

William Carey University
Shillong ,Meghalaya, (INDIA)

ANTI-RAGGING GUIDELINES

Ragging is practiced all over the world with different nomenclature like hazing, fagging; apteme in French; doop in Dutch; and mopokaste in Finnish. The first recorded cases of ragging were in 8th Century BC during the Olympics in Greece. Ragging has been frequently associated with a broad spectrum of physical behavioural, emotional and social problems among the victims. It independently increases suicide risk. Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts:

- 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 to a fresher or any other student.
- Indulging in rowdy or undisciplined 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.
- 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.
- Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher.
- Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students.
- 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;
- Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, 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.

- 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.

Ragging has ruined countless innocent lives and careers. To eliminate ragging in all its forms from the university by prohibiting it under the regulations laid down by the Honourable Supreme Court of India and preventing its occurrence by punishing those who indulge themselves in such incidents. If anyone is found guilty of ragging he/she is liable for prosecution under the law which will result in

- Cancellation of admission
- Suspension from attending classes
- Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits
- Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process
- Withholding results
- Debarring from representation in any national or international meet, tournament, youth festival etc
- Expulsion from department/university/hostel.
- Fine up to 25,000 rupees
- Imprisonment up to three years.

Honourable Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 887 of 2009 passed the judgement wherein guidelines were issued for setting up of a centralized hotline and anti-ragging database. In accordance with the orders, UGC, Government of India has developed this web portal. This portal will contain:

- Undertaking at the UGC anti-ragging portal by each student and his/her parents or guardians, this will then be stored electronically and will contain the details of each student.
- Record of registered complaints received and the status of the action taken.

The aim of the portal is to eliminate ragging in all its forms from deemed universities and other higher educational institutions in the country. To eliminate ragging in all its forms, William Carey University has also adopted the 'Zero Tolerance Policy' towards ragging since its inception. No act of ragging, major or minor shall go unnoticed. No ragger, male or

female, student or non-student, shall go unpunished. Strict action will be taken against those who indulge in ragging as per the guidelines given by the UGC.

William Carey University has taken several steps to curb the menace of ragging at its premises.

- First and Foremost, the prospectus for admission issued to the aspirants for admission has clearly mentioned that ragging in any form is banned in the institution and anyone indulging in ragging is likely to receive deterrent punishment.
- The university has setup a dedicated Anti-Ragging Cell to encourage the students for reporting against any incidents of ragging.
- CCTVs have also been installed at vital points around the university and constant counselling of students are being done to prevent any such incidents.
- Workshops and Seminars are held every once a year to create awareness among the students.
- Surprise inspection of student accommodation, canteens, recreational rooms etc. are done on regular basis by the members of the Anti-Ragging Cell.
- Anti-Ragging posters are displayed at all prominent places like Admission Centre, Departments, Library, Canteen, Common Facilities etc.

While the university encourages all students to mix freely and live and work together in harmony, ragging in any form is strictly forbidden. Any student indulging in ragging will be immediately expelled from the University and will be subjected to disciplinary action. According to Supreme Court verdict it is mandatory and legal binding for the university administration to report each incident of ragging to the Police for taking appropriate action under the law. If any student is forced to leave the institute as a result of ragging, intimidation, harassment, coercion, threat, extortion, assault, etc. by any other student(s) and his/her seat remains vacant for the remaining duration of the course. Apart from loss of career for the withdrawing student, it causes heavy financial loss to the university. In such an eventuality the students involved in ragging, harassment, coercion, threat extortion, assault etc will be required to take up the entire financial loss caused to the university in the form of tuition and other fees that would have been paid by the withdrawing student. This shall be without prejudice to other disciplinary actions that may be taken against the defaulting student under the university rules.

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