

A. What is Ragging

Ragging means any mis-conduct, be it verbal or written, physical or psychological undisciplined activities by any students or group of students to the freshers or junior students.

B. Legal Definitions of Ragging

1. Any disorderly conduct (by words spoken or written or by an act), which has the effect of causing annoyance, hardship or psychological harm/ shame or embarrassment in a fresher or a junior student, adversely affecting their physique or psyche;
2. Any rowdy or undisciplined activity, which causes annoyance, hardship, or psychological harm;
3. Raise fear or apprehension thereof in the minds of junior.
4. Asking the students to do an act or perform something, which such student will not do in ordinary course, which may cause shame or embarrassment that adversely affect the physique or psyche of a junior student

C. Punishments under Indian Penal Code against acts of Ragging

Every single incident of ragging or abetting in ragging puts an obligation on the institution to get the FIR registered. There are provisions in the IPC, which can be used by a student to register an FIR in the nearest Police Station. These provisions are:

- I. 294- Obscene acts and songs
- II. 323 – punishment for voluntarily causing hurt
- III. 324 – voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapon or means
- IV. 325 – punishment for voluntarily causing grievous hurt
- V. 326 – voluntarily causing grievous hurt by dangerous weapon
- VI. 339 – Wrongful Restraint
- VII. 340 – Wrongful Confinement
- VIII. 341 – Punishment for Wrongful Restraint
- IX. 342 – Punishment for Wrongful Confinement
- X. 506 – Punishment for culpable homicide not amounting to murder

D. UGC Regulations on Curbing The Menace Of Ragging In Higher Educational Institutions, 2009

University Grant Commission passed several regulations in 2009 to curb the menace of ragging in Higher Education Institutions in India. These are:

1. Publication that “Ragging” is banned
2. Undertaking to be signed by parents/guardians in new admissions



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3. Affidavit of Students during admission process
4. Setting up an Anti-Ragging Committee
5. Contact detail of Anti Ragging Helpline/Anti Ragging Committee/Anti Ragging Squad to be distributed among the students
6. Anti-Ragging Squad
7. Evaluation of Ragging
8. Freshers are to allotted a different hostel

UGC has notified the 3rd Amendment in UGC Regulations on 29th June, 2016 to expand the definition of ragging by including the following:

Any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (fresher or otherwise) on the ground of colour, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional origins, linguistic identity place of birth place of residence or economic background.

E. Punishable Clauses of Ragging

- I. Abetment to ragging
- II. Criminal conspiracy to rag
- III. Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging
- IV. Violation of decency and morals through ragging
- V. Injury to body causing hurt or grievous hurt
- VI. Wrongful restraint
- VII. Wrongful confinement
- VIII. Use of criminal force
- IX. Extortion
- X. Assault/sexual offences/Unnatural offences
- XI. Criminal intimidation
- XII. Offences against property
- XIII. Attempt to commit any or above of the offences
- XIV. Any offence flowing from the definition of ragging

F. Consequences of Ragging

- I. Cancellation of admission
- II. Suspension from attending classes
- III. Withholding/withdrawing scholarship and other benefits
- IV. Debarring from appearing in exam/other evaluation process
- V. Withholding results
- VI. Debarring the student from representing in any national, international or youth festival.
- VII. Suspension from hostel
- VIII. Restriction from institution for a period of 1 to 4 years
- IX. Expulsion from an institution and barring from admission in any other institution.
- X. Fine up to Rs. 25,000/-



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XI. Collective institution

G. Initiatives by Katwa College

Katwa College ensures a completely ragging free environment in the college campus as well as in the hostel premises. Our college believes in an easeful space, where our new students unhesitatingly participate in various activities including teaching-learning with the existing students. Katwa College assures that any activity – be it verbal or written, physical or psychological – by any student/a group of students causing damage to the other student(s) is strictly prohibited. Katwa Anti-Ragging Cell monitors that there will be no such incident of ragging in the campus as well as in the College hostels.

Anti-ragging Committee

Katwa College has set up Anti-ragging committee vide GB resolution Item No. 05 dated 26.09.2022. Following are the members' list –

1. Principal (Chairman)
2. Siuli Mandi (Convener)
3. Super, Boy's Hostel
4. Super, Girl's Hostel
5. Rajesh Mondal
6. Amrita Gopal Mondal
7. Ramprasad Majhi
8. Bibhas Ghosh
9. Sakratish Chhattopadhyay

Anti-ragging Squad

Katwa college has an Anti-ragging Squad. Following are the members' list.

1. Md. Sariful Islam (NCC Officer) (Convener)
2. Siuli Mandi
3. Purabi Kundu
4. Goutam Nandi
5. Tanushree Dutta Roy
6. Abhijit Pal
7. Sakratish Chhattopadhyay

Activities

1. Anti-ragging harassment poster have been designed and displayed at our all campuses.
2. Educate students about the consequences of ragging and teach healthy values to avoid engaging in such behaviour
3. Assist in maintaining the ethos of the Institution – '*A Ragging free campus*'
4. Disseminate information on Anti ragging rules & regulations
5. Organize awareness-raising programmes



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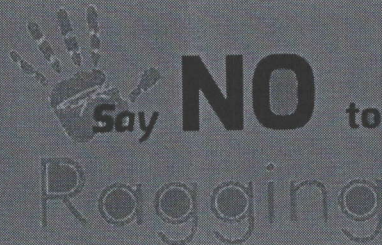
6. Make surprise visits to classrooms and in hostel



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