M. B. More Foundation's Arts, Commerce and Science Women College Dhatay, Tal-Roha



UGC has notified the 3rd Amendment in UGC Regulations on 29th June, 2016 to expand the definition of ragging by including the following :

Any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at other student (fresher or otherwise) on the ground of colour, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, religion origins, linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background.

The Anti-ragging cell function in accordance with the mandates of the UGC Regulations on curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009. It aims to prohibit ragging practices occurring at the institute, within the campus or outside.

Anti-ragging cell is being introduced at M. B. More Foundation's Arts, Commerce and Science Women College. Following are its aim & objectives:

Objectives:

To ensure a ragging free campus.

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To prohibit 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 indiscipline 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 institutions 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.

GUIDELINES FOR COLLEGE ANTI RAGGING CELL

What constitutes Ragging:

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

 a) 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;

- b) indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities by any student or students which causes of is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm or to raise tear 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;
- d) any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or fresher;
- e) exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- f) any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students;
- g) 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.

Measures for prevention of ragging at the institution level:

Every institution shall constitute a Committee to be known as the **Anti-Ragging Committee** to be nominated and headed by the Head of the institution.

It shall be the duty of the Anti-Ragging Committee to ensure compliance with the provisions of these Regulations as well as the provision of any law for the time being in force concerning ragging.

An institution shall take the following steps in regard to admission or registration of students; namely:

- 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 in accordance with these Regulations as well as under the provisions of any penal law for the time being in force.
- b) The brochure of admission/instruction booklet or the prospectus, whether in print or electronic format, shall prominently print these Regulations in full. Provided that the institution shall also draw attention to any law concerning ragging and its consequences, as may be applicable to the institution publishing such brochure of admission/instruction booklet or the prospectus. Provided further that the telephone numbers of the Anti-Ragging Helpline and all the important functionaries in the institution, including but not

limited to the Head of the institution, faculty members, members of the Anti-Ragging uncommittees and other functionaries or authorities where relevant, shall be published in the brochure of admission/instruction booklet or the prospectus.

- c) 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 representatives of student, 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.
- d) The institution shall, to make the community at large and the students in particular aware of the dehumanizing effect of ragging, and he approach of the institution towards those indulging in ragging, 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 for the time being in force, and the punishments thereof, shall be prominently displayed on Notice Boards of all departments, hostels and other buildings as well as places, where students normally gather and at places, known to be vulnerable to occurrences of ragging incidents.
- e) The institution shall request the media to give adequate publicity to the law prohibiting ragging and the negative aspects of ragging and the institution's resolve to ban ragging and punish those found guilty without fear or favour.
- f) The institution shall identify, properly illuminate and keep a close watch on all locations known to be vulnerable to occurrences of ragging incidents.
- g) 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 during the first few months of the academic session.
- h) Every institution shall engage or seek the assistance of professional counselors before the commencement of the academic session, to be available when required by the institution, for the purpose of offering counseling to fresher's and to other students after the commencement of the academic year.
- i) Every fresh student admitted to the institution shall be given a printed leaflet detailing to whom he/she has to turn to for help and guidance for various purposes including addresses and telephone numbers, so as to enable the student to contact the concerned person at any time, if and when required, of the Anti-Ragging Helpline referred to in these Regulations, Head of the institution, all members of the anti-ragging committees, relevant district and police authorities.
- j) The institution, through the leaflet shall explain to the freshers, the arrangements made for their induction and orientation which promote efficient and effective means of integrating them fully as students with those already admitted to the institution in earlier years.
- k) The institution shall inform the freshers about their rights as bona fide students of the institution and clearly instructing them that they should desist from doing anything, with or against their will, even if ordered to by the seniors students, and that any attempt of ragging shall be promptly reported to the Anti-ragging committee or to the Head of the institution, as the case may be.

The institution shall include events and activities in the calendar to facilitate and complement familiarization of freshers with the academic environment of the institution.

m) The institution shall, on the arrival of senior students after the first week or after the second week, as the case may be, schedule orientation programmes as follows, namely; (i) joint sensitization programme and counseling of both freshers and senior students by a professional counselor, (ii) joint orientation programme of freshers and seniors to be addressed by the Head of the institution and the anti-ragging committee; (iii) organization on a large scale of cultural, sports and other activities to provide a platform for the freshers and seniors to interact in the presence of faculty members and to instil a feeling of confidence among the fresher's.

 Fresher's or any other student(s), whether being victims, or witnesses in any incident of ragging, shall be encouraged to report such occurrence, and the identity of such informants shall be protected and shall not be subject to any adverse consequences only

for the reason for having reported such incidents.

o) Each batch of fresher's, on arrival at the institution, shall be divided into small groups and each such group shall be assigned to a member of the faculty, who shall interact individually with each member of the group every day for ascertaining the problems or difficulties, if any, faced by the fresher in the institution and shall not extend necessary help to the fresher in overcoming the same.

p) Every student at the time of his/her registration shall inform the institution about his/her place of residence while pursuing the course of study, and in case the student has not decided his/her place of residence or intends to change the same, the details of his place of residence shall be provided immediately on deciding the same; and specifically in regard to a private commercially managed lodge or hostel where he/she has taken up residence.

q) The Head of the institution, on the basis of the information provided by the student, apportion sectors to be assigned to members of the faculty, so that such member of faculty can maintain vigil and report any incident of ragging outside the campus or route while commuting to the institution using any means of transportation of students, whether public or private.

r) In order to enable a student or any person to communicate with the Anti-Ragging Helpline, every institution shall permit unrestricted access to mobile phones and public phones in campuses, other than in class-rooms, seminar halls, library, and in such other places that the institution may deem it necessary to restrict the use of phones.

Every institution shall take the following other measures; namely:

a) The faculty of the institution and its non-teaching staff, which includes but is not limited to the administrative staff, contract employees, security guards and employees of service providers providing services within the institution, shall be sensitized towards the ill of ragging, its prevention and the consequences thereof.

b) The institution shall obtain an undertaking from every employee of the institution including all teaching and non-teaching members of staff, contract labour employed in the premises either for running canteen or as watch and ward staff or for cleaning or maintenance of the buildings/lawns and employees of service providers providing woner services within the institution, that he/she would report promptly any case of ragging which comes to his/her notice.

- c) The institution shall make a provision in the service rules of its employees for issuing certificates of appreciation to such members of the staff who report incidents of ragging, which will form part of their service record.
- d) The institution shall cause to have any entry, apart from those relating to general conduct and behavior, made in the Migration/Transfer Certificate issued to the student while leaving the institution, as to whether the student has been punished for committing or abetting an act of ragging, as also whether the student has displayed persistent violent or aggressive behavior or any inclination to harm others, during his course of study in the institution.

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Prof. Rainish Jain Secretary

D.O. No.1-15/2009 (ARC) pt.III

Dear Sir/Madam.

28th May, 2018

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In pursuance to the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 08.05.2009 in Civil Appeal No. 887/2009, the UGC had notified "Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009". The Regulations are available on the UGC website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in. These Regulations are mandatory for all educational institutions in the country.

As multiple mechanisms are required to ensure a ragging-free campus, here are recommendations and action steps which may be deployed in your esteemed university and all institutions under your ambit.

A. Basic Measures

- 1. Constitution of anti-ragging committee, anti ragging squad, setting up of Anti Ragging Cell and adequate publicity for these measures through various media are to be undertaken.
- 2. Mention of Anti-ragging warning in the institution's prospectus and information booklets/brochures shall be ensured.

3. Updating websites of institutions with the complete address of nodal officers related anti ragging committee with contact details.

4. In compliance of the UGC Regulations and the 2nd Amendment in the UGC Regulations regarding submission of undertaking by each student and every parent to submit an online undertaking in every academic year.

expand the definition of ragging by including the following:

3 (i) Any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (fresher or otherwise) on the ground of colour, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional origins, linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence meconomic background.

6. Installing CCTV cameras at vital points ATS, Com. & Science Water

B. Counseling and monitoring measures

Regular interaction and counseling with the students can detect early signs of ragging and identification of trouble-triggers.

Surprise inspection at hostels, students accommodation, canteens, rest cum recreational rooms, toilets, bus-stands and any other measure which would augur well in preventing/quelling ragging and any uncalled for behavior/incident shall be undertaken.

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C. Creative Dissemination of the idea of ragging-free campus

- Events like Anti-Ragging workshops, seminars and other creative avenues to spread the idea.
- Safety and security apps without affecting the privacy of individuals can be creatively deployed.

D. Using other UGC initiated measures

- 11. Students in distress due to ragging related incidents can call the National Anti-ragging Helpline 1800-180-5522 (24x7 Toll Free) or e-mail the Anti-Ragging Helpline at helpline@antiragging.in.
- 12. For any other information regarding ragging, please visit the UGC website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in & www.antiragging.in and contact UGC monitoring agency i.e. Aman Satya Kachroo Trust on mobile No. 09871170303, 09818400116 (only in case of emergency).
- 13 The UGC has got developed 4 short films and a documentary film to counsel students on ill effects of ragging. These films are uploaded on UGC website. All Universities/Institutions are requested to show these films regularly to the students during orientation and other programmes. These movies are available on the following link, ugc.ac.in/page/Videos-Regarding-Ragging.aspx.

Any violation of UGC Regulations or if any institution fails to take adequate steps to prevent ragging or does not act in accordance with these Regulations or fails to punish perpetrators of incidents of ragging suitably, will attract punitive action under the UGC Act.

You are requested to implement the recommendations communicated vide letter dated 15.11.2017 and thereby ensure a ragging-free campus, a fundamental requirement for a supportive and fair institutional climate which is open to change, learning and progress.

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With Personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

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CIRCULAR:

Sub.: Curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions. Dear Sir/Madam,

The University Grants Commission has notified Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions in order to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging. These Regulations are mandatory and all institutions are required to take necessary steps for its implementation in toto including the monitoring mechanisms as per provisions in the above Regulations and ensure its strict compliance. Any violations of these Regulations will be viewed seriously. If any institution fails to take adequate steps to prevent ragging or does not act in accordance with these Regulations, or fails to punish perpetrators of incidents of ragging suitably, it will attract punitive action against itself by UGC.

All Universities/Institutions are requested to step up anti-ragging mechanism by way of adequate publicity through various mediums, Constitution of anti-ragging committee and anti-ragging squad, installing CCTV cameras at vital points, alarm bells etc, regular interaction and counseling with the students, identification of trouble-triggers, mention of Anti-ragging warning in the institution's prospectus and information booklets/brochures shall be ensured. Surprise inspection of hostels, students accommodation. Canteens, rest cum recreational rooms, toilets, bus- stands, and any other measure which would augur well in preventing/quelling ragging and any uncalled for behavior/incident shall be under taken. The students and the parent/guardian community may also be made aware of the anti-ragging helpline, anti-ragging website, anti-ragging monitoring agency. All Universities /Colleges/Institutions should take necessary steps for its implementations under intimation to the UGC. The Institution are also requested to take legal action in serious cases, involving local police authorities.

Students in distress due to ragging related incidents can call the National Anti-Ragging Helpline 1800-180-552 (24x7 Toll free) or e-mail the Anti Ragging Helpline at helpline@antiragging.in. For any other information regarding ragging, please visit the UGC website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in & www.antiragging.in and contact UGC monitoring agency i.e. Aman Satya Kachroo Trust on Mobile No. 09871170303, 09818400116 (only in case of emergency).

All Colleges/Institutions/ Departments are requested to ensure strict compliance of anti-ragging measures and intimate the same to Monitoring Agency under intimation to UGC.

You are requsted to display Anti Ragging posters as per the enclosed format at all prominent places like Admission Centre, Departments, Library, Canteen, Hostel, Common facilities etc. The size of posters should be 8x6 feet.

In compliance of the 2nd Amendment in UGC Regulations, you are requseted to make it compulsory for each student and every parent to submit an online undertaking every academic year at www.antiragging.in & www.amanmovement.org

This Circular may also be brought to the notice board to your esteemed Place: Mumbai – 400 020. (Place: 29th October, 2015

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