

**Summary of the
UGC REGULATIONS ON CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN
HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, 2009**

Objectives: To eliminate **ragging** in all its forms by **prohibiting** it, **preventing** its occurrence and **punishing** those who indulge in ragging.

***Ragging* constitutes one or more of any of the following acts:**

1. any conduct by words spoken or written or any act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any student;
2. indulging in activity which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm;
3. asking any student to do any act which such student will not in the ordinary course do;
4. any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student;
5. exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing academic or other tasks assigned to a student or a group of students;
6. any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on any student;
7. any act of physical abuse including all variants of sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person;
8. any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, post, public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious and/or sadistic thrills from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to a fresher or any other student;
9. any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of a student.

Prohibition of ragging:

1. No institution, including all its premises, whether academic, residential, playgrounds, or canteen, whether located within the campus or outside, and in all means of transportation of students, whether public or private, accessed by students for the pursuit of studies in such institutions, shall permit or condone any reported incident of ragging in any form.
2. All institutions shall take all necessary and required measures to eliminate ragging, within the institution or outside.
3. All institutions shall take action in accordance with these Regulations against those found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of

a conspiracy to promote ragging.

Prevention of ragging: An institution shall take the following steps in regard to admission or registration of students.

1. Every public declaration 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.
2. The brochure of admission/instruction booklet or the prospectus, whether in print or electronic format, shall prominently print these Regulations in full.
3. The application form for admission, enrolment or registration shall contain affidavits, as provided in these Regulations, to be filled up and signed by the parents/guardians of the applicant and the applicant herself/himself.
4. A student seeking admission to a hostel shall have to submit additional affidavits countersigned by his/her parents/guardians.
5. The institution shall prominently display posters depicting the provisions of penal law applicable to incidents of ragging, and the provisions of these Regulations and also any other law in force, and the punishments thereof, shall be prominently displayed.
6. The institution shall identify, properly illuminate and keep a close watch on all locations known to be vulnerable to occurrences of ragging incidents.
7. The institution shall tighten security in its premises, especially at vulnerable places and intense policing shall be resorted to at such points at all hours, especially during the first few months of the academic session.
8. Freshers shall be lodged, as far as practicable, in a separate hostel block, and the institution shall ensure that access of seniors to accommodation allotted to freshers is strictly monitored by wardens, security guards and other staff of the institution.
9. A round the clock vigil against ragging in the hostel premises, in order to prevent ragging in the hostels after the classes are over, shall be ensured by the institution.
10. The institution shall obtain an undertaking from every employee of the institution including all teaching and non-teaching members of staff, that he/she would report promptly any case of ragging which comes to his/her notice.
11. Any incident of ragging in an institution shall adversely affect its accreditation, ranking or grading by NAAC or by any other authorised accreditation agencies while assessing the institution for accreditation, ranking or grading purposes.

Punishment for ragging: The Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution shall decide on the punishment for ragging, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging. This may include one or more of the following punishments:

1. Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
2. Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits.

3. Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process.
4. Withholding results.
5. Debarring from representing the institution in any regional/national/international tournament/meet/festival/etc.
6. Suspension/ expulsion from the hostel.
7. Cancellation of admission.
8. Rustication from the institution for period ranging from one to four semesters.
9. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period.
10. Provided that where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment.
11. Where in the opinion of the appointing authority, a lapse is attributable to any member of the faculty or staff of the institution, in the matter of reporting or taking prompt action to prevent an incident of ragging or who display an apathetic or insensitive attitude towards complaints of ragging, or who fail to take timely steps, whether required under these Regulations or otherwise, to prevent an incident or incidents of ragging, then such authority shall initiate departmental disciplinary action, in accordance with the prescribed procedure of the institution, against such member of the faculty or staff.
12. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations with regard to obligations and responsibilities pertaining to the authorities or members of bodies prescribed above, it shall be the general collective responsibility of all levels and sections of authorities or functionaries including members of the faculty and employees of the institution, whether regular or temporary, and employees of service providers providing service within the institution, to prevent or to act promptly against the occurrence of ragging or any incident of ragging which comes to their notice.

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