



## VII. Ragging is Prohibited

Government of Maharashtra has notified ragging as a cognizable offence. Any one reported to be involved in any form of ragging will be severely dealt with. Therefore learners are advised to restrain from indulging in any form of ragging.

We have committed to observe the provisions of 'UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions 2009'(Reference No.: F 1-16/2007 (CPP-II), April, 2009).

Anti-Ragging Mechanism in the College: The college has strong anti-ragging mechanism with Anti-Ragging Committee, CCTV cameras at vital points, regular interactions and counselling, surprise inspection at cafeteria, rest room, recreation room, toilets, etc. List of teaching and non-teaching staff with contact numbers, handling anti-ragging mechanism is communicated to the learners at the beginning of the academic year.

### ● Anti –Ragging Warning

Ragging is cognizable offence under the law on par with rape and other atrocities against women and ill – treatment towards persons belonging to SC/ST. Ragging is strictly prohibited in the entire institution, including its department, constituent units, all its premises (including academic, residential, sports, canteen etc.) whether located within the campus or outside.

Students indulging in ragging other students will be punished as per 'The Maharashtra Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1999 (Mah. XXXIII of 1999) Published in Maharashtra Govt. Gazette on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1999'.

In pursuance to the judgement of the Hon'ble supreme court of India dated 08.05.2009 in Civil Appeal No.887/2009, the University Grants Commission has framed " UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions, 2009" which have been notified on 4<sup>th</sup> July,2009 in the Gazette of India".

Administrative Actions in the event of Ragging:

The institution shall punish students found guilty of ragging after following the procedure and the manner prescribed herein under:

- The Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution shall take an appropriate decision, in 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 recommendation of the Anti-Ragging Squad.
- The Anti-Ragging Committee may, depending upon 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;
  - Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
  - 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.
  - Cancellation of admission

- Rustication from the institution for period of ragging from one to four semester,
- Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period.

Provided that where the person committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment.

### VIII. Prohibition of sale of Cigarettes or Tobacco Products

Section 6 of the cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 Provides that no person shall sell, offer for sale or permit sale of cigarettes or any other Tobacco Product:

- To any person who is under eighteen years of age.
- In an area within a radius of 100 yards of any educational institute

Sale of Cigarettes and other Tobacco products in an area within a radius of 100 yards of an educational institute is strictly prohibited and is a punishable offence under Section 24 of the Act with a fine which may extend up to 200 Rupees.

### IX. Grievance Redressal of Learners

Grievances of learners are redressed systematically in the college through structured mechanism created by the Principal. The redressal mechanism is as under-

#### Grievance Redressal Committee

The college has constituted Grievance Redressal Committee to handle the grievances of the learners. The committee is headed by the Principal and Senior faculty members from each faculty as members. The one lady faculty member is also the member of the committee. Learners are advised to contact the Chairman, Grievance Redressal Committee to redress their grievances. Detail guidelines are available on college website.

#### Suggestion Boxes

Suggestion boxes are kept at strategic places. The Grievance Redressal Committee under the guidance of the Principal scrutinizes the suggestions of the learners. Important suggestions are immediately taken into consideration for betterment of learner and development of the college. Learners are advised to put the valid suggestions in the suggestion boxes to resolve their grievances.