

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
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**UGC REGULATIONS ON CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN
HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, 2009
(Under Section 26 (1) (g) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956)**

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PREAMBLE

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 08.05.2009 in Civil Appeal number 887 of 2009, and in consideration of the determination of the central Government and the University Grants Commission 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 or causing or generation 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, in all higher education institutions in the country, and thereby, to provide for the healthy development, physically and psychologically, of all students, the University Grants Commission, in consultation with the Councils, brings forth this Regulation.

What Constitutes Ragging

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

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

Indulging in rowdy or indisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student

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

Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher

Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students

Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students

Any act of physical abuse including all variants of it sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person

Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, post, public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to fresher or any other student

Any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of a 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.

Action to be taken by the Head of the institution

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 determine if a case under the penal laws is made out and if so, either on his own or through a member of the Anti-Ragging Committee authorised by him in this behalf, 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, under the appropriate penal provisions relating to one or more of the following,

namely:-

- 1. Abetment to ragging**
- 2. Criminal conspiracy to rag**
- 3. Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging**
- 4. Public nuisance created during ragging**
- 5. Violation of decency and morals through ragging**
- 6. Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt**
- 7. Wrongful restraint**
- 8. Wrongful confinement**
- 9. Use of criminal force**
- 10. Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences**
- 11. Extortion**

- 12. Criminal trespass**
- 13. Offences against property**
- 14. Criminal intimidation**
- 15. Attempt to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim (s)**
- 16. Threat to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim (s)**
- 17. Physical or psychological humiliation**
- 18. All other offences following from the definition of “Ragging”**

Provided that the Head of the institution shall forthwith report the occurrence of the incident of ragging of the District Level Anti-Ragging Committee and the Nodal officer of the affiliating University, if the institution is an affiliated institution.

Provided further that the institution shall also continue with its own enquiry initiated under clause 9 of these regulations and such remedial action shall be initiated and completed immediately and in no case later than a period of seven days of the reported occurrence of the incident of ragging.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION IN THE EVENT OF RAGGING

The institution shall punish a student found guilty of ragging after following the procedure and in the manner prescribed here in under

The Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution shall take an appropriate decision, in regard to punishment or otherwise, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging and nature and gravity of the incident of ragging established in the recommendations of the Anti-Ragging squad

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

Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges

Withholding/ withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits

Debarring from appearing in any test/ examination or other evaluation process

Withholding results

Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet tournament, Youth Festival etc.

Suspension/ expulsion from the hostel

Cancellation of admission

Rustication from the institution for period ragging from one to four semesters

Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period

Provided that where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment.

- a) An appeal against the order of punishment by the Anti-Ragging Committee shall lie
 1. In case of an order of an institution, affiliated to or constituent part, of a University, to the Vice-Chancellor of the University
 2. In case of an order of a University, to its Chancellor
 3. In case of an institution of national importance created by an Act of Parliament, to the Chairman or Chancellor of the institution, as the case may be