



Office of the Dean Students' Affairs  
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

July 18, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached herewith some copies of "Mandatory Anti-ragging Materials and posters for all students of IIT Kharagpur".

I would like to request all the Heads of the Departments, Centres, Schools, President, Students' Gymkhana and all the Wardens of the Halls of the Residence to display these at such places in their respective premises so that our *anti-ragging campaign* is brought to the notice of all student of the Institute.

let me also request all the concerned Faculty Advisors to put proper emphasis to convey to the students at all levels that ragging is illegal and those who are found engaged in ragging, will be booked for stern punishment and will be made liable to face the consequences of the course of the law of the land as well.

I appeal for cooperation from all concerned.

With warm regards,

(M. Bhattacharjee) Dean Students' Affairs  
Dean of Students' Affairs I.I.T., Kharagpur

Enclosures: As stated

To

1. All Heads of the Departments/Centres/Schools/Sections/Offices
2. All Faculty Advisors of the Departments (through HODs concerned)
3. All Wardens, Halls of Residence
4. President, Students' Gymkhana
5. Professor-in-Charge, Training & Placement Section
5. Chairman, Hall Management Centre
6. Vice President, Students' Gymkhana
7. Security Officer

Copy to:

1. Secretary to Director
2. Secretary, Deputy Director's Office
3. Secretary, Registrar's Office

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# Mandatory reading material for all students of IIT Kharagpur

## The legal definition of ragging:

'Ragging' means the doing of any act which causes, or is likely to cause any physical, psychological or physiological harm of apprehension or shame or embarrassment to a student and includes:

- a) Teasing or abusing or playing practical joke on, or causing hurt to any student.
- b) Asking any student to do any act, or perform anything, which he/she would not, in the ordinary course, be willing to do or perform.

## Types of abuses and activities-termed as ragging:

- **Physical abuse**, for example, forcing to eat, drink or smoke, forcing to dress or undress.
- **Verbal abuse**, for example swear words and phrases, direct or indirect derogatory references to the person's appearance, attire, religion, caste, family or chosen field of study.
- **Forced activity**, for example
  - ✓ Chores for seniors e.g. copying notes, cleaning rooms etc.
  - ✓ Missing classes. Not being allowed to study.
  - ✓ Staying awake late or getting up at unreasonable times.
  - ✓ Singing or dancing or performing in any other way.
  - ✓ Using four languages or shouting or cheering loudly.
  - ✓ Misbehaving with strangers, particularly women.
  - ✓ Reading or browsing Porno-graphic/objectionable material.
- **Lifestyle restrictions**, for example
  - ✓ Not allowing certain kinds of clothing or accessories e.g. jeans, belts etc.
  - ✓ Enforcing rules regarding shaving or oiling hair. Forcing certain kinds of dress.
  - ✓ Restricting access to parts of the hostel e.g. common room.
  - ✓ Requiring certain modes of address i.e. seniors should be called Sir or Ma'am.
  - ✓ Requiring a particular wake-up time.

## Observation and Directives of the Supreme Court:

The Supreme Court of India has observed that enrolment in academic pursuits or a campus life should not immunize any adult citizen from the penal provisions of the laws of the land.

According to the directions of the Supreme Court if any instance of ragging is brought to the notice of the administration or the faculty, it is legally binding on us to report the matter to the Local Police. See <http://www.iitkgp.ac.in/anti-ragging-measures> for details.



**RAGGING IN ANY FORM, INSIDE OR  
OUTSIDE THE CAMPUS IS**

**BANNED**

**ANY STUDENT FOUND INDULGING IN  
RAGGING / HARASSING A FELLOW STUDENT  
WILL BE SUMMARILY EXPELLED  
FROM THE INSTITUTE**

**BY ORDER  
DIRECTOR  
IIT KHARAGPUR**