

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

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From

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Principal Secretary to Government

To

Vice-Chancellors of all State Public Universities (under HED)

Principals of all Government General Degree Colleges and Teacher Education Colleges (under HED)

Principals of all Aided and Un-aided Non-Government Colleges (under HED)

Sub: Ragging prevention measures in Universities and Colleges (under HE Department)

Madam/Sir,

- (1) As the time for admission of new students into universities and colleges has come, all universities and colleges (under HE Department) are hereby directed to take up ragging prevention measures as per UGC notified 'Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions 2009'. UGC has amended this Regulation thrice in the meantime. This Regulation, with its amendments, is available in the UGC website. Letter of UGC dated 16.10.2020 is enclosed herewith at (Annexure-A) for your reference.
- (2) As per the 2nd Amendment of the above-said UGC Regulations, it is compulsory for each student and his/her parent/guardian to submit an online undertaking each academic year in either of the two designated websites namely (www.antiragging.in) and (www.amanmovement.org). Procedure for filing online anti-ragging undertaking has been communicated by UGC vide its letter dated 27.10.2021 (Annexure-B). If it becomes difficult to file online undertaking, institutions shall obtain physical undertaking from students and their parents/guardians in the format given in Annexure C (1) and C (2). As this physical undertaking is not an affidavit, there is no necessity of getting this undertaking verified/signed by any Notary Public or Oath Commissioner.
- (3) All institutions should distribute pamphlet/leaflet amongst students of all batches, once in a quarter, containing anti-ragging messages as well as


punitive actions that can be taken against students found involved in ragging. The pamphlet/leaflet should also contain National Anti-ragging Helpline number and e-mail Id and also the mobile number and e-mail Id of important functionaries of the institution including that of Hostel Warden, Hostel Superintendent, Head of Institution, Anti-ragging Squad Members, etc. These telephone numbers and e-mail Ids should also be conspicuously displayed, in shape of wall paintings or display board, at various places of the institution especially in hostels including private hostels situated outside the campus.

- (4) Institutions should organize awareness programs/workshops on "Awareness on Ragging and Anti-Ragging Measures". Consciousness among students should be spread by conducting Dramas, Audio Visual Events, Nu-Skool, etc. Efforts should be made to create the ability in students to understand and share the feelings of one another. Emotional Quotient (EQ) is to be developed in them which will in turn help them to manage their own emotions in a positive way in their professional and personal life.
- (5) An active and effective Anti-ragging Squad is perhaps the most effective way of prevention of ragging. An Anti-ragging Squad, comprising of 3 to 4 teachers, shall be constituted by the Head of the Institution for maintaining vigil, oversight and patrolling function. The Squad shall remain mobile, alert and active at all times. The telephone number of the Squad members should be intimated to students of all batches through pamphlet/leaflet and display board/wall painting. The Squad should make surprise visit to hostels and other places vulnerable to incidents of ragging, including private hostels and such other vulnerable places outside the institution campus. The Squad shall conduct enquiry into any incident of ragging referred to it by the Head of the institution or any teaching or non-teaching employee of the institution or any student/parent/guardian or by any other person; and submit its enquiry report along with recommendations to the Head of the Institution. While conducting enquiry, the Squad must follow fair and transparent procedure. Students accused of ragging should be given adequate opportunity to defend themselves. On receipt of enquiry report of the Anti-ragging Squad, the Head of the Institution shall take appropriate action as per the provisions of the UGC Regulations.

The Squad shall also conduct discreet random survey amongst fresh students every fortnight during the first three months of the academic year to verify and cross-check whether the institution is indeed free of ragging or not.

