

# **Report on "Debate Competition: Ragging - Legal punishment or awareness among students" as part of Anti-Ragging Week**

## **1. Title and Introduction:**

D. Y. Patil College of Pharmacy, Kadamwadi, Kolhapur, observed Anti-Ragging Week from 12<sup>th</sup> August to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025, dedicating a series of events to raise awareness about the menace of ragging. As a key activity of this week-long initiative, the college organized a debate competition with the topic "Ragging - Legal punishment or awareness among students." This event provided a platform for students to critically analyze and express their views on this sensitive issue.

## **Event Details:**

- **Date:** 18/08/2025
- **Time:** 11:30-12:30
- **Location:** D. Y. Patil College of Pharmacy, Kadamwadi, Kolhapur

## **2. Objectives:**

- To align with the UGC, HEI's Anti-Ragging Week initiative and promote a zero-tolerance policy against ragging.
- To encourage critical thinking and public speaking skills among students.
- To raise awareness about the issue of ragging and its various dimensions.
- To explore different perspectives on whether ragging should be addressed through legal punishment or through educational awareness.
- To foster a culture of respect, empathy, and inclusivity within the campus community.

## **3. Agenda and Activities:**

- **Opening Remarks:** Dr. Nikhil Nayakawde introduced the topic and the rules of the debate, emphasizing the significance of the event during Anti-Ragging Week.
- **Debate Session:** Students presented their arguments for and against the motion, followed by a rebuttal round. The debate was lively and insightful, with participants showcasing deep understanding of the legal and social aspects of the issue.
- **Conclusion and Jury Feedback:** The judges provided their feedback on the arguments and declared the winners.

## **Attendance:**

- **Faculty:** 3
- **Students:** 21
- **Administrative Staff:** 1

## **Contents and Topics Covered:**

The debate competition, a highlight of Anti-Ragging Week, addressed the complex issue of ragging, a prevalent problem in educational institutions. The participants presented compelling arguments, with some advocating for stricter legal punishments and a zero-tolerance policy to deter the act. Other students argued that a more effective approach would be to create widespread awareness, foster a culture of respect and empathy, and address the root causes of ragging through counseling and educational programs. The discussion highlighted the legal provisions against ragging and the importance of creating a safe and inclusive campus environment.

#### 4. Learning Outcomes:

- The event successfully contributed to the objectives of Anti-Ragging Week, increasing awareness among students about the detrimental effects of ragging.
- Students gained a deeper understanding of the issue of ragging from multiple perspectives.
- Participants enhanced their research and analytical skills by building strong, evidence-based arguments.
- The session inspired students to actively work towards a ragging-free campus, promoting a sense of shared responsibility.

