

ANTI – RAGGING POLICY

(Prohibition, Prevention & Punishment)



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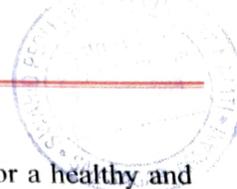
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INTRODUCTION



Harmonic atmosphere and ethical values are major important requirements for a healthy and just academic life for the students coming to an institute for education from different places with diverse socio-cultural and religious backgrounds. Ragging, a socio-academic menace **involves abuse, humiliation, or harassment of new entrants or junior students by the senior students**. It often takes a malignant form wherein the newcomers may be subjected to psychological or physical torture. To curb out this socio-academic menace, a well formulated policy and its execution in all institution level is an urgent need.

This urgent need of academic institutions was noticed by the Honourable Supreme Court of India in December 2007 and expressed its concern over the incidents of ragging occurring in higher educational institutions and the need to uproot it. In the line of the Honourable Supreme Court of India, the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India has also come forward with drastic steps against those indulge in "ragging" and ask the institutional authorities to give exemplary punishment to the perpetrators.

Now ragging is a criminal offence. As per the directions of the Honourable Supreme Court of India and the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India an anti ragging policy has been prepared by Swahid Peoli Phukan College, Namti adopting preventive, procedural and punitive measures of the offence of ragging based on the prescribed guidelines.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE:

Swahid Peoli Phukan College, Namti emerged as the milestone in the field of higher education in greater Namti under the auspices of the founder Principal Sri Durgadhar Bora and a group of visionary persons in 1970. The College has a history of more than fifty years of dedicated service towards creating awareness in the neighborhood and developing infrastructure and facilities for imparting education in this historic region.

This institution was established in a rural ambience and has withstood the test of time. During these eventful years, Swahid Peoli Phukan College has carved a niche for itself in the field of higher education with special emphasis on need of the hour. Apart from interactive classroom facilities,

the college has been dedicated to creating an inspirational environment for learning through extracurricular activities and educational tours. This institution has been named after the glorious memory of Swahid Peoli Phukan, known as one of the earliest martyrs of Indian freedom movement. A highly qualified and devoted group of teaching staff of the college has been relentlessly trying to motivate and empower the students to mould them as true human resources and contribute to social harmony and all round development of the society. The Swahid Peoli Phukan College fraternity is looking forward to realizing the collective dream of establishing this institution as a nurturing ground for a hopeful future for the generations to come and to prove to the world the worth and capability that this institution can develop in the students.

OBJECTIVE OF ANTI-RAGGING POLICY

The Anti-Ragging Policy of Swahid Peoli Phukan College, Namti, encourages socialization of students to the academic environment of the college discouraging and preventing any negative acts of the senior students on junior students. The framed by the college therefore has the following objectives:

To create, develop and nurture an encouraging socio-academic atmosphere in the college campus.

- (a) To generate and maintain a high level of confidence within new entrants and their parents/guardians to perceive that fresh entrants to the institute are welcome and provided support, rather than being harassed and intimidated.
- (b) To discourage and prevent any negative acts like 'ragging' by the seniors, which disrupts the socio-academic integration of students community.
- (c) To prescribe disincentive measures for any violation of the "Anti-Ragging Policy" by way of disciplinary actions.



DEFINITIONS

For better understanding and transparency we define the following terms of the Anti Ragging Policy of Swahid Peoli Phukan College, Namti as follows:

'College/Institute' means Swahid Peoli Phukan College, Namti.

'Student' includes any individual who has been enrolled for any full time/part time/certificate course in the college. Repeater examinees and visitors are also counted in this regard.

'Hostel' includes the place/(s) where students are accommodated through institutional arrangement.

The following acts shall be considered as 'Ragging' and dealt under the capacity of this Anti-Ragging Policy of the college:

- (a) Any humiliating act of teasing by any student or a group of students either by words spoken or written.
- (b) Any act of unruliness or undisciplined activities by a student or group of students causing or likely to cause annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any other student.
- (c) Any activity by a student or group of students that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the academic activity other student/s
- (d) A action of physical abuse such as sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and vulgar acts, gestures, etc. causing bodily or mental harm or any other danger to health or person.
- (e) Compelling a student to do any task that generates a sense of shame or torment or embarrassment which may adversely affect the physique or psyche of such student/s.
- (f) Exploiting the services of any student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- (g) Financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden imposed on a student by any other student or group of students.

- (h) Any act of sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by any student or a group of students over any other student/s.
- (i) Any abusive post/s by a student defaming the image of other student/s through social media networks like WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Email, etc.
- (j) Any act of moral policing by any student or group of students on other student/s that may create chaos in the college campus.

MEASURES FOR PROHIBITION OF RAGGING

Swahid Peoli Phukan College authority takes the following initiatives to uproot the act of ragging from the college campus in order to create a healthy academic atmosphere.

Address by the College Authority

Prospectus and Admission Forms circulated before the admission of each year contain specific caution that “ragging is banned in the Institute, and anyone found indulging in ragging, is likely to be punished appropriately by the college authority. The Principal and the assigned faculty members of the college during their interaction with parents/guardians and admission aspirants at the time of counseling meets assure the parents and students about full protection and support against any attempts of ragging by seniors. Here, the college authority also briefs the ‘Anti Ragging Policy’ of the Institute. Moreover, the college authority has sufficient signboards banning the ragging at the college campus. It helps achieving socio- academic integration of new entrants.

