

A.V.C. COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Anti Ragging

Aim

To ensure that no ragging takes place in the College and its hostel premises, by disseminating and enforcing stringent anti-ragging measures, and making provisions for restraint and hard punishment to defaulters.

Policies

The College has a coherent and an effective anti-ragging policy in place which is based on the 'UGC Regulation on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009'. The UGC Regulations have been framed in view of the directions issued by the Honorable Supreme Court of India to prevent and prohibit ragging in all Indian Educational Institutions and Colleges. The said UGC Regulations shall apply to the College and the students are requested kindly to abide by the same.

What Constitutes Ragging

According to the Honourable Supreme Court of India, ragging means: **“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 actor 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.”**

Specifically, ragging constitutes any one or more 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 a fresher or any other student.
- Indulging in undisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or are likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological or physical harm or to raise the fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or any other student.
- Asking the students to do or perform 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 embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of such fresher or any other student.
- Any act by a senior student (s) that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or 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 other students.
- Any act of physical abuse including all of its variants, viz., sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, and forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person.
- Any act or abuse by spoken words, e-mails, sms, social media posts, or public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill, or showing off power, authority or superiority, or passively participating in the discomfiture to any 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 over any fresher.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Anti-Ragging Committee: The College has set up an Anti-Ragging Committee Chaired by the Principal. It will comprise senior faculty members, staff, Police representative (Inspector of police), Tahsildar and parent representatives.

This Committee will ensure that no incidents of ragging as given in this Regulation takes place, and it will also monitor and ensure that the instructions of this regulation are fully followed in letter and spirit at all times.

The Committee will also maintain the strictest vigil at all times and ensure that the Anti-Ragging Squad of the College carries out its functions properly. It will deliberate on the reports of the Anti-Ragging Squads or of any other person who witnesses the incident of ragging, or on the complaint of any fresher or other students, and determine the punishment, namely, Institute level disciplinary action or filing FIR with police or both.

Anti-Ragging Squad (College-level): The Anti-Ragging Squad of the College comprises senior faculty members, and representatives of students. Its function includes going around / patrolling the Departments, common areas of the Campus and other premises like playground, cafeteria and maintain vigil at all times on all days and take action if they notice any incident of ragging or attempt at it. The Anti-Ragging Squad also has the responsibility to investigate incidents of ragging and report it forthwith to the Anti-Ragging Committee. The Anti-Ragging Committee may also entrust the Squad with specific investigative jobs.

Faculty Advisors: Each student will be assigned to a Faculty Advisor. The Faculty Advisors would frequently interact with the students, or the students can freely approach them for any help or advice.

Action Procedure

Anti-Ragging Squad shall immediately report any incident of ragging or attempt or conspiracy for ragging, or any related complaint to the Anti-Ragging Committee. The Anti-Ragging Committee will consider the matter, investigate and take immediate action as per the situation.