

Ragging is a crime – Do not indulge in Ragging, Prevent others from Ragging

Ragging – a criminal offence

Definition

“Any disorderly conduct whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any other student, indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or a junior student or asking the students to do any act or perform something which such student will not in the ordinary course and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of a fresher or a junior student.”

Today, ragging involves gross violations of basic human rights. The seniors are known to torture juniors and get some kind of sadistic pleasure. Ragging has cost many young lives. In the last seven years 32 deaths have been reported following ragging.

Some Ragging Deaths

- On 7 **March 2009**, **A.K** (Name abbreviated), 19, a first year student of Dr Rajendra Prasad Medical College, Tanda, Kangra, HP, India, had repeatedly complained to his parents about the brutal ragging that took place on the Medical College campus — often by completely drunk third-year students. On Friday night and Saturday morning (March 6th-7th, 2009), the boy was beaten so badly that he died of brain hemorrhage.
- On 11 **October 2005**, **A.S** (Name abbreviated) committed suicide by jumping before an approaching train in Jalandhar. He was a student of NIT Jalandhar, Punjab. In his suicide note he blamed 9 senior students of National Inst of Technology, Jalandhar for having mercilessly ragged him:.
- On 8 **August 2007**, **M.S** (Name abbreviated), an MBBS student, committed suicide by consuming a poisonous substance. He did so at his residence in Chandigarh, due to ragging in his hostel at Govt. Medical College, Amritsar.
- On 20 **September 2007**, **C.R** (Name abbreviated), 18, a committed suicide in **Mysore**. His body was found hanging from the roof of his lodge room. He had already complained to his parents that he was being ragged in his college.

Ragging has been declared a "criminal offence" by Honorable Supreme Court of India.

Karnataka Government issues a circular banning Ragging on **8 August 2000**

The circular "**Prohibition of ragging in colleges and hostels**", was issued by the Chief Secretary of the state, Mr. B.K. Bhattacharya, on August 8, 2000.

It states "The penalty for ragging is one year's imprisonment and/or a fine of Rs. 2,000. The guilty students are also liable to be expelled or rusticated from the institution"

Punishment for Ragging

Even the smallest incidence of ragging will be seriously dealt with in this college. Depending on the nature and gravity of the offence as established by the Anti Ragging Committee of the college, those found guilty of ragging shall be liable for any one or more of the following punishments.

The decision of the Anti Ragging Committee shall be final and binding.

- a. Cancellation of admission.
- b. Suspension from attending classes.
- c. Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process.
- d. Suspension/expulsion from the hostel.
- e. Expulsion from the college and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution.
- f. Fine of Rs.1, 00,000/-
- g. In the case of offences of very serious/grievous nature, referring the case to the Police, in addition to any other punishment.
- h. Collective punishment where the offence is committed collectively by a group or by a class making it difficult or not possible to identify specific persons.

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UNDER TAKING

We, parents of _____ studying in _____ term in
KIMS, Bangalore hereby declare that we have completely read and
understood the brochure regarding consequences of indulging in ragging
and have strictly instructed our son/daughter not to indulge in ragging.
The college anti ragging committee has full rights to take suitable action
if my son/daughter indulges in ragging.

Witness

(Name, Signature & address
with contact phone number)

1.

Signature of Father

2.

Signature of Mother