At the Time of Admission

The Principal and the assigned faculty members of the college while addressing the students on the day of admission provide information about the ‘Anti Ragging Policy of the College’ and the consequences of the acts of ragging. On this day the college authority also briefs the guidelines on expected behavioral norms of the college. All students of the Institute are mandatorily asked to sign an anti-ragging declaration forms (Annexure I and II) at the time of admission to the institute.



Socialization Through Freshmen Social

The College Students' Union and senior students of the college under the patronization of the college authority organizes a Freshmen Social Day (*Welcome Party*) immediately after the admission is over for new entrants. Freshmen Social Day offers a platform for the both the seniors and juniors for congenial socialization that improves a healthy academic atmosphere in the college.

Anti Ragging Committee

An Anti Ragging Committee has been formed in the college to prevent and deal with the incidents of ragging activity if comes to notice. The committee has the following members:

Chairman:	Principal, SPP College, Namti
Members:	SDO (C), Nazira Officer In-charge, Namti Police Station President, SPP College Teachers' Unit Secretary, SPP College Teachers' Unit President, Namti Press Club Secretary, Namti Press Club President, Guardian Association, SPP College Secretary, Guardian Association, SPP College
Convener:	Vice Principal, SPP College

Punitive Measures Against "RAGGING"

If any student becomes victim of ragging by other student/s, he or she may file a written or oral complain to the **Chairperson Anti Ragging Committee**. Depending on the gravity of complain the chairperson of the anti ragging committee may call for a sitting to investigate and take punitive measures against the perpetrator/s. On found guilty of perpetrating ragging act, the college authority may take following punitive measures:

- (d) Expulsion from Institute.
- (a) Withholding results
- (b) Withholding scholarships or other benefits
- (c) Debarring from representation of events inside and outside of the college
- (d) Debarring from examination/s.
- (e) Fine with public apology
- (f) Suspension from the institute or class for a limited period.



- (g) Prosecuting for criminal offence.
- (h) Cancellation of admission
- (i) Filing FIR with the local police

Repeal of Clause

Principal of the college will possess the sole authority for any interpretation, modification, or amendment to this Anti Ragging Policy. The Principal also possess power to exercise her/his discretion with respect to any or all of the clauses of this policy.



AFFIDAVIT BY STUDENT

I,.....Registration No
Year.....Batch having been admitted to Indian Institute of Management, Shillong,
have received a copy of the Institute's anti-ragging policy. I had carefully read and fully understood the
provisions contained in the said policy.

I have, in particular, perused clause 3 of the policy and am aware as to what constitutes ragging.

I have also, in particulars, perused clause 6 of the policy and am fully aware of the penal and administrative
action that is liable to be taken against me in case I am found guilty of or abetting ragging, actively or
passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.

I hereby solemnly aver and undertake that

(a) I will not indulge in any behavior or act that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of
the policy.

(b) I will not participate in or abet or propagate through any act of commission or commission
that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the policy.

I hereby affirm that, if found guilty of ragging, I am liable to punishment according to clause of the policy,
without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be taken against me under any penal law or any law
for the time being in force.

I hereby declare that I have not been expelled or debarred from admission in any institution in the country
on account of being found guilty of, abetting or being part of a conspiracy to promote, ragging; and further
affirm that, in case the declaration is found to be untrue, I am aware that my admission is liable to be
cancelled.

Declared thisday ofmonth of... year

SIGNATURE OF DEPONENT
NAME.....

VERIFICATION

Verified that the contents of this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and no part of the affidavit is
false and nothing has been concealed or misstated therein.

Verified aton this the day ofmonth of.....year.....

SIGNATURE OF DEPONENT

Solemnly affirmed and signed in my presence on this the day of month of.....year after
reading the contents of this affidavit.

OATH COMMISSIONER



AFFIDAVIT BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

I, Mr./Mrs.....
Mr./Ms..... declare that, my ward
.....enrolled in
..... programme with Registration No..... Year.....and
Batch.....having been admitted to Indian Institute of Management Shillong, have
received a copy of the institute's anti - ragging policy and had carefully read and fully understood
the provisions contained in the said policy.

I have, in particular, perused clause 3 of the policy and am aware as to what constitutes ragging.

I have also, in particulars, perused clause 6 of the policy and am fully aware of the penal and
administrative action that is liable to be taken against my ward in case he/she is found guilty of or
abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.

I hereby solemnly aver and undertake that

(a) My ward does not indulge in any behavior or act that may be constituted asragging under
clause 3 of the Regulations.

(b) My ward does not participate in or abets or propagates through any act of commission or
commission that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.

I hereby affirm that, if found guilty of ragging, my ward is liable to punishment according to clause
6 of the Regulations, without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be taken against my
ward under any penal law or any law for the time being in force.

I hereby declare that my ward has not been expelled or debarred from admission in any institution
in the country on account of being found guilty of, abetting or being part of a conspiracy to
promote, ragging; and further affirm that, in case the declaration is found to be untrue, the
admission of my ward is liable to be cancelled.

Declared thisday ofmonth of... year

SIGNATURE OF DEPONENT
NAME.....

VERIFICATION

Verified that the contents of this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and no part of the
affidavit is false and nothing has been concealed or misstated therein.

Verified aton this the day ofmonth of.....year.....

SIGNATURE OF DEPONENT
month of.....year

Solemnly affirmed and signed in my presence on this the day of
after reading the contents of this affidavit.

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