



Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College of Commerce & Economics

Policy Title: **Anti-ragging Policy**



1. Introduction

Ragging is any disorderly conduct whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness, indulging in a 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 student or asking the students to do any act or perform something which such student will not do 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 the psyche. The root causes of ragging are to derive a sadistic pleasure and to show off power, authority or superiority.

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 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
- 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 or any other danger to health or person.
- any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, posts, 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 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.

The Commission has made it mandatory for all institutions to incorporate in their prospectus the directions of the Government regarding prohibition and consequences of ragging. A nationwide toll free 24x7 anti ragging helpline 1800-180-5522 in 12 languages has been established which can be accessed by students in distress owing to ragging related incidents.

2. Objectives

The institution endeavours to:

1. ensure overall disciplined environment in the College.
2. initiate timely action against erring students.
3. sensitise students about the evils of ragging and its prevention in the College Campus by organizing talks/ programmes etc.

4. address complaints about ragging as per the Govt. and University procedures.
5. maintain records of the cases investigated and submit the same to the IQAC Committee.

3. Composition of Committee in charge

- Dr. Madhavi Nighoskar – Vice principal, Degree College
- Prof. Shubhashini Naikar – Vice Principal, Self-finance Course

4. Role

The Anti-ragging committee ensures that a safe and secure environment prevails in the institution.

5. Process / Procedure

Taking into account the bearings of the Honorable Supreme Court in SLP No. 24295 of 2006 dated 16-05-2007 and in Civil Appeal number 887 of 2009, dated 08-05-2009 to restrict ragging, Prahladrao Dalmia Lions College of Commerce and Economics delivers these regulations:

Actions to be taken against students for indulging and abetting ragging:

- Depending upon the nature and gravity of the offence as established the possible punishments for those found guilty of ragging at the institution level shall be any one or any combination of the following
 - Cancellation of admission
 - Suspension from attending classes
 - Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits
 - 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 ranging from 1 to 4 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 to ensure community pressure on the potential raggers.
- An appeal against the order of punishment by the Anti-Ragging Committee shall lie,
 - In case of an order of an institution, affiliated to or constituent part, of the University, to the Vice-Chancellor of the University;
 - In case of an order of a university, to its Chancellor.
 - 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.
- The institutional authorities shall intimate the incidents of ragging occurred in their premises along with actions taken to the Council from time to time.

6. Initiatives

Every single incident of ragging a First Information Report (FIR) must be filed without exception by the institutional authorities with the local police authorities.

The Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution shall take an appropriate decision, with regard to punishment or otherwise, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging and nature and gravity of the incident of ragging.

7. References

UGC Helpline website: <https://www.antiragging.in/>

8. Policy details

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