

## **ANTI-RAGGING POLICY**

Any conduct by a student, whether by words spoken or written or by an act which includes physical abuse, lewd acts, teasing, rough or rude treatment, indulging in rowdy, undisciplined and obscene activities which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, undue hardship, physical or psychological harm or mental trauma or raise apprehension or fear in a fresher / junior student or other students or forcing a student to do any act which such a student is not willing to do and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment or danger to a student's life or adversely affect the physique or psyche of a fresher or a junior student.

### **Punishable acts of ragging:**

- Abetment / instigation to ragging / criminal conspiracy to rag.
- Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging.
- Public nuisance created during ragging, or violation of decency and morals.
- Injury to the body, causing hurt/mental trauma.
- Wrongful restraint, confinement.
- Use of criminal force/assault / sexual offenses / unnatural offenses.
- Extortion / criminal trespassing or intimidation/offenses against property.
- Attempt to commit any or all of the above-mentioned offenses against the victim.
- Physical or psychological humiliation.
- Any act/abuse by spoken words, e-mails, snail mails, blogs, public insults etc.
- Any act, that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of a student.

### **Punishments against ragging:**

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

- Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges
- Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits
- Forfeiting campus placement opportunities/recommendations
- Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation processes

- Withholding of results
- Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
- Suspension/ expulsion from the hostel
- Cancellation of admission
- Rustication from the institution for a period, ranging from 1 to 4 semesters
- Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specific period
- Fine to be paid

**Collective punishment:**

When the persons committing or abetting the crime of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment as a deterrent to ensure community pressure on the potential raggars.

In addition, in case of every single incident of ragging, a First Information Report (FIR) will be filed with the local police authorities. The possible punishment includes rigorous imprisonment (in compliance with the order of Supreme Court of India)

Ragging in any form is banned inside and outside the campus. Strict action is taken against persons flouting this rule; no leniency is shown. Suspension and/or withdrawal from the hostel/ college is the first action against the offender.

Please note that under the Karnataka Education Act of 1983, ragging is a criminal offense and punishable with one-year imprisonment. The Supreme Court of India has also defined ragging as a criminal offense.

All students admitted to ST ALOYSIUS (Deemed to be University) Mangaluru and their parents are hereby informed to go through the guidelines on anti-ragging:

The university authorities reserve the right to modify, update, or add new conditions to this policy as needed, in response to evolving technological, legal, or institutional requirements.

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