

ANTI RAGGING POLICY (Prohibition, Prevention & Punishment)

AWARENESS OF RAGGING

The orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, UGC Regulations and the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1997 states clearly that ragging is considered as sadistic thrill and it a violation of Human Rights. The Offence of the ragging is not only punishable under section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Ragging Act 1997 but also under various provisions of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860 (Act 45 of 1860) and is a cognizable offence.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FRESHERS

1. You do not have to submit to ragging in any form.
2. You do not have to compromise with your dignity and self-respect.
3. You can report incidents of ragging to the concerned authorities.
4. You can contact the Anti-Ragging Squad / Anti Ragging Committee of the College or the Principal.
5. The College is obliged to permit the use of communication facilities (Landline and Mobile phones) for seeking help.
6. If you are not satisfied with the enquiry conducted by the College, you can lodge a First Information Report (FIR) with the local police and complaint with the civil authorities.
7. The College is in any case required to file FIR if your parents or you are not satisfied with the action taken against those who 'ragged' you.
8. Your complaint can be oral or written and would be treated by the authorities in strict confidence.
9. Take active part in all institutional activities intended to end ragging on campus.

**RAGGING IS PROHIBITED ON CAMPUS AND OFF CAMPUS
JOIN HANDS IN MAKING THE COLLEGE CAMPUS FREE FROM RAGGING
SAY "NO" TO RAGGING**

Action for Ragging Activities in the College:

Action shall be contemplated against students for indulging in and / or abetting ragging in the College.

Depending upon the nature and gravity of the offence as established, the possible punishments, for those found guilty of ragging at college level shall be anyone or combination of the following:

- Cancellation of admission
- Suspension from attending classes
- With holding / withdrawing scholarship / fellowship and other
- 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.
- Rustication from the Institution for period from 1 to 6 semesters
- Expulsion from the Institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other Institution.
- ***Collective punishment:*** When the persons committing or abetting the crime of ragging are not identified, the Institution shall resort to collective punishment as a deterrent community pressure on the potential raggars.

UGC REGULATIONS - 2009 ON CURING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

SALIENT FEATURES:

Clause - 3:

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

- a. 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;

- b. 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;
- c. 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;
- d. any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher;
- e. exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students;
- f. any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students;
- g. 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;
- h. 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;
- i. 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.

Clause - 7: Action to be taken by the Head of the Institution: On receipt of the recommendation of the Anti-Ragging Squad or on receipt of any information concerning any reported incident of ragging. The Head of Institution shall immediately determine if a case under the penal laws is made out and if so, either on his own or through a member of the Anti-Ragging Committee authorized by him in this behalf, proceed to file a First Information Report (FIR), within 24 hours of receipt of such information or recommendation, with the police and local authorities, under the appropriate penal provisions relating to one or more of the following, namely:

- i. Abetment to ragging;
- ii. Criminal conspiracy to rag;
- iii. Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging;

- iv. Public nuisance created during ragging;
- v. Violation of decency and morals through ragging;
- vi. Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt;
- vii. Wrongful restraint;
- viii. Wrongful confinement;
- ix. Use of criminal force;
- x. Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences;
- xi. Extortion;
- xii. Criminal trespass;
- xiii. Offences against property;
- xiv. Criminal intimidation;
- xv. Attempts to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- xvi. Threat to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- xvii. Physical or psychological humiliation;
- xviii. All other offences following from the definition of "Ragging".

Provided that the Head of the Institution shall forthwith report the occurrence of the incident of ragging to the District Level Anti-Ragging Committee and the Nodal officer of M.S University.

Provided further that the Institution shall also continue with its own enquiry initiated under clause 9 of these Regulations and other measures without waiting for action on the part of the police/local authorities and such remedial action shall be initiated and completed immediately and in no case later than a period of seven days of the reported occurrence of the incident of ragging.

CLAUSE - 9: Administrative action in the event of ragging:

- 9.1 The Institution shall punish a student found guilty of ragging after following the procedure and in the manner prescribed herein under:
- a) 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 in the recommendations of the Anti- Ragging Squad.
 - b) The Anti-Ragging Committee may, depending on the nature and gravity of the guilt established by the Anti-Ragging Squad, award, to those found guilty, one or more of the following punishments, namely;

- i) Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
- ii) Withholding/withdrawing scholarship fellowship and other benefits.
- iii) Debarring from appearing in any test. Examination or other evaluation process.
- iv) Withholding results.
- v) Debarring from representing the institution in any regional or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
- vi) Suspension/expulsion from the hostel.
- vii) Cancellation of admission
- viii) Rustication from the Institution for period ranging from one to four semesters.
- ix) Expulsion from the Institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for specified period.

Provided that where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment.

- c) An appeal against the order of punishment by the Anti-Ragging Committee shall lie,
 - i. In case of an order of an Institution, affiliated to or constituent part, of a University, to the Vice-Chancellor of the University.
 - ii. In case of an order of a University, to its chancellor.
 - iii. In case of an institution of national importance created by an Act of Parliament, to the Chairman or Chancellor of the Institution, as the case may be.