- (6) Notwithstanding the obligations and responsibilities of members of Anti-ragging Squad, Anti-ragging Committee and the Head of the Institution, it shall be the general collective responsibility of all teachers and staff/employees of the institution, whether regular or temporary, to prevent or to act promptly against occurrence of ragging or any incidence of ragging which comes to their notice.
- (7) No institution shall condone any reported incidence of ragging in any form. Action against students found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging must be taken in accordance with the provisions of the UGC Regulations. For every established case of ragging and/or abetment of ragging, the institution shall file First Information Report (FIR) with the Local Police Authorities under the appropriate penal provisions of Indian Penal Code (IPC). Without waiting for the outcome of such FIR, the institution shall also take action against the students found guilty of ragging or abetment of ragging by imposing suitable punishment as mentioned in Para-9.1(b) of the UGC Regulations.
- (8) Ragging is a criminal offence and is also a dehumanising and abominable act. Institutions must sincerely endeavour towards ensuring a ragging free campus to eliminate the scourge of ragging. Incidents/Allegations of ragging should not be ignored and swept under the carpet to present "All is well" message. In established cases of ragging, institutions must not try to patch up between the student(s) found guilty of ragging and the victim(s) of ragging. Such laxity towards ragging will do more harm than good to the institution in long-term.
- (9) Members of State-level Anti-ragging Committee, District-level Anti-ragging Committees and HE Department-level Anti-ragging Committee may make random and surprise visits to Universities and Colleges to check whether desired anti-ragging measures are put in place or not.

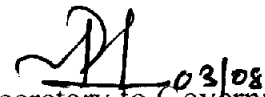
Yours faithfully


Principal Secretary to Government 03/08/2022

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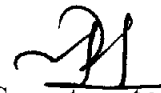
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Principal Secretary to Government

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Copy forwarded to the Principal Secretary to Government, Skill Development and Technical Education Department, Odisha (Nodal Department for monitoring Anti-Ragging measures in the State) for kind information.



Principal Secretary to Government

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Copy forwarded to the Vice-Chairperson, OSHEC, Pustak Bhawan, Suka Vihar, Bhubaneswar for kind information.



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Copy forwarded to RDEs (BBSR/Balasure/Berhampur/Jeypore/Sambalpur) for information.



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23 OCT 2020

16th October, 2020

Dear Madam/Sir,

In pursuance to the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 8.5.2009 in Civil Appeal No. 887/2009, the UGC 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.

It is once again brought to your kind notice that ragging is a criminal offence and UGC has framed 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 mechanism and any violation 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 the UGC.

You 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, setting up of Anti Ragging Cell, installing CCTV cameras at vital points, Anti-ragging workshops and seminar, updating all websites with nodal officer's complete details, alarm bells etc. Regular interaction and counseling with the students, identification of trouble-triggers and 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, display Anti Ragging posters at all prominent places like Admission Centre, Departments, Library, Canteen, Hostel, Common facilities etc. These posters are available on UGC website www.ugc.ac.in. The size of posters should be 8x6 feet. Any other measure which would augur well in preventing/quelling ragging and any uncalled for behaviour/incident shall be undertaken.

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. For any other information regarding ragging you may 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).

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UGC also drives an Anti Ragging Media Campaign through different modes and UGC has got developed the following entities to promote anti ragging which are available on UGC website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in

- a. UGC has developed 05 TVCs of 30 seconds each with different perspective i.e. parents, Victim and Offenders.
- b. UGC has designed and distributed 04 types of posters amongst Universities / Regulatory Authorities / Councils / IITs / NITs / other educational institutions for the prominent display of these posters.
- c. UGC has consecutively organized 02 Anti- Ragging Competitions for students/faculty/general public for the wider awareness of the menace of ragging.

In compliance of the 2nd Amendment in UGC Regulations, you are requested 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

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Rajnish Jain)

The Vice-Chancellor of all Universities

Encl: As above

Copy to:

1. All Regulatory Bodies
2. UGC Regional Officer


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27 OCT 2021 October, 2021

'SPEED POST'

Subject: Revised procedure for students to file online Anti Ragging Affidavit.

Dear Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, in pursuance to the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 8.5.2009 in Civil Appeal No. 887/2009, the UGC notified "Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009" and in compliance of the 2nd Amendment in UGC Regulations, it is compulsory for each student and his/her parent/Guardian to submit an online undertaking each academic year at either of the two designated web sites, namely, www.antiragging.in and www.amanmovement.org.

As part of UGC's initiative towards reduction of compliance burden of its stakeholders, UGC has revised the procedure for students to file online Anti Ragging Affidavit.

