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**TITLE AND APPLICABILITY: SBV POLICY ON CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING  
AT THE CONSTITUENT COLLEGES - 2017**

These Regulations may be called as “SBV POLICY ON CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING AT THE CONSTITUENT COLLEGES - 2017” They shall apply to all the constituent colleges of Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth.

**OBJECTIVES:**

To prohibit any conduct by any student or students whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness a fresher or any other student or indulging in rowdy or indisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student or 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, 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 and thereby, to eliminate ragging in all its forms from Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth under these regulations, preventing its occurrence and punishing those who indulge in ragging as provided in this regulation and as per law in force.

**DEFINITIONS:**

- **Anti- Ragging Helpline** means the 24 X 7 helpline established by UGC

Toll free number: 1800 - 180 - 5522

e-mail : [helpline@antiragging.in](mailto:helpline@antiragging.in)

- **Constituent Colleges of SBV include**

Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute ( Main Campus)

Shri Sathya Sai Medical College & Research institute, (Off Campus)

Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences, (Main Campus)

### Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College, (Main Campus)

- **Campus** means the location or land on which SBV (Main campus and Off Campus and the Centres) and its related facilities like Hospital area including wards, OPDs, College blocks, Library, Lecture Halls, Auditoriums, Residential areas including Student Hostels, Quarters for teaching and non-teaching staff, Kitchen, play grounds, recreational areas, canteen, parking areas, patient waiting areas, maintenance areas, EB substations, laundry, Water treatment plants, stores are located and includes extended campus and covers within SBV scope places visited by students and staff, including transportation provided for the purpose for commuting from to and from the institutions, the locations outside the institution on Student / staff exchange programmes, field trips, internships, study tours, excursions, short term placements, camps, cultural festivals, sports meet, academic events and other events in which the person is participating in the capacity of an employee or a student of SBV.
- **Student** means all the Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Research Scholars of all the faculty of all the constituent colleges of SBV namely Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute, Shri Sathya Sai Medical College & Research institute, Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences, Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College.
- **Fresher** means a student UG / PG/ Research Scholar who has been admitted to and who is undergoing his / her first year of student in any of the constituent colleges of SBV.
- **Head of the Institution** means Vice-Chancellor in the case of University and the Dean / Principal in case of the Constituent colleges of SBV.

#### **RAGGING CONSTITUTES ONE OR MORE OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ACTS:**

- Ragging constitutes any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (Fresher or otherwise) on the ground of colour, race, religion, cost, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional origins, linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background.

- 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.
- Indulging in rowdisim or indiscipline activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student.
- 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.
- Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher;
- Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students;
- Any act of financial extortion of or expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students;
- Any act of physical abuse including all variants of it: sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing absence and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person.
- Any act or abuse by spoken words, e-mails, 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.
- Any act that affects a mental health and self - confidence of a fresher or any other student with or without intent to derive a pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or any other student.

### **MEASURES FOR PREVENTION OF RAGGING AT INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL:**

- Public declaration on SBV Zero Tolerance Policy on Ragging to be spelt in the University prospectus
- The UGC 24 X 7 helpline details to be publicly displayed in all vulnerable places and printed in all student hand books.
- A dedicated portal for complaint registration on ragging is made available in the University as well as the constituent college websites.
- The Constituent Institutions shall display prominent posters and banners at all vantage points of all blocks of the campus, prohibiting ragging and also inform about the 24 X 7 Anti ragging helpline and the contact details of the members of the Anti ragging Squad and Anti ragging committees.
- The Constituent institutions shall organise Joint Sensitisation programmes, counselling session for both freshers and seniors, joint cultural programmes by the freshers and the seniors.
- Mentor - Mentee system to be actively adopted in all the Constituent institutions.
- Each constituent institute shall obtain the affidavit on Anti ragging signed by the student and also an joint affidavit signed by the student and the parents.

