

Govt. Holkar [Model Autonomous] Science College, Indore (M.P.)
(An Autonomous Institute and Centre for Excellence)

Anti-Ragging Policy

It is unfortunate that the process of developing camaraderie between old and new students has to be perceived as an undesirable activity because of the insensitivity and disrespect for human dignity by some students in the past. The problem became so acute nationally, that the Supreme Court had to issue directives. We want students to be aware of these directives.

It is informed to all the students that ragging is now **an offence punishable under Indian Penal Code** hence may invite police action. Ragging in any form, inside the campus or outside, is strictly prohibited and any such act will be a punishable offence. The College has introduced proper processes for developing camaraderie among new and old students in consultation with the Student Council. However, following rules are laid to deal with an unfortunate act of ragging:

1. Any person belonging to the College is expected to prevent and report any incident of ragging. However, there will be an anti-ragging and discipline committee consisting of the Principal, Heads of all the department and Coordinator of Student Council.
2. Senior students are not allowed to specify any dressing/salutation/behavior code for the new students. Any of the observations made by the committee may lead to punishment to the person involved or whole senior student community. Senior students are also in the habit of getting their paper work done from new students. If the committee is able to identify any incident, either through handwriting identification or any other method, this would be treated as a ragging activity.
3. Ragging is prohibited not only within the campus but out of the campus too, for the students registered with the college.
4. An individual or a group of students who are onlookers of an incident of ragging will also be considered accused with the same gravity.
5. Complaint against any incident of ragging need not be necessarily made by the aggrieved party. Complaint made by any parent, student, faculty or staff will be considered seriously and investigation process will be started. The investigating officer, for any complaint received, will be appointed by the Chairman based on prima facie report of discipline committee.
6. In order to establish an offense of ragging, no evidence will be essential. The investigating committee will reach a conclusion after interacting with the parties, she/he may deem essential, and give an opportunity to the accused person/persons to prove his/their innocence.
7. Punishment may vary from making absent to suspension for a certain period, with a fine, or rustication. Police complaint may also be lodged by the institution in certain cases.

8. It will be essential for all students to have their identify cards with them. Senior students not having an identity card can either be banned from entering the premises or can be punished as per ID card rules.

It is expected of the old students that they understand the need for self – discipline and maintain the dignity of individual as well as the institution. This will lead to a rich heritage of the institution in the future.

We hope that the Institution will not be led to taking unpleasant decisions of punishment for not following the discipline specified herein.

To enforce anti ragging atmosphere an anti-ragging committee will be constructed every year.

Names and contact details of all the members of anti ragging/discipline committee are displayed on the flex board at various places of campus to make easy accessibility of the students.