

## **SHRI VISHNU ENGINEERING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN :: BHIMAVARAM ANTI RAGGING – MANDATORY READING**

Ragging :

Ragging means the doing of any act which causes, or is likely to cause any physical or physiological harm of apprehension or shame or embarrassment to a student.

The Principal, HODs and senior faculty address the senior students explaining the menace of ragging and the severity of the situation, the directives of the Supreme Court, the AICTE and JNTU and punishment that will be meted to them in case found to be guilty of ragging. They also inform them that the burden of proof lies with the accused and not with the victim.

And it includes:

1. Teasing or abusing or playing practical joke on or causing hurt to any student.
2. Asking any student to do any act .or perform any thing which he/she would not, in the ordinary cause, be willing to do or perform.

Ragging is different from other crimes because the motive is solely to get perverse pleasure. So the following types of abuses and activities will be termed as Ragging:

1. Physical abuse:

For eg: forcing to eat, drink or smoke, forcing to dress or undress.

2. Verbal abuse:

For eg: Swear words and phrases, direct or indirect derogatory references to the person's appearance, attire, religion, caste, family or chosen field of study.

3. Forced activity:

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- Chores for seniors e.g. copying notes, cleaning rooms etc.
- Missing classes – not being allowed to study
- Staying awake late or getting up at unreasonable times

- singing or dancing or performing in any other way
- using foul language or shouting or cheering loudly
- Misbehaving with strangers particularly women.
- Reading or browsing pornographic /objectionable material.

### What constitutes Ragging

Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts:

1. 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.
2. Indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological trauma or to induce fear or apprehension there of any fresher or any other student.
3. 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.
4. Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher.
5. Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
6. Any act of financial extortion or expenditure burden forced upon a fresher or any other student by senior students.
7. Any act of physical abuse including all variants of it: sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, and stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person.
8. 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.

9. 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.

### **OBSERVATIONS AND DIRECTIVES OF THE SUPREME COURT**

The Supreme Court of India has observed that enrollment in academic pursuits or a campus life should not immunize any adult citizen from the penal provisions of the laws of the land. According to the directions of the Supreme Court if any instance of ragging is brought to the notice of the administration or the faculty, it is legally binding on us to report the matter to the Local Police.

### **OUR DIRECTIVES TO THE SENIORS:**

1. Any interaction between fresher's and seniors where the seniors are friendly, welcoming and non-aggressive is encouraged.
2. Seniors may solicit participation in clubs and other activities by announcing promotional events at well designated times and places. However, no fresher should be forced to attend. Participation by fresher's can only be voluntary.
3. Seniors are expected to maintain self-imposed discipline and restraint. In particular, they must be careful about:
4. Any "interaction" outside public areas.
5. Visiting fresher's rooms during the interaction period ,or inviting fresher's to their rooms.
6. Forcing fresher's to sing ,dance or performing in any way under the guise of 'talent search 'or 'interaction'.
7. Being over –enthusiastic about making fresher's participating in students activities – cultural or sports.