

Anti-ragging Circular and Guidelines

(received from University of Delhi vide email dated 28/06/2024)

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Academic Calendar for the Academic Session (2024-25) has been notified. Therefore, the immediate task is to facilitate the congenial academic atmosphere into the Campus and its affiliated Colleges / Hostels. The Proctor's Office has been in touch with the law and order authorities, security staff and other concerned agencies to ensure that incidents of ragging, eve-teasing and such other acts are addressed with firmness. This is to ensure that discipline is strictly maintained in the University and zero tolerance to Ragging is strictly adhered.

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 has notified "Regulation on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009". These Regulations are mandatory and are to be strictly adhered to by all Institutions. UGC Regulations on ragging are available on UGC's website www.ugc.ac.in

As per the UGC regulations, to avoid Ragging in the Colleges/Departments/ Hostels/Halls for the coming session, it is requested to take following steps :

A. Basic Measures :

- 1. Constitution of Anti-Ragging Committee, Anti-Ragging Squad, setting up of Anti-Ragging Cell and to apprise all the committee members with the Ordinance XV-C.**
2. Display updated committee member names with telephone numbers and emails at noticeable places in the College/Department/Institutions and also on respective website.
3. Display of these committees with prominent/readable notices must be done in such a manner that all students come to know about : (i) How to approach (ii) Whom to approach (iii) What the said Committees can do and (iv) that the confidentiality will be maintained of the complainant, if he/she so desires.

4. Complaint Box should be placed in the College/Institutions at visible & strategic place for written complaint.

5. You are requested to send a copy of the current Anti-Ragging Committee to the Proctor's Office (proctor@du.ac.in), University of Delhi and concerned Police Station of your area immediately.

6. A clear mention of anti-ragging warning in the institution's prospectus and information booklets / brochures shall be ensured.

7. Preparation of e-admission booklet or brochure, e-leaflets of your institutions giving detailed guidance to admitted students in case of ragging, instead of print/hard copy.

8. Display of banners/posters at conspicuous places in the campus to create awareness on anti-ragging measures amongst students (soft copy of the posters attached are also available on UGC website www.ugc.ac.in & www.antiragging.in)

9. Updation of websites of institutions with the complete address and contact details of nodal officers related to anti-ragging committee.

10. On the orientation day of the Colleges/Institutions all the new students should be informed about Anti-Ragging Committee, Anti-Ragging Squad, and Ordinance XV-B (Maintenance of Discipline among Students of the University); XV-C (Prohibition of and Punishment of Ragging).

11. An Undertaking must be taken from all the students / hostel residents as well as his / her parents / guardian. In order to make the process easy, UGC has launched a web portal for online facility for undertakings. These undertakings can be filled-in from any of the below mentioned two websites:

<http://www.antiragging.in>

<http://www.amanmovement.org>

12. UGC has notified 3rd Amendment in UGC Regulations on 29th June, 2016 to 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 or economic background."

B. Counselling and monitoring measures :

1. Regular interaction and counseling with the students to detect early signs or ragging and identification of trouble-triggers.
2. Surprise inspection at hostels, students' accommodation, canteens, rest-cum-recreation rooms, toilets, bus-stands and any other measure which would augur well in preventing / quelling ragging and any uncalled for behaviour / incident.

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

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

D. Using other UGC initiated measures

1. 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 helpline@antiragging.in.
2. 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. Centre for Youth on mobile No. 09818044577 (only in case of emergency).
3. UGC also drives an Anti-Ragging Media Campaign through different modes and has undertaken following activities to promote anti-ragging which are available on UGC website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in.
 - a. UGC has issued an Advisory to observe Anti Ragging Day on 12th August followed by **Anti Ragging Week from 12th August to 18th August** (Copy enclosed).
 - b. UGC has developed 05 TVCs of 30 seconds each from different perspective i.e. Parents, Victim and Offenders.
 - c. UGC has designed and distributed posters amongst Universities/Regulatory Authorities/Councils/IITs/NITs/Other educational institutions for prominent display.

d. UGC has consecutively organized 02 Anti-Ragging Competitions for students/faculty/ general public for the wider awareness of the menace of ragging.

4. Any violation of UGC Regulations or failure of institution to take adequate steps to prevent ragging in accordance with these Regulations or failure to punish perpetrators of incidents of ragging suitably, will attract punitive action under the UGC Act.

We solicit your cooperation in maintaining peace and harmony when the University reopens.

We appreciate your efforts in promoting the image of our University and your own Institution.

Please find enclosed the Guidelines regarding 'Discipline and Anti-ragging'. This information may please be given wide publicity.