

GACC, Indore

Anti-Ragging Guide

College life is very important in every body's life because it not only determines the future of a person but also is a time when most students understand the realities of life. But, do all students enjoy their campus life? The answer is that none of the students enjoy their campus life at least till the end of their first year. This is mainly because of ragging. What is ragging? Ragging means causing, inducing, compelling or forcing a student, whether by way of a practical joke or otherwise, to do any act which detracts from human dignity or exposes him to ridicule or to forbear from doing any lawful act, by injuring him or by using criminal force to him.

In view of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of "University of Kerala v/s. Council, Principals, Colleges and others" in SLP no. 24295 of 2006 dated 16.05.2007 and that dated 8.05.2009 in Civil Appeal number 887 of 2009, to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging including any conduct by any student or students whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness a fresher or any other student, or indulging in rowdy or indisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student or asking any student to do any act which such student will not in the ordinary course do and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame, or torment or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of such fresher or any other student, with or without an intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or any other student; and thereby, to eliminate ragging in all its forms from universities, deemed universities and other higher educational Institutions in the country by prohibiting it under these Regulations, preventing its occurrence and punishing those who indulge in ragging as provided for in these Regulations and the appropriate law in force.

Punishment in the event of ragging- On receipt of the recommendation of the Anti Ragging Squad or on receipt of any information concerning any reported incident of ragging, the Head of Institution shall immediately proceed to file a First Information Report (FIR), within twenty four hours of receipt of such information or recommendation, with the police and local authorities, the Anti-Ragging Committee may, depending on the nature and gravity of the guilt established by the Anti-Ragging Squad, award, to those found guilty, one or more of the following punishments, namely;

- i. Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
- ii. Withholding/ withdrawing scholarship/ fellowship and other benefits.
- iii. Debarring from appearing in any test/ examination or other evaluation process.
- iv. Withholding results.
- v. Suspension/ expulsion from the hostel.
- vi. Cancellation of admission.
- vii. Rustication from the Institution for period ranging from one to four semesters. Etc Read (cf. clause 9) for other punishment given on the site www.dauniv.ac.in under the link Prevention of Ragging on the left hand side of the page and in the Circulars of UGC Dated 17- June-2009 (English & Hindi Version) .

Action plan to prevent Ragging:

- a) Every public declaration of intent by any Institution, in any electronic, audiovisual or print or any other media, for admission of students to any course of study shall expressly provide that ragging is totally prohibited in the Institution, and anyone found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging, whether actively or passively, or being a part of a conspiracy to promote ragging, is liable to be punished.
- b) The brochure of admission/instruction booklet or the prospectus, whether in print or electronic format.
- c) The application form for admission, enrolment or registration shall contain an affidavit, mandatorily in English and in Hindi and/or in one of the regional languages known to the applicant, as provided in the English language in Annexure I at www.dauniv.ac.in under Circulars of UGC Dated 17-June-2009 (English & Hindi Version) to be filled up and signed by the applicant to the effect that he/she has read and understood the provisions of these Regulations.
- d) The application form for admission, enrolment or registration shall contain an affidavit, mandatorily in English and in Hindi and/or in one of the regional languages known to the parents/guardians of the applicant, as provided in the English language in Annexure I to these Regulations, to be filled up and signed by the parents/guardians of the applicant to the effect that he/she has read and understood the provisions of these Regulations.
- f) The application for admission shall be accompanied by a document in the form of, or annexed to, the School Leaving Certificate/Transfer Certificate/ Migration Certificate /Character Certificate reporting on the inter-personal/social behavioural pattern of the applicant, to be issued by the Institution last attended by the applicant, so that the Institution can thereafter keep watch on the applicant, if admitted, whose behaviour has been commented in such document.
- g) A student seeking admission to a hostel forming part of the Institution, or seeking to reside in any temporary premises not forming part of the Institution, including a private commercially managed lodge or hostel, shall have to submit additional affidavits countersigned by his/her parents/guardians in the form prescribed in Annexure I and Annexure II to these Regulations respectively along with his/her application.
- h) Before the commencement of the academic session in any Institution, the Head of the Institution shall convene and address a meeting of various functionaries/agencies, such as Hostel Wardens, representatives of students, parents/guardians, faculty, district administration including the police, to discuss the measures to be taken to prevent ragging in the Institution and steps to be taken to identify those indulging in or abetting ragging and punish them.
- i) The Institution shall identify, properly illuminate and keep a close watch on all locations known to be vulnerable to occurrences of ragging incidents.
- j) The Institution shall tighten security in its premises, especially at vulnerable places and intense policing by Anti-Ragging Squad, referred to in these Regulations and volunteers, if any, shall be resorted to at such points at odd hours.
- k) The faculties/departments/units of the Institution shall have induction arrangements, including those which anticipate, identify and plan to meet any special needs of any specific section of students, in place well in advance of the beginning of the academic year with an aim to promote the objectives of this Regulation.

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