The revised procedure is as follows:

Step 1: A student will submit his/her details on the same web sites (www.antiragging.in and www.amanmovement.org) as before; read and confirm that he/she and his/her parents/Guardians have read and understood the regulations on curbing the menace of ragging. He/She will confirm & agree that he/she will not engage in ragging in any form. (Step 1 is the same like before).

Step 2: The student will receive an E MAIL with his/her registration number and a web link. The student will forward the link to the E mail of the Nodal officer in his/her university/college. **(Please note that the student will not receive pdf affidavits and he/she is not required to print & sign it as used to be the case earlier).**

Step 3: The Nodal Officer in the university/college can click on the link of any forwarded e mails that he/she will receive from any student of his/her college to get the list of those students who have submitted Anti Ragging Affidavits/Undertakings in his/her college. The list will be updated every 24 hours.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Universities and Colleges are requested to insert **a mandatory column** in your university/colleges admission form as per the given format:

Anti Ragging Undertaking Reference no:	<input type="text"/>
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You are also requested to display the email address and contact number of the Nodal Officer of Anti Ragging of your university/college in your website and campus areas like Admission Centre, Departments, Library, Canteen, Hostel, and Common facilities etc. to create awareness about the revised procedure for students to file online Anti Ragging Affidavit.

In addition to this, you are also requested to create E-admission booklet or brochure, E-leaflets giving details on guidance in case of ragging to admitted students instead of print/hard copy.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Rajnish Jain)

The Vice-Chancellor of all Universities

The Principal of all Colleges

ANTI-RAGGING UNDERTAKING

- 1) I _____ (*full name of the student with admission/registration/enrolment number*) s/o / d/o Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ having been admitted to (*name of the institution*), have received a copy of the UGC Regulations on curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Education Institutions, 2009, (hereinafter called the "Regulations") carefully read and fully understood the provisions contained in the said Regulations.
- 2) I have, in particular, perused clause 3 of the Regulations and am aware as to what constitutes ragging.
- 3) I have also, in particular, perused clause 7 and clause 9.1 of the Regulations and am fully aware of the penal and administrative action that is liable to be taken against me in case I am found guilty of or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.
- 4) I hereby undertake that
- a. I will not indulge in any behavior or act that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.
 - b. I will not participate in or abet or propagate through any act of commission or omission that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.
- 5) I hereby affirm that, if found guilty of ragging, I am liable for punishment according to clause 9.1 of the Regulations, without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be taken against me under any penal law or any law for the time being in force.
- 6) I hereby declare that I have not been expelled or debarred from admission in any institution in the country on account of being found guilty of, abetting or being part of a conspiracy to promote, ragging; and further affirm that, in case the declaration is found to be untrue, I am aware that my admission is liable to be cancelled.

Declared this _____ day of _____ month of _____ year.

Signature of the Student

Name:

Address:

Telephone / Mobile No.:

ANTI-RAGGING UNDERTAKING

- 1) I Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ (*full name of the parent/guardian*) father/mother/guardian of _____ (*full name of the student with admission/registration/enrolment number*), having been admitted to _____ (*name of the institution*), have received a copy of the UGC Regulations on curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Education Institutions, 2009, (hereinafter called the "Regulations") carefully read and fully understood the provisions contained in the said Regulations.
- 2) I have, in particular, perused clause 3 of the Regulations and am aware as to what constitutes ragging.
- 3) I have also, in particular, perused clause 7 and clause 9.1 of the Regulations and am fully aware of the penal and administrative action that is liable to be taken against my ward in case he/she is found guilty of or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.
- 4) I hereby undertake that
- a. My ward will not indulge in any behavior or act that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.
 - b. My ward will not participate in or abet or propagate through any act of commission or omission that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.
- 5) I hereby affirm that, if found guilty of ragging, my ward is liable for punishment according to clause 9.1 of the Regulations, without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be taken against my ward under any penal law or any law for the time being in force.
- 6) I hereby declare that my ward has not been expelled or debarred from admission in any institution in the country on account of being found guilty of, abetting or being part of a conspiracy to promote, ragging; and further affirm that, in case the declaration is found to be untrue, the admission of my ward is liable to be cancelled.

Declared this _____ day of _____ month of _____ year.

Signature of the Parent/Guardian

Name:

Address:

Telephone / Mobile No.: