

BHILAI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH, INDIA

ANTI-RAGGING REGULATIONS AND MEASURES

1. Aim

To ensure that no ragging takes place in the Institute and its hostel premises, by promulgating and enforcing stringent anti-ragging measures, and making provisions for deterrent and hard punishment to defaulters.

2. References

- (a) Judgments of the Supreme Court of India
- (b) Report of the R.K. Raghavan Committee appointed by the Supreme Court
- (c) Regulations and Guidelines from the All India Council of Technical education (AICTE) and other sources

3. Ragging is a Grave Crime

Ragging is a cognizable offence (offence for which the police can arrest the offender without warrant). This heinous practice has caused deaths and suicides of many bright students in the recent past in India, forcing the Supreme Court to take a serious view of the menace, and recommend deterrent and justifiably harsh punishment to those guilty of ragging. So, a ragging complaint against a student, if found valid after investigation, can straightaway become a criminal case and land the perpetrator in serious trouble. The Institute is bound to take strong action against him or her, and regardless of this, the law of the land will catch up with the offender with hard punishment.

The excuse that ragging is a harmless interaction of senior students with juniors is no longer tenable. The so called induction sessions often cross all barriers of human decency and degenerate into gruesome incidents. This is viewed by experts as a serious flaw in the schooling and upbringing of the offenders.

According to clinical psychologists and counselors, ragging can impact the victims in many ways. It can lead to negative repercussions like low self-esteem, depression and anxiety, a negative valuation of oneself and frustration at being helpless and not being able to defend oneself. This not only affects the academic performance of the individual, but brings down the prestige of the Institute in general.

As per the Supreme Court directive, the primary responsibility of preventing ragging rests with the educational institution itself, by sensitizing the students and parents on the highly immoral side of it, cautioning the students that indulging in ragging can dash all their career goals, and by taking stern action against the offenders.

Thus, our motto is: Zero Tolerance to Ragging! A firm NO to ragging in any form

Brief Overview of Observations of the Supreme Court of India

According to AICTE Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Technical Institutions, Universities including Deemed to be Universities imparting technical education, 2009, the committee has been constituted to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging in the College including:

1. 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;
2. Indulging in rowdy or in disciplined 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;
3. 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;
4. Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher;
5. Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
6. Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students;
7. 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;
8. 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;
9. 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.

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 herein under:

1. 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.

2. 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.
 - f. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period. Provided that where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment.

Law of the State of Chhattisgarh

The following Anti-ragging Act of the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly was first published in 2001 in the Chhattisgarh Gazette for general information.

ACT No. 27 OF 2001

THE CHHATTISGARH SHAIKSHANIK SANSTHAN ME PRATARNAKA PRATISHEDH ACT, 2001

An Act to prevent ragging in Educational Institutions in the State and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

Be it enacted by the Chhattisgarh legislative in the Fifty-second year of the Republic of India, as follows:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement -

(i) This Act may be called the, **Chhattisgarh Shaikshanik Sansthan Me Pratarna Ka Pratishedh Adhiniyam. 2001** (No. 27 of 2001).

(ii) It extends to the whole of the Chhattisgarh.

(iii) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification, appoint.

2. Definition.-

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires –

“Ragging” means causing, including compelling or forcing a student, whether by way of a practical joke or otherwise, to do any act which detracts from human dignity or violates his person or exposes him to ridicule or forbear from doing any unlawful act, by intimidating, wrongfully restraining, wrongfully confining, or injuring him or by using criminal force to him or by holding out to him any threat or such intimidation, wrongful restraint, wrongful confinement, injury or the use of criminal force.

3. Prohibition of ragging.-

No student of an educational institution either directly or indirectly or by any other means or anywhere shall commit or take part in ragging.

4. Punishment.-

Any person who contravenes the provisions of Section 3 or attempts to commit or abets the act of ragging or takes part either directly or indirectly in ragging shall be punished with either of the description for imprisonment which may extend up to five years or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees or with both.

5. Offence to be cognizable, non-bailable and non-compoundable.-

Every offence under this Act shall be cognizable, non-bailable and non-compoundable.

6. Trial of Offence.-

(i) Every offence punishable under this Act shall be tried by a Judicial Magistrate of first class.

(ii) The provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (No. 2 of 1974) shall apply for investigation, inquiry and trial of the offences under this Act.

7. Disqualification for remaining as student. –

(i) Pending investigation or trial of an offence under this Act, the head of the educational institution shall have the power to suspend a student accused of an offence under this Act and debar him from entry into premises of the educational institution and the hostel.

(ii) A student of an educational institution who has been convicted under Section 4 shall be liable to rustication from the educational institution.

(iii) A student who has been rusticated or any other person who has been convicted under this Act shall not be admitted to another educational institution within the jurisdiction of the state for a period of three years.

