMENTS

Depending upon the nature and gravity of the offence as established, the possible punishments as per the AICTE / UGC guidelines for those found guilty of ragging at the institution level, shall be any one or any combination of the following:

- Warning, writing apology letter
- 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.
- Cancellation of admission
- Dismissal from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period

ANNEXURE I

AFFIDAVIT BY THE STUDENT

I, _____ (full name of student) S/O /D/O /Mr./Mrs. having been admitted in the Bharata Mata College, Thrikkakara, have read and understood the provisions contained in the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, (hereinafter called the "Regulations").

I have, in particular, perused clause 3 of the Regulations and am aware as to what constitutes ragging. I have also, in particular, perused clause 7 and clause 9.1 of the Regulations and am fully aware of the penal and administrative action that is liable to be taken against me in case I am found guilty of or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.

I hereby solemnly affirm and undertake that

1. I will not indulge in any behaviour or act that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.
2. I will not participate in or abet or propagate through any act of commission or omission that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.
3. I hereby affirm that, if found guilty of ragging, I am liable for punishment according to clause 9.1 of 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.
4. 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: that, in case the declaration is found to be untrue, I am aware that my admission is liable to be cancelled.
5. Along with the above-mentioned points I do hereby declare that
 - a) I will obey the code of conduct of the institute and do not indulge in any kind of indisciplined activity while in and off the institution/ campus.
 - b) I will be solely responsible for any kind of accident/mishap caused on account of the above- mentioned clause (6.a).

Date:

Signature of the student:

Name:

ANNEXURE II

AFFIDAVIT BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

I, Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ (full name of parent/guardian) father/mother/guardian of _____ (full name of student), _____ having been admitted in Bharata Mata College, Thrikkakara, have read and understood the provisions contained in the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, (hereinafter called the "Regulations).

I have, in particular, perused clause 3 of the Regulations and am aware as to what constitutes ragging. I have also, in particular, perused clause 7 and clause 9.1 of the 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.

I hereby solemnly affirm and undertake that

1. My ward will not indulge in any behaviour or act that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.
2. My ward will not participate in or abet or propagates through any act of commission or omission that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.
3. I hereby affirm that, if found guilty of ragging, my ward is liable for punishment according to clause 9.1 of the Regulations, without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be taken against my ward under any penal law or any law for the time being in force.
4. 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, the admission of my ward is liable to be cancelled.
5. Along with the above-mentioned points I do hereby declare that my ward will obey the code of conduct of the institute and do not indulge in any kind of indisciplined activity while in and off the institution campus.
6. My ward will be solely responsible for any kind of accident/mishap caused on account of the above-mentioned clause (6.a).

Date:

Signature of the Parent / Guardian:

Telephone/ Mobile No.:





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