

# **St. John's College, Palayamkottai**

## **ANTI-RAGGING CELL**

### **Introduction**

The motto of the college being “From darkness leads us unto light”, the anti-ragging committee is highly focused in its vision and mission to transform the students to a better face, building up and strengthening human relationships, especially among the students of the prestigious institution, and thereby creating a universal, classless society, echoing the biblical verse “Love thy neighbour’s” and the famous renowned Tamil poet Kaniyan Poonkundranar’s statement “Yathum Ooray Yarvarum Kelir”.

Ragging has become one of the serious threats to the widening of the arc of Scholarship in the Institutions of the higher education. The growing rate of perverted thinking among the society results in the harassment of the fellow students. Though the students learn theoretically, still they lack moral and ethical concerns and hence, the anti-ragging policy

### **What is ragging?**

Ragging is a threat to society. It destroys human relationships, particularly in institutions of higher education.

Ragging is one or more of the following acts:

- a) Abuse of any student / group of students, whether by spoken or written words or by an act intended to ridicule, intimidate or handle a fresher or any other student / rudely.
- b) Any student or student who causes or is likely to cause annoyance, pain, physical or psychological damage or increase fear or apprehension of being involved in arrogant or undisciplined activities in any fresher or any other student.
- c) Asking any student to do any act that such pupil does not do in the ordinary course and that will cause or create a sense of shame or torment or humiliation that will adversely affect the body or psyche of such fresher or any other student.
- d) Any act of a senior student that prohibits, disrupts or disturbs the perusal of the daily academic activity of any other student or fresher.
- e) Forcing and exploiting a fresher or other student's services to complete the academic tasks assigned to any person or student group.
- f) Any act of financial coercion or coercive burden of expenditure levied by students on a fresher or any other student.
- g) Any act of physical abuse including any form thereof: sexual abuse, sexual assault, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person.
- h) Every act of aggression through spoken words, emails, text, public insults that would also include deriving perverted gratification, vicarious

or sadistic pleasure from actively or passively participating in fresher or any other student's discomfiture.

- i) Any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of a fresher or any other student with or without the intention of obtaining a sadistic pleasure or displaying the power, authority or superiority of a student over any fresher.

### **Policy Action**

The policy of the anti-ragging cell is to promote social harmony among the students, echoing the constitution of India – “Unity in Diversity”. The cell is responsible for the development of the individual traits and discipline among the students of the renowned institution.

India means Diversity. With growing numbers of ideology, students have to put up with / tolerate, opponent ideologies and opinions “respecting the freedom of others” as per the words of the former President Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. Hence the cell aspires for nurturing and improving ethical standards among the students.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

- ❖ To create awareness among the students of the punishments who indulge in ragging crime, on the act of 1997 and its seventh sub section.

- ❖ Publish the toll free complaint number: 1800 180 5522 and the email Id: helpline@antiragging.net
- ❖ To point out that the crime is punishable against PC law 176, further a criminal would be sentenced an imprisonment of two years and a penalty of ten thousand rupees.
- ❖ To organize meetings including parent and students against caste creed and religion to prevent ragging in hostels.
- ❖ To create awareness campaign through camps, drama, cultural programmes, seminars and invited lectures by proficient thinkers.
- ❖ Seeking the public support; including the canteen workers, night watchmen and other laborers for preventing ragging.
- ❖ To display placards, digital banners and hoards of the respective officials.
- ❖ To receive undertaking from the candidates/ students not to participate in ragging either inside or outside the campus, till the completion of his/ her studies. If found guilty of any misbehavior, he/ she may be punished as per the UGC regulations and further legal action may be taken against him/ her, further he/ she may be debarred from entry into any other institutions.
- ❖ To receive undertaking from the parent/ guardian.
- ❖ To create awareness among the senior students and to promote social participation.
- ❖ To monitor the students regularly through CCTV.

- ❖ Phone numbers for Police complaint to be displayed on the notice board.
- ❖ To meet at regular intervals.
- ❖ To introduce counseling through Tutor-Ward system.
- ❖ To implement the orders of the IAS, Revenue, Police and Educational officials' orders.
- ❖ Nodal officer to whom the complaints of ragging to be intimated is

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### **Punishment / Penalties for “ragging”**

The Principal shall be empowered to enforce any of the penalties mentioned below or any other penalty that may be deemed appropriate.

- a) Recommending to withheld scholarships or other alternate benefits.
- b) The offenders will be prevented from enjoying privileges of the college.
- c) Recommending the university to withheld the results.
- d) Dismissal of the defaulter from Hostel/mess.
- e) Debarring from examinations.
- f) Denied admission to any of the constituents.

- g) Suspension from the constituent or class for a limited period.
- h) Fine with public apology.
- i) Prosecuting for criminal offence.
- j) Filing FIR with the local police.
- k) Recommending for the Cancellation of admission / expulsion from the constituent / University.
- l) Collective punishment in case the individual/(s) committing or abetting “ragging” is not identified.

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