



Shri Vitthalrao Joshi Charities Trust's  
**B. K. L. Walawalkar Rural Medical College**

**Anti-Ragging**

**Anti - Ragging committee policy**

- **Ragging in BKL Walawalkar Rural Medical College is totally banned and strictly prohibited as per the provisions of following Acts and Regulations:**
- **"Maharashtra Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1999" from Government of Maharashtra**
- **"UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009"**
- **If any student find involved in, guilty of or abetting the ragging strict disciplinary action shall initiated and shall be penalized as per the provisions of above acts and regulations.**

**What is Ragging?**

Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts:

1. 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;
2. 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;
3. Asking any student to do 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 torment or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of such fresher or any other student;
4. Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher;
5. Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students;
6. Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students;

7. 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;
8. Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, post, public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to fresher or any other student ;
9. 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 by a student over any fresher or any other student.
10. Any act of physical or mental abuse targeted at another student on grounds of colour, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, appearance, regional origins, linguistic identity, place of birth /residence, or economic background.

#### **Punishable Ingredients of Ragging:**

1. Abetment to ragging
2. Criminal conspiracy to rag
3. Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging
4. Violation of decency and morals through ragging
5. Injury to body causing hurt or grievous hurt\Wrongful restraint
6. Wrongful confinement
7. Use of criminal force
8. Extortion
9. Assault/sexual offences/Unnatural offences
10. Criminal intimidation
11. Offences against property
12. Attempt to commit any or above of the offences
13. Any offence flowing from the definition of ragging

#### **Punishments under Indian Penal Code against acts of Ragging:**

**Every single incident of ragging or abetting in ragging puts an obligation on the institution to get the FIR registered. There are provisions in the IPC, which can be used by a student to register an FIR in the nearest Police Station. These provisions are:**

294 – Obscene acts and songs

323 – punishment for voluntarily causing hurt

324 – voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapon or means

325 – punishment for voluntarily causing grievous hurt  
326 – voluntarily causing grievous hurt by dangerous weapon  
339 – Wrongful Restraint  
340 – Wrongful Confinement  
341 – Punishment for Wrongful Restraint  
342 – Punishment for Wrongful Confinement  
506 – Punishment for culpable homicide not amounting to murder

#### **Administrative Action In The Event Of Ragging:**

1. Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
2. Withholding/ withdrawing scholarship/ fellowship and other benefits.
3. Debarring from appearing in any test/ examination or other evaluation process.
4. Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
5. Suspension/ expulsion from the hostel.
6. Cancellation of admission.
7. Rustication from the institution for period ranging from one to four semesters.
8. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period as per directives of competent authority.
9. Imprisonment – six months to three years as per directives of competent authority.
10. Where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment .

#### **How to report ragging:**

1. The UGC has installed a National Anti Ragging Helpline No. 1800-180-5522 (24X7 Toll free no.), [helpline@antiragging.in](mailto:helpline@antiragging.in) where anyone can register complain.
1. It can be notified through contact details of ARC members
2. Any other member of the institute (HOU, colleagues)
3. External source ( Through family members, friends )
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#### **Procedure for handling complaints:**

Informing the Chairperson (within 2 hours of receipt of complaint)

ARC will conduct a preliminary on the spot enquiry and collect the details, submit the Preliminary report to the chair person (within 24 hours)

ARC will conduct a detailed enquiry gather evidences and submit its report along with the recommendations to the chairperson in 15 days.

The Chairperson will take action as per the recommendations.

If the victim student / parent are not satisfied with the action taken by the committee, a FIR should be filed with the local police.