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Preface

This booklet primarily contains the abstract from the UGC's Regulations issued vide No. F1-16/2007(CPP-II) dated 17 June, 2009.

The names and contact information of Anti Ragging Committee of Morigaon College are provided for the assistance of the new comers.

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The Anti Ragging Policy

1. Introduction

1.1 ‘*Merit*’ and ‘*Ethics*’ being the core driving values towards turning out professionals of high caliber with strong sense of ethical judgments, social integration of student’s population coming from different parts of the country with most diverse cultural and social back grounds, becomes a matter of prime importance. ‘Ragging’ a social menace, as such has no place in academic environment of the College and concerted efforts are required to be in place to prevent its occurrence at any point of time. Hence the need for a balanced ‘anti-ragging policy’ to be adopted by the College.

1.2 Hon’ble Supreme Court of India, during December 2007 has expressed concern over the incidents of ragging occurring in higher educational institutions and the need to eliminate it altogether.

1.3 The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India has taken a serious note of the incidents of ragging and is of the view that stern action should be taken against those indulging in “ragging” so that these incidents are not repeated and exemplary punishment is meted out to those indulging in it. Strict implementation of the guidelines issued by Hon’ble Supreme Court on this issue has also been stressed by the Ministry.

1.4 Ragging is a criminal offence and lowers the standards of education. The ‘anti-ragging policy’ adopted by the College takes care of preventive, procedural and punitive aspects of ragging based on the guidelines provided by Hon’ble Supreme Court of India, recommendations of the Raghavan Committee, instructions/guidelines issued by the Ministry of HRD (Govt. of India).

2. The Policy

2.1 This policy encourages socialization of students to the academic environment of the college, simultaneously discouraging and preventing any negative acts on parts of senior students, which goes against the basic purpose of socio-academic integration. The ‘anti-ragging policy’ adopted by the College therefore is aimed at:

- (a) Creation, development and nurturing of a conducive, socio-academic environment within the student population.
- (b) Generating and maintaining a high level of confidence within new entrants and their parents/guardians. to perceive that fresh entrants to the College are welcome and provided support, rather than being harassed and intimidated.
- (c) Keeping in place an integrated system to discourage and prevent any negative acts like ‘ragging’ by the seniors, which disrupts socio-academic integration of new entrants.
- (d) Prescribing deterrent measures for any violation of the “Anti-Ragging Policy” by way of disciplinary measures.

3. Definitions

3.1 For the purpose of this policy the following are defined as under: -

‘**College**’ means Morigaon College, Morigaon Assam.

‘Student’ includes any person who is enrolled for any course, whether full time or part time in the College. This also includes research associates/scholars or a visitors, and / or a repeaters.

‘Hostel’ includes the place/(s) where students are accommodated through institutional arrangement.

3.2 Ragging, as defined by the Honourable Supreme Court of India in its landmark judgement in 2001, is defined as,

“Any disorderly conduct whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any other student, indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or a junior student or asking the students to do any act or perform something which such student will not in the ordinary course and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of a fresher or a junior student.”

3.3 In UGC Regulations in Curbing the menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 ragging is defined as

“Any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (fresher or otherwise) on the ground of colour, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional origins, linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background.”

3.4 Ragging, which is also known as *hazing* or *fagging* in the western world is a punishable offence according to **The Assam Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1999**. The Assam legislation which is treated as the Law of the Land for this purpose defines ragging as,

“Either display of noisy or disorderly conduct or doing of any act which causes or is likely to cause social, physical or psychological harm or raise apprehension or fear or shame or embarrassment to any student in any educational institution and includes teasing, abusing of, playing practical jokes on or causing hurt to, such students; or asking the student to do any act or perform something which such student will not, in the ordinary course, willingly do.”

3.5 The University Grants Commission in its document “UGC Regulations on Curbing The Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009” has defined ragging as one or more of the following acts.

(a) A 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 or handling any other student with rudeness;

(b) Indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities by a student or 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 other student;

(c) Asking a student to do any act which the student will not carry out in the ordinary course 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 student(s);

(d) Any act by a student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student(s);

(e) Exploiting the services of any 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 student by any other student or a group of 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;

(h) Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, posts, social networking posts, e-posts, public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to a student.

