'Ragging' began as an amusing practice, with time became a synonym for 'torture', degenerated into an evil, necessitating thereby the intervention of government authorities and was subsequently banned to the relief of all learners and other stakeholders. Honourable Supreme Court of India has defined it as. "Any disorderly conduct whether by words spoken, or written or by act which adversely affects the physique or psyche of a fresher or a junior student, is an act of ragging." Ragging involves the violation of decency and morals, thereby inflicting physical and psychological damage. It is now a legal offence and for such cases, UGC has provisioned punishments in its anti-ragging guidelines which include a fine of up to Rs. 25,000, cancellation of admission, with holding scholarship, debarring from appearing in exams, suspension or expulsion from hostel and rustication from a period of one to four semesters.

As per the UGC Letter No. F-1-8/2006(CPP-II) dated February, 2008 addressed to the Registrar, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, our Institute strictly adheres to the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and follows UGC instructions to stop ragging in the Institute. With reference to the Ministry of HRD communication D.O. No. 16-5/2015-U.5 dated 11th July 2016, regarding the implementation of preventive measures in the educational institutions, our institution has adopted the following steps for effective prevention of ragging:

- **Anti-Ragging Affidavits:** As per the notification and instructions from the Government, Anti-Ragging affidavit is taken from all the students at the time of admission. From www.antiragging.in
- **CCTV** : CCTV have been installed throughout the college campus with monitoring facilities in the office of the Director.
- Anti-Ragging Committee: The Institute has constituted an Anti-ragging committee to address the issue of ragging (if any). Following are the members of the Committee:

Sr No	Name	Designation
1	Dr. Abhijeet Kaiwade	Director
2	Prof. Anita Nalawde	Member
3	Prof. Jigisha Pardeshi	Member
4	Prof. Rahul Patil	Memeber
5	Mr. Dilip Jagtap	Member
6	Adv. Sonali Swami	Social Service Representative

• Awareness and sensitization by Talks, Workshops and Posters: As Anti-Ragging is a part of value-based curriculum, we conduct talks and show presentations at the time of tutorials to the new students so that they get all the information about ragging and anti-ragging provisions. Helpline numbers are displayed on the notice boards of the college. Any student can inform the committee about ragging.

• **Anti-Ragging Website** – Our Institute is also registered with Anti-Ragging website of UGC – www.antiragging.in, hence any student can register a complaint, if any, directly on this website and bring the same in the notice of the central authorities.

UGC Letter regarding:"Curbing the menace of ragging in Higher Educational Institutions"

https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9185290 Letter-for-uploading-on-UGC-website.pdf

https://www.ugc.ac.in/oldpdf/ragging/minuterag230409.pdf

https://www.ugc.ac.in/page/Helpline.aspx

http://www.antiragging.in/affidavit_registration_disclaimer.html

https://www.ugc.ac.in/page/Ragging-Related-Circulars.aspx