ANTI RAGGING POLICY

RPS Group of Institutions is committed to providing a safe and conducive learning environment for all its students. Ragging in any form is strictly prohibited within the premises of the institute, including its hostels and any other locations where students may gather for academic or recreational purposes. The institute believes in fostering a culture of respect, tolerance, and camaraderie among students.

Definition of Ragging:

Ragging includes any conduct, whether by words spoken or written, or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating, handling with rudeness any other student, indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities that cause or are likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm, or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or a junior student.

Policy Guidelines:

1. **Prohibition of Ragging:** Ragging, in any form, is strictly prohibited within the institute's premises, including classrooms, laboratories, libraries, hostels, and any other area where students may congregate.

2. **Consequences of Ragging:** Any student found involved in ragging activities, whether as an active participant or by abetting others, will face strict disciplinary action. This may include suspension, expulsion, and legal action as per the provisions of the law.

3. **Complaint Mechanism:** Any student who experiences or witnesses any form of ragging is encouraged to report the incident immediately to the Anti-Ragging Committee or any faculty member, hostel warden, or administrative staff. The institute ensures that complaints will be treated with confidentiality.

4. **Anti-Ragging Committee:** The institute has constituted an Anti-Ragging Committee consisting of faculty members, administrative staff, and student representatives. The committee is responsible for monitoring and preventing ragging activities on campus.

5. **Anti-Ragging Squad:** An Anti-Ragging Squad is appointed to conduct surprise inspections in and around the campus, especially in hostels, to ensure the prevention of ragging incidents. The squad will also be vigilant during orientation programs and other events where freshers may be present.

6. **Orientation Programs:** The institute conducts orientation programs at the beginning of each academic year to sensitize students about the ill-effects of ragging and the strict measures in place to prevent it. Seniors are also educated about the consequences of engaging in ragging activities.
7. **Counseling Support:** The institute provides counseling support to both victims and perpetrators of ragging. The objective is to rehabilitate those involved in ragging activities and guide them towards positive behavior.

8. **Awareness Campaigns:** Regular awareness campaigns are conducted to educate the student community about the detrimental effects of ragging. Posters, banners, and other communication channels are utilized to spread the message.

9. **Legal Consequences:** Students are made aware of the legal consequences of engaging in ragging activities. The institute will not hesitate to involve law enforcement authorities if required.

10. **Parental Involvement:** Parents of students are informed about the institute's commitment to maintaining a ragging-free environment during orientation sessions. They are encouraged to counsel their wards against indulging in ragging activities.

This Anti-Ragging Policy is in effect from the date of its issuance and is subject to periodic review to ensure its effectiveness in maintaining a safe and healthy campus environment. All students are expected to abide by these guidelines, and any violation will be dealt with firmly.

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