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Darjeeling Government College

Anti- Ragging Committee Report

The Anti-Ragging Committee is constituted to ensure compliance with the provisions of the regulations as well as the provisions of any law for the time being in force concerning ragging; investigate complaints and also, monitor and oversee the performance of the Anti-Ragging Squad in prevention of ragging in the institution. The Anti-Ragging Committee is responsible for inculcating a culture of Ragging Free Environment on Campus. The Anti-Ragging Committee is involved in designing strategies and action plan for curbing the menace of ragging in the college by adopting an array of activities. The committee is also responsible for conducting awareness programmes from time-to-time on campus. The college follows a "Zero- tolerance" policy towards any act/ form of ragging and any students found guilty of engaging in such acts are to be dealt with severity. The Committee has a vision to build a ragging free environment by instilling in the students the values of empathy, compassion, tolerance and sensitizing them to become responsible citizens of the society to which they belong.

Ragging constitutes one or more of any intention by any one student or students on:

- Any act of indiscipline, teasing or handling with rudeness
- Any act which is likely to cause annoyance, harm, psychological fear or anxiety
- Any act of financial exploitation or forceful expenditure
- Any act of physical abuse or assault which poses danger or threat to one's physical and mental well being
- Any act of public insult or verbal abuse through words, emails, letters, messages
- Any act of wrongful confinement, kidnapping, molesting or intimidation
- Any act of unlawful assembly with the intent or conspiracy to ragging.

OBJECTIVES:

- To Prohibit, Prevent and Address any and all forms and instances of Ragging in and around the college campus.
- To educate the students about the dehumanizing effects of Ragging.
- To create awareness about the consequences and punishments among the students before they are found to be engaging in such acts.

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- To ensure all the round clock vigil over instances of ragging so as to prevent its occurrence.
- To promptly and effectively deal with incidents of ragging brought to the notice of the committee.

FUNCTIONS:

- To address the complaints received from the students, conduct an immediate enquiry into the incident and submit a report to the Anti- Ragging Committee along with the punishment deemed fit for the offenders.
- To oversee the procedure of obtaining the online undertaking from all the students of the college.
- To conduct frequent seminars, workshops and other awareness programs to orient the students about the effects and consequences it has on the day to day lives of both the victims and the perpetrators.
- To provide students with information regarding the contact details of the person(s) responsible for receiving and responding to complaints and distress calls.
- To take all necessary measures for the prevention of Ragging inside and outside the campus by the students of the college.
- To conduct regular meetings to discuss if any form of Ragging is going unnoticed.

The Anti-Ragging Committee for the Academic Year 2023-2024

Sl. No	Name of the Faculty	Designation	Department
1	Dr. P.C. Lama	Officer-in-Charge Darjeeling Government College	Head of the Institution
2	Assistant Professor John Kapil Chettri	Convener and Nodal Officer	Political Science
3	Associate Professor Subrata Kar	Member	Commerce
4	Associate Professor Prabir Kumar Sen	Member	Chemistry
5	Assistant Professor Rujas Yonle	Member	Zoology

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6	Assistant Professor Yashowika Subba	Member	English
7	Assistant Professor Gambhir Dhoj Subba	Member	Philosophy
8	Assistant Professor Kesang Sherpa	Member	Botany
9	Assistant Professor Sudha Lama	Member	History
10	Assistant Professor Shraddhanjali Singh	Member	Hindi
11	Smt. Norjin Tshering Bhutia	Member	Office Staff

Anti-Ragging Squad

The Anti-Ragging Squad member work under the supervision and guidance of the Anti-Ragging Committee and engage in continuous vigilance in places like hostels, canteens, classrooms, other campus spaces and places of student congregation to keep a vigil and prevent the incidences of ragging, if any, and report them if they happen. The squad role is also to educate the students at large by adopting various means about the menace of ragging and related punitive action against students indulging in such prohibited activities.

As per the directions of related Anti–Ragging regulations, an Anti-Ragging Squad is constituted with the following faculty members to keep continuous watch and vigil over ragging so as to prevent its occurrence in the premises of the college and hostel.

Anti - Ragging Squad Member.

- 1. Dr. Prabir Kumar Sen, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry Member
- 2. Shri. Kabi Basnet, Assistant Professor, Department of Nepali Member
- 3. Shri. Nirmal Subba, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics -Member
- 4. Dr. Salim Masud Molla, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics-Member
- 5. Dr. Shraddhanjali Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi -Member
- 6. Smt. Kesang Sherpa, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany Member

Report

The college has an Anti-ragging committee, constituted as per the existing UGC norms. At the beginning of every academic year both the fresher and senior students of the college are made aware of ragging related rules and regulations. The committee conducts awareness programs to educate students about the fatal effects of ragging and to inculcate a culture of respect and inclusivity. The Institution is committed to 'Zero Tolerance Policy' to ragging. The college has

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mechanism to deal promptly, sensitively and confidentially, matters that are ragging related and take necessary action. The committee functions actively; and fortunately, Darjeeling Government College do not have any recorded case of Ragging. The campus is ragging free.

In compliance of the UGC Regulations, it is compulsory for each student and every parent to submit an online Anti-Ragging undertaking affidavit every academic year declaring non-involvement in ragging activities or any other violent form of behavior.

This year the students filled online Anti – Ragging forms as directed by UGC through Online portal www.antiragging.in. Students were asked to forward the mail received from the portal containing reference number of their affidavit to the Nodal Officer's email of Anti – Ragging Committee of the college.

As per the affiliating university (University of North Bengal) and UGC Guidelines Anti-Ragging day was observed on 12th August, 2023 and Anti-Ragging Awareness Week was observed from 12th August, 2023 to 18th August, 2023. Various programs was organized during this week –

- Screening of short films on ragging and its consequences
- Awareness talks on Ragging
- Poster making competition
- Essay writing competition
- Slogan writing competition
- Interactive sessions with the students.







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Competition during Anti- Ragging Week



Jury at work – selecting the best poster















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Some posters and essays of the competition



Winner of the competition

screening of short films on Ragging









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Awareness talks on the menace of Ragging

As to make the students aware of the college's 'Zero Tolerance' Policy and sensitize the students about the maladies and consequences of Ragging, posters and banners in different parts of the college campus (especially the entrances) are displayed.



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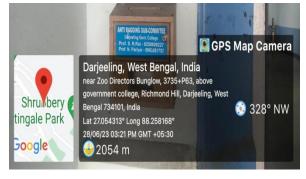


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The institution has a dedicated complaint box for students to register their complaints regarding any incident of Ragging. The complaint box is regularly monitored by the Anti – Ragging Committee. Fortunately till date the college has not received any complaints of Ragging. The institution is proud to declare it a Ragging free campus





Ragging - Complaint box







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Ragging free campus

Meeting of the Anti Ragging Committee are regularly held to discuss the upcoming awareness programs, initiatives and to discuss the latest regulations issued by UGC, Government and affiliating University and steps to implement such relevant directions.

The Anti – Ragging Squad regularly inspects the campus premises and Hostels to keep a vigil and prevent the incidences of ragging. The squad coordinates with the Anti-Ragging committee to keep the campus free from any incidences of ragging.

Darjeeling Government College is proud to have a ragging free campus and the credit for this belongs to the sincere efforts of all stakeholders.

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