St.Joseph's Degree College SunkesulaRoad, Kurnool





Anti-Ragging Cell

St.Joseph's degree college is committed to provide Students an environment free from harassment, discrimination or bullying and will ensure that policies exist to ensure that everyone is treated with respect and dignity. Such behavior will be dealt with through the colleges disciplinary procedures and, in serious cases, may result in offenders being expelled or dismissed.

Anti-Ragging Policy

This policy has been formulated in consonance with UGC Rules 2016, on Anti Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions / Universities, as published in the gazette notification.

- a) In view of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, and in consideration of the rules framed by the Central Government and the UGC, to prohibit, prevent and eliminate ragging and to provide for the healthy development, physically and psychologically, of all students, St.Joseph's College has set forth the Anti-Ragging Policy as listed in succeeding paragraphs.
- b) The Principal shall be responsible for implementation of rules listed here under this policy.
- c) To prohibit, prevent and eliminate any conduct by any student or students which constitutes ragging.
- 3. What constitutes Ragging: Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts:
- 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 indiscipline 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; 2 h) any act

Objectives of Anti-ragging Cell:

- To aware the students on dehumanizing effect of ragging inherent in its perversity
- To keep a continuous watch and vigil over ragging so as to prevent its occurrence and recurrence
- To promptly and stringently deal with the incidents of ragging brought to our notice
- To generate an atmosphere of discipline by sending a clear message that no act of ragging shall be tolerated and any act of ragging shall not go unnoticed and unpunished

Punishment to those found guilty

Any student or group of students found guilty of ragging in the campus or even outside the campus shall be liable to one or more of the following punishments

- 1. Debarring from appearing in any sessional test / University Examination
- 2. Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges
- 3. Withdrawing scholarships and other benefits
- 4. Suspension from the college for a period of one month

Functions and Responsibilities of Anti-Ragging Squad

Anti-Ragging Squad will be working under the Monitoring of Anti Ragging Committee and will seek advice from the Anti-Ragging Committee. The functions of Anti-Ragging Squad will be to keep a vigil and stop the incidences of Ragging, if any, happening / reported in the places of Student aggregation including, Classrooms, Canteens, Buses, Grounds, Hostels etc. The Squad will also educate the students at large by adopting various means about the menace of Ragging and related Punishments there to. A gamut of positive reinforcement activities are adopted by Anti-Ragging Squad for orienting students and molding their personality for a better cause. They shall work in Consonance and Guidance of Anti Ragging Committee

Committee Member:-

- **■**Committee Chairman:
 - Dr.K.Shantha(Principal)
- **■**Committee Coordinator
 - G.Ravindranath
- ■Committee Members
 - Swetha Vallabhaneni
 - G.P.Babu

Ragging – Meaning:

Display of noisy disorderly conduct, doing 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, teasing, abusing or playing pranks on or causing hurt to any student, asking a student to do any act or perform something which such student is not willingly do, whoever commits, participates in acts or propagates ragging will be punished.

Ragging-Govt. Ordinance:

Students are advised to note the Ordinance passed by Andhra Pradesh Government banning ragging in and outside the College Campus, an Act to Prohibit Ragging in Educational Institutions may be called as Andhra Pradesh Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1997.

THE ANDHRA PRADESH PROHIBITION OF RAGGING ACT,

1997* (Act 26 of 1997) An Act to Prohibit ragging in educational institutions in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

- i. Ragging is strictly prohibited in the campus.
- ii. An Anti–Ragging cell is existing in the college to address the grievances of the student.
- iii. The decision of the Principal is final.

The ragging shall include following acts: -

- i. Any conduct by any student or a group of students whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating, torturing, or handling with rudeness a fresher or any other student.
- ii. Indulging in rowdy or indisciplinary activities by any student or a group of 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.

- iii. Asking any student to do any act which such student shall 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.
- iv. Any act by a Student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher.
- v. Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of student.
- vi. Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresheror any other student by students
- vii. Any act of physical abuse including sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm orany other danger to health or person
- viii. Any act or abuse, by use of spoken words, telephone, short message service (SMS), e-mails, multi-media messaging service, post, public insults, pornographic material, photographs or video clips, etc., to derive perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture or fresher or any other student.
- ix. 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.

PENALTY:

- i. Any student convicted under this Act shall be debarred from continuing his studies in any educational institutions for a period of three years.
- ii. Whoever contravenes the provisions of this Act shall be punished with fine which shall not be less than rupees twenty-five thousand but which may extend upto rupees one lakh or with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend upto three years or, with both.
- iii. The appropriate Government shall direct University Grants Commission or the funding agency of the educational institution, as the case may be, to take such steps against the head of the educational institution who fails to prevent ragging in such manner may deem necessary.