POLICY of Bhilai Institute Of Technology, Raipur on matter related to Ragging by the Registered Students of the Institute:

Bhilai Institute of Technology, Raipur has a NO TOLERANCE POLICY for Ragging by Students, whether inside or outside the premises of the Institute. Should any incident of Ragging be brought to the attention of any competent authorities, the Institute will verify the authenticity of the case and if any individual (s) are found guilty, they would be immediately terminated from their program and the institute.

If you feel that you have been a victim of ragging by another student at the Institute, please contact the following persons:

Anti-ragging committee:

Dr. Sangeeta Sahu,
Dean Staff & Students' Welfare
Phone: 9826424036,
Email: dr.sangeetasahu@bitraipur.ac.in

Prof Ravi Shankar Panicker
Asst. Dean Staff & Students' Welfare
Phone: 9826181765,
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Members:

Prof. Amit Thakur	9589345550
Prof. K.G.S. Sharma	9424196370
Prof. Abhishek Sahu	9827410517
Prof. Praveen Tiwari	9907971651
Dr. Shilpa Sharma	9009598985
Dr. Afshan Butt	9685981999
Prof. Abhinab Shulka	8982006546
Prof. Arpita Shukla	7987734154
Prof. Dileshwar Sahu	9893587811
Prof. Sankalp Verma	8103675004
Prof. Ankit Shinde	9406172442
Prof. Aditya Tiwari	9406204330
Prof. Pramod Patnaik	9711602433
Prof. Abhilash Trivedi	8959477388
Prof. Tadi Praveen	9953160630
Prof. Sana Tak	9993788659
Dr. Abha Mishra	9754517900
Mr. T.D. Jayagopal	8120038199
Mrs Radha Naidu	9893313111
Mr. Kameshwar	9993234462

You will be required to give a written complaint giving details of the incident and the details of alleged student(s).

1. After receiving your complaint, the Institute will immediately activate the Anti-ragging committee to investigate the matter. You may be contacted either by the Director or the Chair of the Anti-ragging committee for some questions/clarifications about the incident. Hence, please be available during this time in case you are needed for such purpose.
2. Counseling will be available as a resource for you through the Office of the Student Activities Coordinator, in case you so desire.
3. The Principal of the Institute will inform you about the outcome of the investigation as soon as it is completed.
4. Frivolous use of this provision will also attract appropriate punishment from the competent authority.

ANNEXURE I

ANTI RAGGING AFFIDAVIT BY THE STUDENT

1. I, -----s/o|d/o Mr./Mrs./Ms-----, having been admitted to Bhilai Institute Of Technology, Raipur have received a copy of the AICTE Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Technical Institutions, 2009, (here in after called the Regulations) carefully read and fully understood the provisions contained in the said Regulations.
2. I have, in particular, perused clause 3 of the Regulations and am aware as to what constitutes ragging.
3. I have also, in particular, perused clause 7 and clause 9.1 of the Regulations and am fully aware of the penal and administrative action that is liable to be taken against me in case I am found guilty of or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.
4. I hereby solemnly aver and undertake that I will not indulge in any behavior or act that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations. I will not participate in or abet or propagate through any act of commission or omission that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.
5. I hereby affirm that, if found guilty of ragging, I am liable for punishment according to clause 9.1 of the Regulations, without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be taken against me under any penal law or any law for the time being in force. I hereby declare that I have not been expelled or debarred from admission in any institution in the country on account of being found guilty of, abetting or being part of a conspiracy to promote, ragging; and further affirm that, in case the declaration is found to be untrue, I am aware that my admission is liable to be canceled.

Declared on _____

Signature of Student

Name :

VERIFICATION

Verified that the contents of this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and no part of the affidavit is false and nothing has been concealed or misstated therein.

Verified at _____ on _____

Signature of Student

ANNEXURE II

AFFIDAVIT BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

1. I, Mr./Mrs./Ms. -----father/mother/guardian of-----, having been admitted to Bhilai Institute Of Technology, Raipur have received a copy of the AICTE Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Technical Institutions, 2009,(hereinafter called the Regulations), carefully read and fully understood the provisions contained in the said Regulations.
2. I have, in particular, perused clause 3 of the Regulations and am aware as to what constitutes ragging.
3. I have also, in particular, perused clause 7 and clause 9.1 of the Regulations and am fully aware of the penal and administrative action that is liable to be taken against my ward in case he/she is found guilty of or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.
4. I hereby solemnly aver and undertake that My ward will not indulge in any behavior or act that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations. My ward will not participate in or abet or propagate through any act of commission or omission that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.
5. I hereby affirm that, if found guilty of ragging, my ward is liable for punishment according to clause 9.1 of the Regulations, without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be taken against my ward under any penal law or any law for the time being in force.
6. I hereby declare that my ward has not been expelled or debarred from admission in any institution in the country on account of being found guilty of, abetting or being part of a conspiracy to promote, ragging; and further affirm that, in case the declaration is found to be untrue, the admission of my ward is liable to be cancelled.

Declared on _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

VERIFICATION

Verified that the contents of this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and no part of the affidavit is false and nothing has been concealed or misstated therein.

Verified at _____ on _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian