

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

It is brought to the notice of the Public that ragging is a criminal offence and that UGC has framed UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, in order to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging in Indian Universities/Colleges/Institutions.

The above regulations are mandatory and all Institutions should take necessary steps for its implementation under intimation to the UGC.

Students in distress owing to ragging related incidents can access the Toll Free Helpline 1800-180-5522 or contact Ed. CIL (India) Limited, Ed. CIL House, 18A, Sector-16A, Noida-201 301, UP.

Sd/-  
Secretary  
University Grants Commission, New Delhi

### **UGC REGULATIONS ON CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, 2009**

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (g) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 26 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, the University Grants Commission, hereby, makes the following Regulations, namely-

#### **Title, commencement and applicability:**

1. These regulations shall be called the "UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009".
2. They shall come into force with immediate effect.
3. They shall apply to all the Universities established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, a Provincial Act or a State Act, to all Institutions deemed to be University under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956, to all other higher Educational Institutions, including the departments, constituent units and all the premises (academic, residential, sports, canteen, etc.) of such Universities, deemed University and other Higher Educational Institutions, whether located within the campus or outside, and to all means of transportation of students whether public or private.

#### **Objective:**

To root out ragging in all its forms from Universities, Colleges and other educational institutions in the country by prohibiting it by law, preventing its occurrence by following the provision of these regulations and punishing those who indulge in ragging as provided for in these regulations and the appropriate law in force.

#### **"Ragging" means the following:**

Any conduct whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any other student, indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or a junior student or asking the students to do any act or perform something which such student will not do in the ordinary course and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of a fresher or a junior student.

**Punishable ingredients or Ragging:**

- ) Abetment to ragging;
- ) Criminal conspiracy to ragging;
- ) Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging;
- ) Public nuisance created during ragging;
- ) Violation of decency and morals through ragging;
- ) Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt;
- ) Wrongful restraint;
- ) Wrongful confinement;
- ) Use of criminal force;
- ) Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences;
- ) Extortion;
- ) Criminal trespass;
- ) Offences against property;
- ) Criminal intimidation;
- ) Attempts to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim (s);
- ) Physical or psychological humiliation;
- ) All other offences following from the definition of "Ragging".

**Punishments At the institution level:**

Depending upon the nature and gravity of the offence as established by the Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution, the possible punishments for those found guilty of ragging at the institution level shall be any one or any combination of the following:

- ) 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 ranging from 1 to 4 semesters.
- ) Expulsion from the Institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for specified period.
- ) Fine ranging between Rupees 25,000/- and Rupees 1 Lakh.
- ) Collective punishment: when the persons committing or abetting the crime of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment.