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ANTI RAGGING POLICY

Preface:

The Anti-Ragging Committee plays a vital role in maintaining the safety and conducive learning environment both on and off campus for the student community. It operates with the primary objectives of upholding and furthering the institute's mission while enhancing campus life quality. Committee members are tasked with executing functions within the purview of the Anti-Ragging Committee (ARC) policy, continually contributing to, monitoring, and enforcing guidelines set forth by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi. This policy document serves as a guiding resource for ARC members and stakeholders in ensuring a ragging-free campus environment. To maintain relevance, periodic review and revision of this policy are recommended.

Introduction:

Ragging is defined as any act that violates or is perceived to violate an individual student's dignity. It encompasses abuse, humiliation, or harassment inflicted on new or junior students by senior students. Ragging often escalates into psychological or physical torture. To combat the rising instances of ragging on campuses, the UGC introduced regulations in 2009 aimed at curbing this menace in higher educational institutions. These regulations are mandatory for all such institutions. Accordingly, an anti-ragging committee was established at the college level with designated members.

Objectives of Anti-Ragging Committee:

Ragging is a deplorable social offense. The primary objectives of ARC include:

- > Preventing and protecting students from being subjected to ragging or engaging in such behavior.
- > Educating students about the detrimental effects of ragging, its impact on human lives, and the consequences of involvement in such acts.
- Establishing a monitoring system, including an Anti-Ragging Squad (ARS), to oversee oncampus and off-campus situations and prevent ragging incidents.
- > Receiving and addressing complaints through the ARC.
- > Taking legal action, when necessary, based on the severity of ragging incidents.

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What Constitutes Ragging?

Ragging encompasses one or more of the following acts:

- a) Any conduct, whether verbal or written, or actions by students that tease, humiliate, or treat a fresher or another student rudely.
- b) Participation in rowdy or undisciplined activities causing annoyance, hardship, physical, or psychological harm, or instilling fear in fresher or other students.
- c) Assigning tasks to students that would cause shame, torment, or embarrassment, adversely affecting their physical or mental well-being.
- d) Any action by senior students that disrupts regular academic activities or exploits freshers or other students for completing academic tasks.
- e) Financial extortion or imposing undue financial burdens on freshers or other students.
- f) Physical abuse, including sexual or homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene acts, gestures, causing bodily harm, or endangering health.
- g) Verbal abuse, insults, emails, posts, deriving pleasure from discomforting freshers or other students.
- h) Any action affecting the mental health and self-confidence of freshers or other students, displaying power, authority, or superiority.

Anti Ragging Committee:-

S.No	Name of the Member	Designation	Department	Role	Mobile No.
1.	Dr. B. Siddeswara Rao	Principal	ME	Chairman	8886111710
2.	K. Rama Mohan Reddy	Vice Principal	EEE	Co-ordinator	8886785548
3.	Dr. S. Siddeswara Reddy	H.O.D	ECE	Member	9160808308
4.	Dr. M.V.V. Prasad	H.O.D	BS & H	Member	9848428427
5.	V. Narasimha Swamy	H.O.D	CSE	Member	9966746768
6.	S.M.K Sukumar Reddy	Asst.Prof.	ECE	Member	9000372712
7.	B Priyanka	Asst.Prof.	ECE	Member	9100697778
8.	K S Vijaya Simha	Asst.Prof.	CSE	Member	9190176167
9.	D Sasikala	Asst.Prof.	CSE	Member	8341636405
10.	C Bhageerathi	Asst.Prof.	MBA	Member	9966777548

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Committee Structure:

- 1. Principal: The head of the committee.
- 2. Coordinator: Assists the Principal and oversees committee operations.
- 3. Members: Assist in committee activities and decision-making.

Roles & Responsibilities:

- Ensure compliance with UGC regulations 2009 at the institute level.
- Monitor and supervise the anti-ragging squad to prevent incidents of ragging on campus.
- Conduct surprise inspections of hostels and other susceptible areas for ragging.
- Conduct on-the-spot investigations into any reported incidents of ragging.

Guidelines for Ragging Grievants or Witnesses:

- 1. Remain calm and proceed to the Principal's office.
- 2. Refrain from retaliating or resolving the issue independently.
- 3. Seek immediate assistance from any Anti-Ragging Committee (ARC) member or nearby staff.
- 4. Report observed ragging incidents promptly to ARC members or staff.
- 5. Submit a detailed written complaint to ARC, including the date, time, and location of the incident.
- 6. Provide the identities of both the complainant and the alleged perpetrator.
- 7. Submit the complaint in person to any ARC member, ensuring confidentiality.
- 8. Maintain confidentiality of the complainant and other relevant information.

Procedure for Addressing Ragging Cases:

- 1. Secure the complainant and/or victim immediately if a ragging incident is ongoing.
- 2. Provide counseling to the victim.
- 3. Obtain a written complaint detailing the incident from the complainant and/or victim.
- 4. Gather necessary personal information from both parties involved.
- 5. Document the complaint in the Ragging Complaints Book and with the coordinator.
- 6. Inform the committee chairman about the complaint.
- 7. Conduct a hearing with the chairman to resolve the issue and determine appropriate action.
- 8. Recommend actions against the alleged perpetrator to the Head of the institution, in Voogdevi Institute of Technology & accordance with AICTE and Supreme Court guidelines.

Punishments for Ragging:

1. Punishments for ragging must be severe and exemplary to deter future incident DATUR. Kadapa

2. The committee will decide punishment based on the severity of the incident.

3. Possible punishments include cancellation of admission, suspension, scholarship withdrawal, withholding of results, expulsion, and legal consequences as per Supreme Court directives.

(As per directive of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP No. 24295 of 2006 dated 16.05.2007 and in Civil Appeal number 887 of 2009 dated 08.05.2009, F. No. 37-3/Legal/AICTE/2009 and subsequent Notification dated 01.07.2009 on the subject: **Prevention and Prohibition of ragging** in technical Institutions, Universities including Deemed to be Universities imparting technical education.)

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