



YENEPOYA UNIVERSITY

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ANTI RAGGING

MEASURES

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Yenepoya University does not tolerate ragging of any sort and intends to take all possible and precautionary measures to ensure that University Campus/Hostels are ragging free.

Yenepoya University would like to educate the students, especially the freshers and their immediate seniors about the implications and negative aspects of ragging.

This Booklet is issued to the students keeping in mind the above aspects. All the students are instructed to go through the contents of the Booklet and understand the implications of ragging and refrain from any act that may be termed as ragging with a view to maintain a salubrious atmosphere in the University conducive to professional and higher studies. University Grants Commission has prepared the model Regulations known as UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009.

Reproduced hereunder is the excerpts and from the said UGC Act.

COVERAGE: The provisions under this Act apply to all the constituent Colleges (YMC/YDC/YNC/YPC including YMCH). It also covers the academic, residential, playgrounds, canteen etc., located within the Yenepoya University, transportation of students - whether public or private.



Objectives: To prohibit any conduct by the student/s 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 indisciplined activities causing or likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof.
- Asking any students to do any act that has the effect of generating shame/torment/embarrassment.

What Constitutes Ragging : Ragging constitutes 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 indisciplined activities by any students 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.
- 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 as 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 effects 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.

1. Preventive measures

- Our advertisements calling for applications for entrance test/admission to the course contain appropriate clause on ragging.
- The University/College brochures and prospectus also contain similar clauses on ragging.
- The application form for enrolment contain an undertaking on ragging to be signed by the candidate and also by the parent/guardian. These are obtained before admission to the course.
- Students seeking admission to hostel will have to give additional undertaking that they would refrain from ragging.
- At strategic points in the campus, posters are being exhibited highlighting negative aspects of ragging.

2. On admission

- Freshers are adequately advised on the evils of ragging. During orientation, Heads of the Institutions brief the freshers on the subject and warn them in the matter.
- Senior students are addressed by the Heads of the Institutions to ensure that awareness is created about the negative aspects of ragging.
- A close vigil is kept on the students at the institution/hostels. The Constituent Colleges have formed common squads (both day & night squads for conducting regular & surprise visit for a period of 3 months to keep close vigil on the movement and activities of students/hostellers as a preventive measure.
- Counseling of students is done by the Mentors & Mentor Coordinators from time to time.
- Freshers are advised to contact the authorities (Warden, Principal, Members on the Anti-Ragging Committee) for guidance should they face any untoward situation.
- Principals of the constituent colleges have already informed their respective parents of senior students to warn their wards not involve in ragging.
- In separate sessions, the senior students are being apprised and warned by the senior faculty and senior University officials regarding the implications of ragging and punitive measures that would follow by the authorities.
- The Yenepoya University has installed CCTV cameras at all vital points.
- Surprise inspection squads and regular night visits to hostels are being organized.
- Notice indicating the consequences of ragging is displayed at all promiscuous points.
- Details of Anti ragging squad and phone Nos. of the squad members are displayed so that the students can contact in case of emergency.
- All the teaching staff/Library staff/wardens at the hostels are instructed to maintain a strict vigil on the students.
- Non-teaching staff especially the Lecture hall Incharge, MRD staff, lift operators are instructed to be vigilant and request any untoward incident if noticed.
- The Yenepoya University has also involved the local Senior Police Officials (like Commissioner of Police, Sr. Sudpt. Police D. K Dist.) in addressing the students about the implications of ragging and the legal consequences thereof.

3. Surprise visits to hostels by the Flying squads

A Flying Squad is constituted consisting of teaching staff, Hostel Wardens, Campus Administrative Officer and Registrar. The Flying Squad conducts visits to the hostels without any notice with a view to have firsthand knowledge on the behavior of the students/hostellers and happenings in and around the hostels. The Flying Squad submits its report for taking corrective steps/disciplinary action as may be expedient.

A strict vigil is maintained at all levels to ensure that the University/College campuses as well as hostels are ragging free.

4. Administrative action in the event of ragging

The institution shall punish a student found guilty of ragging after following the procedure and in the manner prescribed here in under:

- The Anti- Ragging Committee of 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.
- 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;
 - a) Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
 - b) Withholding/withdrawing scholarship /fellowship and other benefits.
 - c) Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process.
 - d) Withholding results.
 - e) Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
 - f) Suspension/expulsion from the hostel.
 - g) Cancellation of admission.
 - h) Rustication from the institution for period ranging from one to four semesters.
 - i) Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period.



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