

ADDRESSES OF THE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES IN KERALA

Thiruvananthapuram

District Legal Services Authority
District Court Buildings
ADR Centre, Vanchiyoor
Thiruvananthapuram.
Ph. No. - 0474 -2467700

Kollam

District Legal Services Authority
District Court Buildings, Kollam
Ph. No. - 0474 2791399

Pathanamthitta

District Legal Services Authority
District Court Buildings
Pathanamthitta
Ph. No. - 0468 -2220141

Kottayam District

District Legal Services Authority
ADR Centre, Near Malankara
Quarters, Muttambalam P.O.
Kottayam
Ph. No. - 0481 - 2572422

Alappuzha District

District Legal Services Authority
District Court Buildings, Alappuzha
Ph. No. - 0477-2262495

Idukki District

District Legal Services Authority
District Court Buildings
Thodupuzha, Idukki District.
Ph. No. - 04862-255383

Ernakulam District

District Legal Services Authority
ADR Centre, District Court Annex
Buildings, Kaloor, Ernakulam
Ph. No. -0484 -2344223

Thrissur District

District Legal Services Authority
ADR Centre, District Court Buildings
Civil Lane, Ayyanthole, Thrissur
Ph. No. -0487 - 2363770

Palakkad District

District Legal Services Authority
District Court Buildings
Palakkad
Ph. No. - 0491 - 2505665

Malappuram District

District Legal Services Authority
District Court Buildings
Manjeri, Malappuram District
Ph. No. - 04833 - 244151

Kozhikode District

District Legal Services Authority
District Court Buildings
Kozhikode
Ph. No. - 0495 -2366044

Wayanad District

District Legal Services Authority
District Court Buildings
Kalpetta, Wayanad District
Ph. No. - 04936 - 207800

Kannur District

District Legal Services Authority
District Court Buildings, Thalassery
Kannur District.
Ph. No. - 0490- 2344666

Kasaragod District

District Legal Services Authority
District Court Buildings
Kasaragod
Ph. No. - 04994-256189

Saketham (Legal Assistance Establishment [LAE]): 0484-2396817

Saketham Help Line: 1516 (Office Hours)

KeLSA Help Line : 9846700100 (24 Hours)



*Ragging is a
Crime and
reward is jail*

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Ragging has grown into a menacing criminal activity. The inhuman acts committed in the name of ragging on fellow students have been a matter of shame for any civilised society which has to be strictly curbed by law. The culprits shall be awarded by stringent punishments.

Kerala Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1998 and Allied Laws: The State, in order to avert the menace of ragging, has enacted Kerala Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1998 (the Act).

What is Ragging? ‘Ragging’ has been defined in section 2(b) of the Act as doing any act, by disorderly conduct, to a student of an educational institution, which causes or is likely to cause physical or psychological harm or raising apprehension or fear or shame or embarrassment to that student and includes:

- (1) teasing, abusing or playing practical jokes on, or causing hurt to, such students, or
- (2) asking a student to do any act or perform something which such students will not, in the ordinary course, willingly, do.

Who can be punished for Ragging? [1] The person who has committed ragging [2] The person who has participated in ragging [3] The person who has abetted or propagates ragging

Punishment for Ragging :[1] Imprisonment up to two years [2] Fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees.[3] Either be suspended or dismissed [4] Barred from getting admission in any other institution for a period of three years.

Punishment for other offences along with the punishment for Ragging: A student, who commits the offence of ragging could also be liable to be tried and punished for other allied offences under the Indian Penal Code. As per the relevant UGC Regulations formulated in 2009, a student who is found guilty of committing ragging can be expelled from the institutions and will be debarred from taking admission in other institutions. A fine up to Rs.2, 50,000 /-can also be imposed.

Role of Head of the Institution and consequence for being a mute spectator of incidents of ragging

- ◆ The Head of the Institution shall not be a mute spectator of incidents of ragging.
- ◆ Obligation is also cast on the Head of the Institution to conduct enquiry within seven days of receipt of complaint of ragging.
- ◆ If, prima facie, the complaint of ragging is found true, suspend the student who is accused of the offence and shall immediately forward the complaint to the police station having jurisdiction over the area.
- ◆ If the head of the institution fails or neglects to take action in the manner specified in section 6 of the Act when complaint of ragging is made, such person shall be deemed to have abetted the offence of ragging and shall, on conviction, be punished as provided for in section 4 of the Act.

Consequences of Ragging

- ◆ Deaths – suicide or otherwise, in many a campus.
- ◆ The scar, which it creates in young minds, is itself there, for the whole life, affecting mental health.
- ◆ Students have fled from institutions and are afraid of coming back.
- ◆ Victims have abandoned studies
- ◆ Drug abuse, violence and indiscipline

Need for awareness

Ragging is social menace and needs to be tackled. Ample awareness among the public about the serious nature of the crime is required especially since ragging is sometimes committed on an impulse.

Help line for Victims/ parents/teachers

1800-180-5522 e-mail (helpline@antiragging.net).

DON'T BE A MUTE SPECTATOR TOWARDS RAGGING