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SOME POINTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT RAGGING

1. Ragging is an act of aggression committed by an individual or a group of individuals over another individual or a group of individuals where the First group, by virtue of their being senior to the second group, somehow get the authority and audacity to commit the act and the second group, by virtue of their being new to the institution are automatic victims.

2. A premier university like YMCA University of Science & Technology, Faridabad provides many opportunities for a new comer to excel, in both academics and extra-curricular activities. Forcing a predetermined set of ideas on to a fresher diminishes his/her chances of self-discovery.

3. Talent in human beings is varied and multi-faceted. It is regressive to make some people feel that they are talent-less or that they lack social skills.

4. Ragging is not harmless fun. In an pioneer university like YMCA University of Science & Technology, Faridabad students come from diverse social and cultural backgrounds, and what may be harmless fun for some may turn out to be serious indignity for some others. There are always a few cases where some freshers find ragging (or interaction) intolerable and suffer loss of self esteem. Nation-wide there have more than 25 ragging deaths and suicides since 1998. It is often the case that seniors, being young students themselves, do not realize where to draw the line and when to back off - the risk is simply not worth it.

5. Ragging does not increase smartness or makes a fresher bold. Quite to the contrary, it forces an individual to accept subjugation and conform; perhaps even rationalize it later (with the drinks and samosas at the end of the interaction period). This loss of individuality suppresses talent and reduces self-worth. In turn, the forced homogeneity precludes free flow of new ideas, creativity and the spirit of enquiry. Also, the attempt of the seniors to break the self esteem of a newcomer and revel in their shame and fear engenders feelings of bitterness and revengefulness, which is often taken out on juniors next year.

6. It is more shameful as the Hon'ble supreme court of India pass order to stop ragging now as it is mandatory for all institute has to launch a FIR if such evidence comes in Sight. The punishment- may also take the shape of:

- withholding scholarships or other benefits
- debarring from representation in events
- withhold results
- suspension or expulsion from hostel or mess and the like.

7. Forcing freshers to sing, dance or perform in any way under the guise of talent search or interaction

8. It is a matter of shame that a Google search on ragging returns most of the top few items related to ragging in India. Ragging, in most other countries, have become a thing of the past, and this has in no way reduced the sense of belonging to their institutions/ universities.

It is neither possible nor desirable that a high-handed proctorial discipline and Punishments be used to stop ragging. If this social evil has to be eradicated it must happen through the understanding and efforts of the student body. Not only should they not rag others but should actually prevent ragging from happening. We make an earnest request to all students to play an active role in stopping ragging.

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