



VELAMMAL
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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**ANTI RAGGING POLICY AICTE/UGC REGULATIONS AS PER THE
DIRECTIVE OF THE SUPREME COURT**

RAGGING

Clause 3: What constitutes Ragging:

Ragging constitutes one or more of the following acts:

- a) Any conduct by a 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;
- b) Indulging in rowdy or indisciplined 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;
- c) 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;
- d) Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher;
- e) Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students;
- f) Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student;
- g) 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;
- h) 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;

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i) 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 of power, authority or superiority by student(s) over any fresher or any other student.

Clause 7 : Action to be taken by the Head of the Institution:

On receipt of the recommendation of the Anti-Ragging Squad or on receipt of any information concerning any reported incident of ragging, the Head of the Institution shall immediately determine if a case under the penal laws is made out and if so, either on his own or through a member of the Anti-Ragging committee authorized by him in this behalf, proceed to file a First Information Report (FIR), within twenty four hours of receipt of such information or recommendation, with the police and local authorities, under the appropriate penal provisions relating to one or more of the following namely:

- I) Abetment to ragging;
- II) Criminal conspiracy to rag;
- III) Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging;
- IV) Public nuisance created during ragging;
- V) Violation of decency and morals through ragging;
- VI) Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt;
- VII) Wrongful restraint;
- VIII) Wrongful confinement;
- IX) Use of Criminal Force;
- X) Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences;
- XI) Extortion;
- XII) Criminal trespass;
- XIII) Offences against property;
- XIV) Criminal intimidation;
- XV) Attempt to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- XVI) Threat to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- XVII) Physical or Psychological humiliation;
- XVIII) All other offences following from the definition of "Ragging"

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provided that the Head of the Institution shall forthwith report the occurrence of the incident of ragging to the District Level Anti-Ragging Committee and the Nodal Officer of the affiliating University, to which the Institution is an affiliated Institution.

Clause 9: (Sub Clause 9.1)

Administrative Action in the Event of Ragging:

The Institution shall punish a student found guilty of ragging after following the procedure and in the manner prescribed herein under:

(a) The Anti-Ragging Committee of the Institution shall take an appropriate decision, in regard to punishment or otherwise, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging and nature and gravity of the incident of ragging established in the recommendations of the Anti-Ragging Squad.

(b) The Anti-Ragging Committee may, depending on the nature and gravity of the guilt established by the Anti-Ragging Squad, award to those found guilty one or more of the following punishments, namely:

- I. Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges;*
- II. Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits;*
- III. Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process;*
- IV. Withholding results;*
- V. Debarring from representing the Institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival etc.;*
- VI. Suspension/expulsion from the hostel; VII. Cancellation of admission;*
- VIII. Rustication from the Institution for a period ranging from one to four semesters;*
- IX. Expulsion from the Institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period;*

provided that where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the Institution shall resort to collective punishment.

(c) An appeal against the order of punishment by the Anti-Ragging Committee shall lie,

I) In case of an order of an Institution, affiliated to or constituent part, of a University, to the Vice-Chancellor of the University;

II) In case of an order of a University to its Chancellor.

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**REGULATIONS/INSTRUCTIONS FOR BANNING RAGGING
& ANTI-RAGGING MEASURES AT
VELAMMAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

1. Aim

To root out ragging in all its forms from the Institute by instituting stringent anti-ragging measures and provisions for strict punishments to defaulters.

2. Terms of Reference

- (a) Supreme Court Orders
- (b) AICTE / UGC Regulations and Guidelines

3. Prohibition of Ragging

- (a) Ragging within the Institute Campus including its Departments and Hostels is strictly prohibited.
- (b) Ragging in any form is prohibited also in the private lodges/buildings or any place where the students are staying.
- (c) No person including students / staff / faculty shall participate or abet or propagate ragging in any form whatsoever.

4. Punishments

Ragging is a cognizable offence under the law and the punishments to be meted out have to be exemplary and justifiably harsh to act as a deterrent. It may include:-

- (a) Cancellation of admission, suspension, rustication or expulsion from the Institute/ Hostel.
- (b) FIR with the police and arrest.
- (c) More severe punishment where justified, such as, fine / imprisonment etc.
- (d) Collective punishment may be imposed where involved persons are not identified.

5. Measures for Curbing Ragging

(A) Before Admission

- (i) The Advertisement for Admissions will clearly mention:-

“Ragging is totally banned in the Institute and anyone found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging will be appropriately punished.”

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(ii) Admission Prospectus & Admission letters will also have full text of Anti-Ragging Regulations.

(iii) Application Form and especially the Registration Form at the time of registration for the academic year will require two Affidavits, duly notarized, one signed by the student and the other signed by the parent. Drafts of the Affidavits are given at the Institute website. ***Online Affidavit should also be updated for each student during their admission.***

(iv) A student will not be admitted/registered until the Affidavits are submitted.

(v) Students allotted Hostel accommodation are required to submit two copies of details of parents and local guardian along with their photographs in the prescribed format. Students will not be registered and assigned hostel seat until the above documents are submitted at the time of registration for the Hostel.

(vi) Create awareness through wide spread publicity - posters, leaflets etc. among the students, parents and guardians before start of the academic session. The posters and banners etc will be displayed at-least 10 days before the start of the semester in all prominent places including Hostels, Cafeterias and common activity areas and entry points.

(B) After Admission(a) Special advice to Freshers

(a) Freshers should not hesitate or feel shy of reporting any incident of ragging either as a victim or as a witness. Freshers should move in groups. They may resist individually or collectively any

(b) attempt by seniors towards bullying or ragging and also immediately report to any of the authority whose contact numbers are available in this manual.

(c) The important contact numbers should be entered and saved in their respective mobile phones.

(b) Anti-Ragging Complaint Boxes

Anti-Ragging Complaint Boxes have been placed in selected areas in the Institution and the Hostels for students who may drop in their complaints on any incident of ragging which has not otherwise been reported, for immediate necessary action.

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