

YENEPOYA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, THODAR, MOODBIDRI.

POLICY ON ANTI-RAGGING

PURPOSE:

Yenepoya Institute of Technology will strictly adhere to the provisions of the Karnataka Education Act of 1983, whereby ragging is considered a criminal offense. As per the ruling of the Supreme Court of India, ragging is an offense and is punishable by one year of imprisonment. To create a safe and friendly environment for all the students on campus, YIT emphasizes creating awareness amongst students and monitoring to avoid such mishaps.

SCOPE:

The Anti-Ragging Policy will inform and educate all stakeholders in the system about the statutory provisions and the merits of the policy. A ragging-free campus would assure students and their parents a safe environment.

DEFINITION OF ACT OF RAGGING:

"The abuse, humiliation, or harassment of new entrants or junior students by the senior students, whether by the word spoken, or written (letter, digital text-SMS, and e-mails) or by an act, which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness. Further, the ragging also means preventing the students from completing academic tasks and financial extortion, the act of physical abuse, including all its variants of sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, and stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to the health of a person. Any act that prevents disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of other students".

Roles and Responsibilities of the Anti-Ragging Committee:

- a. To ensure compliance with the provision of UGC regulation 2009 at the institute level.
- b. To initiate preventive measures to make YIT a ragging-free campus.
- c. To monitor and oversee the performance of the anti-ragging squad in the prevention of ragging in the institution.
- d. If any ragging cases are reported, the committee shall hear from every individual involved in the case and initiate the proper action.
- e. Conduct systematic and unbiased inquiry of every reported ragging incident using all possible evidence including CCTV footage.
- f. Prepare and submit a complete report including their remarks about the incident for further action to the Head of Anti-Ragging Committee.
- g. Impose a penalty to the indulger based on the recommendation of the committee in its report on the gravity of the incident.

Roles and Responsibilities of Anti-Ragging Squad:

- a. To make surprise raids on hostels and other places vulnerable to incidents of ragging.
- b. To conduct an on-the-spot inquiry of any suspected incident of ragging.
- c. If any ragging incidents are found, the same shall be reported to the anti-ragging committee for further inquiry.

PUNISHMENT RENDERED FOR ACT OF RAGGING:

Depending upon the nature and gravity of the offense as established by the Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution, the possible punishments for those found guilty of ragging at the institution level shall be any one or any combination of the following:

- a. Suspension from classes and academic privileges.
- b. Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits.
- c. Forfeiting campus placement opportunities/recommendations.
- d. Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation processes.
- 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.
- i. Imposing a penalty in the form of a fine.
- j. First Information Report (FIR) will be filed with the local police authorities, on the direction of the Anti-Ragging committee.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO MAKE YIT RAGGING-FREE CAMPUS:

- a. Display of posters in the vulnerable areas of campus, Hostel, Canteen, Library, etc. showcasing anti-ragging laws and ragging consequences along with the helpline number.
- b. Conduct awareness programs for students on Ragging consequences and Anti-ragging laws delivered by lawyers, Law enforcement officials (Police), NGOs, etc.
- c. Enforcing strict anti-ragging laws on the campus through vigilance by the Anti-Ragging Squad consisting of senior faculty members with the help of the Hostel warden.
- d. The Anti-Ragging Squad visits the Canteen, Hostel, Transport vehicles, Parking areas, Library, etc., to ensure avoidance of any untoward ragging incidents.
- e. Promote healthy interaction between senior and junior students through various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.
- f. Usage of CCTV footage to identify the miscreants.
- g. To extend counselling facility for the student who indulges in ragging.

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