PLEDGE TO BE ADMINISTERED TO THE STUDENTS

I, a bonafide student of St Alphonsa College of Arts & Science, Karinkal do hereby solemnly pledge that:

- 1) I shall not indulge in any ragging activities either directly or indirectly, either on the campus or outside thereof.
- 2) I further pledge that I shall treat all my junior students and also other students as my brothers and sisters at all times.
- 3) I shall maintain cordial atmosphere on the campus and shall follow strict discipline. I shall report any incident of ragging to the concerned authorities as soon as it comes to my notice.
- 4) I shall say no to ragging and shall not be a party to ragging either as a participant or as an abettor; and

- 5) I shall do all that is possible to make my institution a better place for learning, enlightenment and enjoyment.

Affidavit of Students

St Alphonsa College of Arts & Science

AFFIDAVIT

(to be given by the student)

I..... S/D. of aged years a student of Semester / Year studying in St. Alphonsa College of Arts and Science, Soosaipuram, Karinkal, do hereby solemnly state and declare as under.

That, I am a permanent resident of H.No./D.No..... Village/Street Post Town Tamil Nadu. PIN Code.....

That, I am aware of the fact the ragging is an offence prohibited and punishable under the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1997 and also under various other Regulations including the UGC Regulations, 2009 specifically Clauses 3, 7 and 9.1 and I am also aware that the ragging is punishable under the other penal laws including the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

That, hitherto I was not a party to any ragging incident, and not expelled / debarred by any institution for indulging in ragging.

That, I shall not indulge, either actively or passively, in any act of ragging or in abetting any acts of ragging, either in the premises of the college or outside thereof, during the period of my study in the college.

That, I will not indulge in any activities like consumption of liquor, smoking and drugs including rash and negligent driving, either in the college premises or outside thereof during the course of my study.

That, if found guilty of ragging and / or abetting ragging, I shall be liable for all the penal consequences apart from the action that may be initiated by the college authorities including the rustication, debarment or expulsion from the college.

I state that the contents of this affidavit are true and that I shall not conceal any material facts.

Deponent / Student

Sworn and signed on this day of month year at in my presence.

Principal of the College / Admission Authority

Undertakings from Student and Parent

Undertaking to be filled in and signed by all Students

(newly admitted and continuing)

I S / D of aged years, a student of Semester / Year studying in St. Alphonsa College of Arts and Science, Soosaipuram, Karinkal, and a Permanent Resident of H.No./D.No Village/Street Post Town/District Tamil Nadu. PIN Code..... Phone No. E-Mail.....

do hereby undertake that I am aware of the system of punishment in case of ragging other students and that in case I become involved in any manner in any form of ragging case I am liable for any punishment including:

1. Withholding of Scholarships / Fellowships / Results
2. Debarring from representation in events and appearing for tests / examinations and also consequent admission to any other institution
3. Withdrawing benefits like travel concessions and campus selections
4. Suspension of expulsion from hostel or mess and also attending classes
5. Cancellation of admission or rustication from the Institution
6. Liability to pay fine upto Rs. 2.5 Lakhs
7. Rigorous imprisonment up to 10 year
8. Registration of FIR against the accused and prosecution under the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

Signature of Student

I hereby fully endorse the undertaking made by my child / ward.

Signature of Mother / Father / Guardian: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signed on thisday ofmonth.....year at..... in my presence.

Principal of the College / Admission Authority

Undertakings from Employees

Undertaking to be filled in and signed by teaching and Non – Teaching Staff

I S / D of
working as at College, and
a Permanent Resident of H.No./D.No Village / Street
..... Post Town/District
Tamil Nadu. Pin Code Phone No..... E-Mail :
..... do hereby undertake that I am aware of the system of
punishment in case of ragging of the students by other students and that in case I notice any
incidence of ragging involving the students of the educational institution where I am
working, either in the premises of the college or outside, I undertake to bring it to the notice
of the Head of the Institution immediately.

I further undertake that I shall do all that is necessary to curb the menace of ragging in our
institution.

Date:

Signature of Employee

Date:

Name & Designation

Anti Ragging Committee

The following shall be the Anti Ragging Committee of the College:

Sl. No	Position	Designation
1	Chairman	Principal
2	Co-ordinator	One faculty member
3	Member	Secretary and Correspondent
4	Member	Representative from Taluk Office
5	Member	Representative from Karungal Police Station
6	Member	Teaching Staff
7	Member	Teaching Staff
8	Member	Office Superintendent
9	Member	Placement Officer
10	Member	Public Relations Officer
11	Member	Librarian
12	Member	Parent of a Senior Student
13	Member	Parent of a Fresher
14	Member	Student (Senior)
15	Member	Student (Junior)

The Anti-Ragging Policy has been approved by the Chairman and Manager of the College on 11th June, 2016.