(i) Any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of a student with or without an intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by any student or a group of students over any other student(s).

4. Preventive measures to Curb Ragging in the College Campus

The University Grants Commission in the document mentioned at clause 3.1A has recommended certain measures to be adopted by the Colleges/ Universities. We, at Morigaon College, are bound to implement these measures in strict compliance, in letter and spirit.

4.1 Anti Ragging Committee (ARC):

An Anti Ragging Committee is already set up with members from outside and inside of the College community under the Chairmanship of the Principal mentor overall anti ragging initiatives.

The Anti Ragging Committee (ARC) take up the following measures to prevent ragging.

- a. Vigilance at all hours including at odd hours, all around the Campus, particularly in the hostels.
- b. Arrangement and conduct of joint sensitization programmes to counsel new-comers and old students.
- c. Arrangement of and presence in “ice breaking” sessions among the new and old students in the hostels and elsewhere (detail schedule of these sessions will be made available in the notice boards of the departments and hostels on the first day of the new academic session).
- d. Occasional dining with the boarders in the hostels to instill confidence among the new-comers.
- e. Monitor and direct the working of Hostel borders.
- f. Conduct anonymous random surveys among fresher’s to check whether the Campus is indeed free from ragging.
- g. Any other activity the Anti Ragging Committee might think to adopt.

4.2 Rights and Duties of New-comers and their Guardians:

A fresher should consider the College community as his/ her family and should maintain cordial relationship with other members of the community particularly with the senior students. He/she, like any other student, enjoys all rights and privileges that are available to any free citizen of this country. It is the duty of the students, therefore, NOT to obey any orders or requests from anyone in the hostel (apart from the administrators) or within or outside the Campus if he/she feels embarrassed or undignified by complying with such requests. It is the responsibility of the fresher or any other person(s) who is/are aware about such request or order to bring it to the immediate notice of the ARC. It should be noted that failing to do so is an offence as per College rules and thus liable to be punished. The confidentiality of such student(s)/guardian(s) will be strictly maintained. The guardian should cooperate with the College Authority to seek redressal of the grievances of the fresher's, if any.

4.2.1 Honourable Supreme Court also suggested (on the recommendation of Raghavan Committee) that every single incident of ragging where the victim or his parent/guardian or the Head of the Institute is not satisfied with the Institute's arrangement for action, an FIR must be filed by the institutional authority with the local police. As soon as the FIR is lodged the offence will be treated as per provisions of the Law of the Land (i.e., Assam Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1999)

4.3 Rights and Duties of the Old (Senior) Students:

As the new-comers are, in most of the cases, first timers in the college, it is the duty of the seniors to guide the fresher's properly so that they feel at home. The seniors should remember the days when they left their parents, the security of home and set foot in this hitherto unknown Campus. It is the modesty, helpfulness, love and cooperation of the seniors that will contribute towards making the new comers good and responsible members of the college community. It is also the responsibility of the old students to explore the talents in the fresher's in the "ice breaking sessions" in hostels. However, they should note that this can be done only in the presence of the members of the ARC or their representatives.

5 Punishment:

5.1 A student found guilty of ragging is punishable under the provision of the UGC Regulations cited above.

5.2 Under the provisions of the *Assam Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1999* ragging is a criminal offence and punishable by a fine of Rs. 10000/- and imprisonment up to 6 months.

5.3 Under the provisions, educational Institutions are also liable for disciplinary proceedings if they fail to or neglect in taking action against the erring students.

5.4 Students found to indulge in ragging will be expelled from the college for a period not less than one academic session, while the authority concerned shall have to put out advertisements in local newspapers making the announcement public. The advertisement shall also carry name of the father as well as the permanent address of the student expelled and punished for indulging in ragging.

5.5 Under clause 9.3 (of the said Regulations) the faculty and staff of the University are liable for disciplinary action if they fail to report, take timely action, and/or found guilty of showing apathetic or insensitive attitude towards prevention of ragging.

6 Epilogue:

As mentioned in the UGC Regulations the aim of this document is to disseminate the idea of prevention of ragging through educational campaign. We sincerely hope that the provisions highlighted here will restrain any misadventure on the part of the senior students, who are indeed path breakers for their juniors.



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