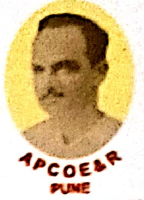


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### What is Ragging?

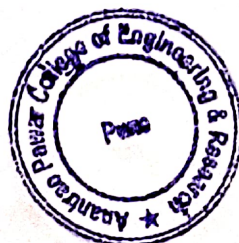
**'Ragging'** means display of disorderly conduct, doing of any act which causes or is likely to cause physical or psychological harm or raise apprehension or fear or shame or embarrassment to a student in any educational institution & includes:

- Teasing ,abusing, threatening or playing practical jokes on, or causing hurt to such a student; or*
- Asking a student to do any act or perform something which such student will not, in the ordinary course, willingly, do (Maharashtra Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1999)*
- The human rights perspective of ragging involves the injury caused to the fundamental right to human dignity through humiliation heaped on junior students by seniors; often resulting in the extreme step of suicide by the victims.*

Ragging has several aspects which include psychological, social, political economic, cultural and academic dimensions. The political aspect of ragging is apparent from the fact that incidents of ragging are low in institutions which promote democratic participation of students in representation and provide an identity to students to participate in governance and decision making within the institute bodies.

### Steps that may be taken by the student in an event of incidence of ragging

- Every fresh student admitted to the college shall be given a printed leaflet detailing to whom he/she has to turn to for help and guidance for various purposes including addresses and telephone numbers, so as to enable the student to contact the concerned person at any time, if and when required, of the anti-ragging helpline referred to in these policy, wardens, all members of the anti-ragging committee & squads, relevant district and police authorities.
- Fresher or any other student, whether being victim, or witness, in any incident of ragging are encouraged to report such occurrence, and the identity of such informants will be protected and will not be subject to any adverse consequence only for the reason for having reported such incidents. Those who want to be anonymous can submit their complaints in complaint box.
- The students can contact the members of the anti-ragging committee or squad, whose phone numbers are displayed along with the anti-ragging posters. or They can directly approach the Principal who in turn will direct the complaint to anti-ragging committee .
- Those in hostel can also contact the hostel warden or any other staff members who will in turn direct the case to relevant authorities.
- Freshers who do not report the incidents of ragging either as victim or as witnesses shall also be punished suitably.





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## P UNISHMENT FOR RAGGING

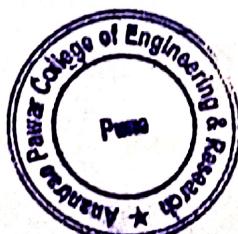
### A) Maharashtra Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1999 which states that

1. Penalty for ragging (section 4): Whoever directly or indirectly commits, participates in, abets or propagates ragging within or outside any educational institution shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years and shall also be, liable to a fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees.
2. Dismissal of student (section 5): Any student convicted of an offence under section 4 shall be dismissed from the educational institution and such student shall not be admitted in any other educational institution for a period of five years from the date of order of such dismissal.
3. Suspension of student ( section 6):Whenever any student or ,as the case may be the parent or guardian, or a teacher of an educational institution complains, in writing of ragging to the head of the educational institution, the head of the educational institution, shall without prejudice to the foregoing provisions, within seven days of receipt of complaint, do inquiry in to the matter mentioned in the complaint and if prima facie, it is found, true ,shall suspend the student who is accused of the offence, and shall, immediately forward the complaint to the police station having jurisdiction over the area in which the educational institution is situated, for further action.
4. Deemed abetment (section 7): If the head of the educational institution fails or neglects to take action in the manner specified in section 6 when a complaint of ragging is made, such person shall be deemed to have abetted the offence of ragging and shall, on conviction, be punished as provided in section 4.

### B) Administrative action in the event of ragging:

The institution shall punish a student found to be guilty of ragging after following procedure:

- a) Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution shall take an appropriate decision following the recommendations of the Anti-Ragging Squad.
- b) Anti-Ragging Committee may, depending on the nature & gravity of guilt recommend one or more of following punishments namely;
  - i. Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges
  - ii. Withholding or withdrawing scholarship/ fellowship and other benefits,
  - iii. Debarring from appearing in any test/ examination



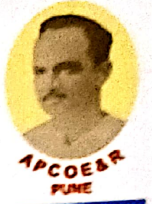


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- iv. Withholding results
- v. Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international event,
- vi. Suspension/expulsion from the hostel
- vii. Cancellation of admission
- viii. Rustication from the institution for period ranging from one to four semesters
- ix. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period.

## An appeal against the order of punishment

- a) In case of an order of the institution affiliated to a University, he/she can appeal to the vice-Chancellor of the University.
- b) In case of an order of the University, he/she can appeal to its Chancellor.

## Prevention of Ragging/Anti-ragging measures

The college has set up appropriate committees to actively monitor, promote and regulate healthy interaction between the freshers, junior and senior students and to prevent ragging.

1. **Anti-Ragging Committee:** The institution has nominated anti-ragging committee headed by the Principal. It consists of faculty members, representative of parents, and representative of students from freshers and seniors and non-teaching staff. It shall be the duty of anti-ragging committee to coordinate with various committees to prevent ragging in the institution.
2. **Anti-Ragging Squad:** It is nominated by the Principal. The anti-ragging squad shall remain mobile, alert & active at all times to maintain vigilance & patrolling. It shall make surprise raids on hostels and other places vulnerable to incidents of ragging. It shall investigate incidents of ragging & report to anti-ragging committee.
3. **Display:** The names of anti-ragging committee members, anti-ragging squad members & hostel wardens are displayed in bold letters on first year notice board along with their contact numbers.



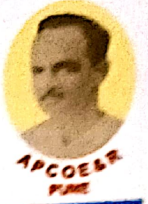


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2. **Affidavit from students and parents:** The affidavit from each student and his/her parent is obtained and the copies are available in the office.
3. **Counselling of freshers:** The professional counsellor shall counsel freshers in order to prepare them for the life ahead, particularly in regard to the life in hostel and to the extent possible, also involve parents and teachers in the counselling sessions.

1. **Query Register:** Various queries of newly admitted students ranging from travel & commuting, instruments, books, places etc. can be written by them in the register every day. At the end of the day the queries can be answered by the administrative officer after consulting appointed personnel.
2. **Complaint Boxes:** For newly admitted students and for students who want to be anonymous in their complaints, the complaint boxes should be installed in the college as well as in the hostel.

  
Principal