### **ANTI RAGGING COMMITTEE (UNIVERSITY LEVEL):**

The Anti Ragging Committee at the University level has to be duly constituted with a Dean of Faculty as Convener. Members may include Deans / Principals of the constituent institutions, Senior most faculty members, Student Counsellor of SBV, Chief Warden of Hostels, Warden of Girls Hostels, Legal Officer of SBV and a person from local media. The committee shall reconstituted every year.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The Anti ragging Committee (University Level) shall ensure compliance with all the provisions of these regulations and ensure Zero tolerance towards ragging in all



constituent institutions of SBV. It will also oversee the performance of the Anti ragging Committees (Institute Level Committees) and Anti ragging Squad (Institute Level). The committee will send annual report to the University for the onward transmission to the concerned authorities.

#### **ANTI RAGGING COMMITTEE (INSTITUTE LEVEL):**

The Anti Ragging Committee at Institute level has to be duly constituted with a Senior Faculty / Vice- Principal as Convener. Members may include Senior faculty members, Vibrant faculty at Junior level, Student Counsellor of SBV, Chief Warden of Hostels, Warden of Girls Hostels, Legal Officer of SBV and a person from local media. The committee shall be reconstituted every year.

- **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The Anti ragging Committee (Institute Level) shall ensure compliance with all the provisions of these regulations and ensure Zero tolerance towards ragging in the concerned constituent institution of SBV. It will also oversee the performance of the Anti ragging Squad of the Concerned institute. The committee will have to meet as and when required at the initial period after freshers joining the institute. The committee has to send an biannual report / annual report to the University.

#### **ANTI RAGGING SQUAD (INSTITUTE LEVEL):**

The Anti ragging Squad has to be nominated by the Head of the constituent institution with vibrant faculty, security officers, non teaching administrators and deputy wardens of the hostels. It will not include any outside member. The Anti ragging Squad will be mobile both during day and night.

- **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The Anti ragging Squad shall conduct surprise checks and raids and ensure Zero Incidence of ragging in the concerned constituent institution of SBV. It will ensure surprise checks and raids at student hostels, play grounds, canteens, auditoriums, transportation means, library and other vulnerable areas to ensure Zero incidence of ragging.

The Anti ragging Squad will conduct on-spot enquiry into any incident of ragging as reported. The Anti ragging Squad will submit a monthly report to the concerned Anti ragging Committee of the concerned college.

**ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE HEAD OF THE CONSTITUENT 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 institution shall immediately determine if a case under the penal laws is made out and if so, and decide about, 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. Attempts 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”.

Provided that the Head of the institution shall forthwith report the occurrence of the incident of ragging to the Anti ragging Committee (University Level) of SBV.

Provided further that the institution shall also continue with its own enquiry initiated under clause IX of these Regulations and other measures without waiting for action on the part of the police / local authorities and such remedial action shall be initiated and completed immediately and in no case later than a period of seven days of the reported occurrence of the incident of ragging.

#### **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 guilty 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 period ranging from one to four semesters or one to two years whichever is applicable.
- ix. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period.
- x. Fine of Rs.25000 to Rs. 1 lakh.

Provided that where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment as deemed fit.

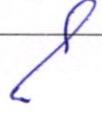
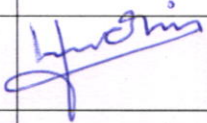
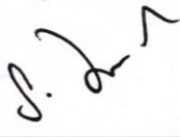


#### **APPEAL AGAINST THE ORDER OF PUNISHMENT**

An appeal against the order of punishment by the Anti Ragging Committee shall lie,

- i. In case of an order of a constituent Institution of SBV, the appeal has to be submitted to the Vice Chancellor of SBV.
- ii. In case of the order is from the University, the appeal has to be made to the Chancellor.

#### **FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ANTI RAGGING COMMITTEE OR THE ANTI RAGGING SQUAD**

In the opinion of the Dean / Principal or the Vice-Chancellor, a lapse any lapse is attributable to any staff or any member of the faculty, in the matter of reporting or taking prompt action to prevent the incident of ragging or who display an apathetic or insensitive attitude towards the complaints of ragging, or who fail to take timely step, then that authority shall initiate departmental disciplinary action, in accordance with the prescribed rules of the institution against such member of the faculty or staff of the above committees or any other members of the faculty or staff.

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