



Office Order

No: IIITD/Anti-ragging/026/2009

Subject: Formation of Institute level anti-ragging committee and squads

Ref: Directives of the Supreme Court of India, dated May 16, 2007 in SLP No (s) of 2006 University of Kerala Vs Council, Principals Colleges, Kerala & Ors (with SLP(C) No. 24296-99/2004 & W.P. (Crl) No. 173/2006 and SLP(C) No 14356/2005).

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India admitted and heard the above referred SLPs in relation to the menace of ragging in Technical Institutions / Universities / College in the Country.

In this connection, a committee headed by Dr. R.K.Raghavan former Director of CBI was constituted by the apex court for giving specific recommendations on effective prevention of ragging in educational institutions.

Accordingly, the Committee had carried out a very detailed study on the various factors contributing to ragging and collected the public opinion. Further, the Committee had submitted a detailed report with suitable recommendations and measures required to effectively curb the menace. The recommendations of the Committee were duly accepted and the following directives have since been issued to all the educational institutes for necessary implementation by the Hon'ble Court.

I. Factors enlisted by the committee:

1. Primary responsibility for curbing ragging rests with academic institutions themselves
2. Ragging adversely impacts the standard of higher education
3. Incentives should be available to institutions for curbing the menace and there should be disincentives for failure to do so.
4. Enrolment in academic pursuits or campus life should not immunize any adult citizen from penal provisions of the laws of the land
5. Ragging needs to be perceived as failure to inculcate human values from the stage of schooling
6. Behavioural patterns amongst students particularly potential "raggers" need to be identified
7. Measures against ragging must deter its recurrence
8. Concerned action is required at the level of the school higher educational institution, district administration, university, State and Central Governments to make any curb effective
9. Media and the Civil Society should be involved in this exercise.

II. Recommendations approved by the Supreme Court

1. The punishment to be meted out has to be exemplary and justifiably harsh to act as a deterrent against recurrence of such incidents
2. Every single incident of ragging where the victim or his parent or guardian or the Head of institution is not satisfied with the institutional arrangement for action, a First Information Report must be filed without exception by the institutional authorities with the local police authorities, Any failure on the part of the institutional authority or negligence or deliberate delay in lodging the FIR with the local police shall be construed to be an act of culpable negligence on the part of the institutional authority. If any victim of ragging or his parent or guardian intends to file FIR directly with the police, that will not absolve the institutional authority from the requirement of filing the FIR.
3. In the prospectus to be issued for admission by educational institutions it shall be clearly stipulated that in case the applicant for admission is found to have indulged in ragging in the past or if it is noticed later that he has indulged in ragging, **admission may be refused or he shall be expelled from the educational institution.**
4. It shall be the collective responsibility of the authorities and functionaries of the concerned institution and their role shall also be open to scrutiny for the purpose of finding out whether they have taken effective steps for preventing ragging and in case of their failure, action can be taken, for example denial of any grant in aid or assistance from the State Governments.
5. **Anti-ragging committees and squads** shall be formed forthwith by the institutions and it shall be the job of the committee, or the squad as the case may be to see that the Committee's recommendations more particularly those noted above, are observed without exception and if it is noticed that there is any deviation, the same shall be brought forthwith to the notice of this court.
6. The Committee constituted pursuant to the order of this Court shall continue to monitor the functioning of the anti-ragging committees and the squads to be formed. They shall also monitor the implementation of the recommendations to which reference has been made above.

III. Action Taken by the Institute

1. Formation of Committees & Squads: Complying with the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Institute has formed the following Anti-ragging committees and squads for overseeing the implementation of the provisions of the verdict with immediate effect:
2. Institute level Anti-ragging Committee & Squad:

Dr. Astrid Keihn
Dr. Veena Bansal
Dr. Mayank Vatsa

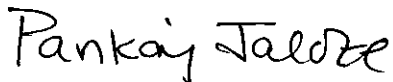
Dr. Vikram Goyal
Mr. Khushil Saini
Dr. A.R. Subramanian

The Institute level Anti-ragging Committee and Squads shall work to oversee the implementation of the recommendations.

3. Undertaking from Students and Parents

Each of the Student of the Institute and his/her parents and or Guardian are hereby required to submit a combined undertaking at the time of registration, in the prescribed format as attached to this order, which is mandatory for registration.

All concerned officials of the Institute, students, parents and guardians of the students, members of Anti-ragging committee and Anti-ragging squads are hereby requested to adhere to the stipulations and effectively monitor and comply with the provisions made in the directives.



Prof. Pankaj Jalote
Director

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- All members of the Anti-ragging committee & squads
- All students / Faculty members / Staff members through email
- Notice Board