

Anti-Ragging Policy
B. N. College, Dhubri, Assam

Introduction

Ragging is a criminal offence. Every year a large number of students across the country became victims of ragging at the early stage of their college/university carriers that forced them to undergo psychological trauma, depression, etc. Even many students leave their studies or commit suicides due to the extreme pressure. In order to mitigate the menace of ragging at educational institutions, the Supreme Court of India time and again gives its verdict.

The B. N. College, Dhubri, Assam which is premier institute of higher learning located in the western part of Assam also adheres to act the college campus ragging free. Therefore, the college has formulated its own policy in order to make the college campus ragging free conforming to the guidelines issued by the University Grant's Commission and the Supreme Court of India.

Ragging and why it must be stopped

According to the definitions, "ragging includes any behaviour by any student/s 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 rowdy undisciplined activities by students causing annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm or raising fear or apprehension in any fresher or student. It also includes any act affecting the mental health and self-confidence of a fresher or any other student with or without intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or any other student, and all such incidents".

In pursuance of the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 8/5/2009 in Civil Appeal No.887/2009, the University Grants Commission framed "UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions, 2009" which were notified on 17 June, 2009 and are to be mandatorily followed by all universities and colleges.

Ensuring a Ragging Free Campus

To ensure a ragging free campus, the UGC has given the following measures for Anti-Ragging should also be strictly followed.

1. The Institutions may erect suitable hoardings/bill boards/banners in prominent places within the campus to exhort the students to prevent or not to indulge in ragging and also indicating therein the names of the officials and their telephone numbers to be contacted in case of ragging.
2. All Educational Institutions should form an Anti-Ragging-Committee and squads and dedicated cadre of wardens and professional counselors to ensure that the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Justice Raghavan Committee recommendations are followed without exception.
3. An affidavit must be obtained from every Student, Parent/Guardian separately as per clause (m & n) of Regulation 6.2.
4. The Institution may also undertake other forms of campaign as it may consider appropriate for prevention of ragging.
5. UGC has uploaded a film on anti-ragging on its website. All universities and colleges are requested to download the same and give wide publicity amongst the students, before the start of the academic session. Besides, this may be constantly monitored during the entire period of the academic session.

Raise Your Voice against Ragging

In order to make the entire campus ragging free, the B. N. College, Dhubri has adopted a policy which is applied in toto.

- 1. B. N. College Anti-Ragging Committee:** The B. N. College Anti-Ragging Committee consisting of – Principal (Chairman), Vice-Principal (Convenor), 2 to 3 faculty (Members and representative from students (Member) was formed. The aim of the committee is to make the college campus including hostels ragging free. The committee ensures that, no student is harassed in the name introduction or any such mischievous issues.

- 2. Role of GB/statutory body**

- 3. Organizing Awareness Programme**

* Included in the Prospectus

- * In the College website
- * Display of Anti-ragging Flayers at College campus
- * Street Play
- * Redressal Mechanism

Role of Students' Union Bodies

The BNCSU – the students' union body plays a major role to make the college campus ragging free.

1. Conduct awareness programme – street play, display of posters,
2. Pamphlet distribution