

ANTI-RAGGING POLICY

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The University community is aware of the fact that prevention and prohibition of ragging in Universities imparting higher education in the country is a great concern of all authorities including the law enforcing agencies. Regulations have been framed by various apex bodies of higher education in the country in order to root out ragging in all its forms in the universities and its affiliated colleges in the country by prohibiting it by enacting law too. In this context, the Report submitted by the Raghavan Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP No.24295/2006 is relevant. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India accepted the various recommendations made by the Raghavan Committee and made it mandatory for the concerned to implement the following recommendations.

1. The punishment to be meted out has to be exemplary and justifiably harsh to act as a deterrent against recurrence of such incidents.
2. Every single incident of ragging where the victim or his parent/guardian or the Head of University is not satisfied with the University arrangement for action; a First Information Report must be filed without exception by the University authorities with the local police authorities. Any failure on the part of the University authority or negligence or deliberate delay in lodging the FIR with the local police shall be construed to be an act of culpable negligence. Courts should make an effort to ensure that cases involving ragging are taken up on priority basis to send the correct message that ragging is not only to be discouraged but also to be dealt with sternness.

Hence, it is emphasized on the part of all students at Adani University, Ahmedabad that ragging of and among students at this university in any form at any place is hereby will not be tolerated and banned. For this purpose, the following activities and / or actions shall be construed as the forms of ragging.

1. Ragging has several aspects with, among others, psychological, social, political, economic, cultural, and academic dimensions.
2. 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 students.
3. 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.
4. Asking any student to do any act which such student will not do in the ordinary course, and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or torment or embarrassment to adversely affect the physique or psyche or such fresher or any other student.
5. Any act that prevents disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of a student.
6. Exploiting the services of a junior student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of seniors.
7. Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a junior student by senior students.
8. 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.
9. Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, snail-mails, blogs, public insults including deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to others.
10. Any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of students.



11. The human rights perspective of ragging which involves the injury caused to the fundamental right to human dignity through humiliation heaped on junior students by seniors; often resulting in the extreme step of suicide by the victims.

Any student found indulging and / or abetting any form of Ragging in Adani University shall be meted out with exemplary and justifiably harsh punishment including debarring such students from taking admissions in any University/ Institution of higher learning in the country. For every single incident of ragging, the First Information Report (FIR) must be filed without exception by the university authorities with the local police.

Depending upon the nature and gravity of the offence as established by the Anti-Ragging Committee of the University/institution, the possible punishments for those found guilty of ragging at the University level shall be any one or any combination of the following: -

- I. Cancellation of admission.
- II. Suspension from attending classes.
- III. Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits
- IV. Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process
- V. Withholding results
- VI. Debarring from representing the University in any regional, national, or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
- VII. Suspension/expulsion from the hostel
- VIII. Rustication from the University for period ranging from 1 to 4 semesters.
- IX. Expulsion from the University and consequent debarring from admission to any other University.
- X. Fine of upto Rupees 25,000/-
- XI. Collective punishment: when the persons committing or abetting the crime of ragging are not identified, the University shall resort to collective punishment as a deterrent to ensure community pressure on the potential raggers.

As a preventive measure, all the existing students, fresher and their parents/guardians shall submit an affidavit in the prescribed form enclosed with this circular in the beginning of the academic session itself failing which the concerned student will not allowed to attend classes until he/she and his/her parents/guardians submit the said affidavit.

All the students at Adani University, Ahmedabad are advised to take note of the contents of this circular and abide by the instructions scrupulously to ensure a healthy academic atmosphere in the University campus and make it a ragging free one from day one and all the time to come.

Strict observance of the instructions and cooperation with the university in its efforts to ensure a "Ragging Free Adani University" is highly solicited.

In all cases/ events the decision of the Provost will be final and he/she may decide as deems fit.

All the matters/ cases/ issues are subject to Ahmedabad Jurisdiction only.


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