

Vimala College (Autonomous)

Thrissur



Anti-Ragging Policy



VIMALA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), THRISSUR
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Policy Name:	Anti-Ragging Policy				
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Preamble

Vimala College is committed to provide a ragging-free learning environment to all students with the active cooperation of all staff and students. Healthy environment will be provided to all students and there will be zero tolerance to ragging which is a criminal offence. This policy is formulated based on the UGC notified 'regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in Higher Education Institutions, 2009' in pursuance of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dt. 08/05/2009 in Civil appeal No. 887/2009. This is a fundamental requirement for a fair institutional climate which is open to change, learning and progress.

Purpose:

This policy is formulated to ensure effective implementation of anti-ragging mechanism in Vimala College in order to prohibit, prevent and eliminate scourge of ragging.

Ragging- Definition (UGC)

- (a) 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;
- (b) Indulging in rowdy or indisciplined 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;
- (c) 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;



- (d) Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher;
- (e) Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- (f) Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students;
- (g) 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;
- (h) Any act or abuse by spoken words, e-mails, 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;
- (i) 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.

Anti-ragging mechanism initiated by the College

1. Constitution of Anti-ragging Cell with anti-ragging committee that includes faculty representatives, student representatives, police representatives, media representative and administrators as members.
2. Adequate publicity regarding anti-ragging measures of the college through institutional website, college prospectus, handbook etc.
3. Publish the details of the members of the anti-ragging committee on the institutional website.



4. Submission of undertaking by each student and every parent in every academic year in compliance with the UGC regulations and its second amendment.
5. Installing CCTV cameras at vital points.
6. Display anti-ragging posters at admission office, departments, canteen, hostels, and common facilities.
7. Orientation sessions for students, staff, and parents on anti-ragging policy of the institution.
8. Regular interaction with students by faculty mentors, hostel wardens, to detect early signs of ragging and identification of trouble triggers.
9. Comply with all the guidelines and circulars of UGC and Government regarding anti-ragging.
10. Give information to students regarding the facility of notifying ragging related incidents can call National anti-ragging helpline 1800-180-5522 (Toll free 24x7) or email the anti-ragging helpline helpline@antiragging.in.

Reporting incidents of ragging by students

- Any student affected by or subjected to Ragging must lodge a complaint to any member of the Anti-Ragging Cell as displayed on the website and student handbook within three working days of the incident duly citing the date, time and place of the incident, name and details of the student/s involved and the nature / act of ragging.
- The students can report it directly to the class tutor or hostel warden or Principal
- Students can drop their complaints in the suggestion box kept in various locations in the campus and hostel



- On receipt of the recommendation of the Anti-Ragging Squad or on receipt of any information concerning any reported incident of ragging, the Principal shall immediately determine if a case under the penal laws is made out and if so, either on her own or through a member of the Anti-Ragging Committee authorised by her in this behalf, proceed to file a First Information Report (FIR), within twenty four hours of receipt of such information or recommendation, with the police and local authorities, under the appropriate penal provisions (UGC regulation)

Punishments for those found guilty of ragging (UGC)

- (i) Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
- (ii) Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits.
- (iii) Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process.
- (iv) Withholding results.
- (v) Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
- (vi) Suspension / expulsion from the hostel.
- (vii) Cancellation of admission.
- (viii) Rustication from the institution for period ranging from one to four semesters.
- (ix) 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.



Members of the Anti-ragging cell of the College:

- Principal
- Vice Principal and Dean of Student Welfare and Residence
- Faculty representatives (3)
- Station House Officer, Viyyur Police Station
- Media Representative
- Student representatives

The names, address and contact details of all the members are published in the college website

Responsibilities of Anti-ragging Cell of the College:

- Conduct periodical meetings and review the status of anti-ragging activities in the campus
- Preparation of action plan for each academic year to prevent ragging in the college campus
- Implementation of the action plan in collaboration with all stakeholders
- Deals with the incidents of ragging that occurs in the institution
- Display posters with messages indicating the zero tolerance to ragging policy of the institution and informing students that ragging of any kind is punishable
- Organise meetings with class tutors and student mentors to ensure ragging free learning environment
- To organise orientation sessions for students and encouraging the students to drop their complaints in the suggestion box kept in various locations in the campus and hostel
- To ensure submission of the affidavit duly signed by students and parents in the prescribed format provided by UGC
- Keep updating the information about anti-ragging activities of the college on institutional website and other means



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Affidavit by Student

- (1) I,.....(full name of student with admission/registration/enrolment number) s/o/d/o Mr./Mrs./Ms....,having been admitted to....(name of the institution), have received a copy of the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational 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 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:
 - (a) I will not indulge in any behaviour or act that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.
 - (b) 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.



(6) 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 cancelled.

Declared this.....day of.....month of.....year.

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Signature of deponent

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.....(place) on this the.....(day) of.....(month).....(year).

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Signature of deponent

Solemnly affirmed and signed in my presence on this the.....(day) of.....(month)....(year) after reading the contents of this affidavit.

Oath Commissioner

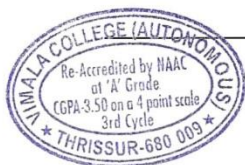


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Annexure II

Affidavit by Parent/guardian

- (1) I,....Mr./Mrs./Ms.....(full name of parent/guardian) father/mother/guardian of,(full name of student with admission/registration/enrolment number), having been admitted to (name of the institution), have received a copy of the UGC Regulation on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational 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:
 - (a) My ward will not indulge in any behaviour or act that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.
 - (b) 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.



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Declared this.....day of.....month of.....year.

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Signature of deponent

Name:

Address:

Telephone/Mobile No.:

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....(place) on this the.....(day) of.....(month),.....(year).

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Signature of deponent

Solemnly affirmed and signed in my presence on this the.....(day) of....(month),....(year) after reading the contents of this affidavit.

Oath Commissioner

Principal

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