Anti-Ragging Policy and Guideline



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In compliance with the directives of the Honorable Supreme Court as of 08.05.2009 in Civil Appeal No. 887/2009, and in accordance with the UGC REGULATIONS ON CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, 2009, AKS University, Satna, has implemented the subsequent preventative actions. These measures aim to eradicate the menace of ragging among students and foster a conducive environment for their mental and physical growth, facilitating optimal learning and development.

Objectives -

- To root out ragging in all its forms from the AKS University by prohibiting and preventing its occurrence.
- » To implement the provisions of UGC regulations on curbing the menace of ragging.
- To regulate and punish those who indulge in ragging, as provided under the UGC Regulation, 2009.

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 undisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or
 is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm or to raise fear
 orapprehension 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 fear, shame, torment or
 embarrassment, so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of such fresher or any
 other student;
- 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 involved in ragging;
- 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 or students over any fresher or any other student.

Provision of Punishment at the Institution as recommended by the UGC-

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 raggingat the Institution level shall be any one or in any combination of the following.

- i. Cancellation of admission
- ii. Suspension from attending classes
- iii. Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits
- iv. Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process
- v. Withholding results
- Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
- vii. Suspension/expulsion from the hostel
- viii. Rustication from the institution for a period ranging from 1 to 4 semesters
 - Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution.
 - x. Fine of Rupees 25,000/-



xi. Collective punishment: when the persons committing or abetting the crime of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment as a deterrent to ensure community pressure on the potential raggers.

Do not be a victim or witness Say

No to Ragging

As per the UGC recommendations, Anti-Ragging Committee and Anti-Ragging Squad of AKS University were constituted in 2012 from inception of the University which are still in existence and practice in soul and spirit of the Institution and following have been the measures taken to prevent any act of ragging in the University. The anti-ragging committee and squad of the university constituted as per the guideline of UGC and AICTE.

(1) Constitution of Anti-Ragging Committee in AKS University

In order to ensure strict compliance and monitoring of Anti-Ragging measures as laid down in UGC Regulation, the University has constituted Anti-Ragging Committee by nominating the following representatives on it-

At the helm of the Anti-Ragging Committee, there shall be a Dean. The Committee shall include the Senior faculty member as member secretary. The committee should have minimum 10 members representing various departments of the University. There should be anti ragging squad for each block of the AKS University.

The committee shall be meet minimum twice in a year to overview the effectiveness of the steps takenby the University to curb ragging and to make timely decision as and when required.

Functions of Anti-Ragging Committee-

- It shall monitor the anti-ragging activities in the institution, consider the recommendations of Anti-Ragging Squad and take appropriate decisions.
- o It shall be empowered to spell out suitable punishments to those found guilty.

(2) Constitution of Anti Ragging Squad :-

The members of Anti-Ragging Squad shall be nominated by the Vice Chancellor with such representation as considered necessary and shall consist of members belonging to the various sections of the campus community.



The squad shall comprise of faculty for each block of the University.

The Anti-Ragging Squad will report to the Chairman of the Anti-Ragging committee of AKS University.

The functions of the Anti-Ragging Squad:

- The squad comprises of faculties of the block, nominated by the Vice Chancellor, who
 would be responsible for the effective implementation of the anti-ragging measures
 in the University. The Anti Ragging officials will be supported by other teaching and
 non-teaching staff members from various faculties and sections of the University,
 nominated by the Vice Chancellor.
- The squad shall be responsible to vigil, oversight, and patrolling to ragging prone areas
 and considered hot spots. The members of the squad shall be empowered to inspect
 suchplaces and arrange surprise visits to the hostel and other vulnerable areas.
- The Squad shall be empowered to investigate incidents of ragging and make timely recommendations to the Anti-Ragging Committee.

(3) Affidavit by Student :-

In order to ensure strict compliance and monitoring of anti-ragging measures and make students aware of the prohibition of ragging and the punishment, the University has prescribed, an affidavit to be signed by the student to the effect that he/she will not indulge in the act of ragging, and will be severely punished if found indulging in such activity, both under penal as well as under UGC Regulations and also affirm to the effect that he/she has not been expelled and/ or debarred by any Institution and further confirms that he/ she would not indulge, actively or passively, in the act or abet the act of ragging and if found guilty of ragging and/ or abating ragging, shall be liable to be proceeded under the regulations and / or under any Penal Law or any other Law for the time being in force. The University shall obtain the affidavit from students duly signed in by them, while seeking admission to the University in every academic year.

Apart from filling in the affidavit by the freshers, the seniors will also sign in the undertaking, declaring that they shall not indulge in the ragging both in and outside the University premises.

(4) Affidavit by Parents :-



In order to achieve the objective & as laid down in the UGC Regulations, for curbing the menace of ragging, the University shall obtain affidavit from parents/guardians of students also, duly signed by the concerned parents/ guardians of the applicant to the effect that he/ she has read and understood the provisions of these regulations with same effect as laid down in the affidavit by students.

(5) Declaration of intent in the University prospectus and application form for admission

In view of drawing the attention of the prospective students seeking admission in the University and with regard to any Law concerning ragging and its consequences, the University shall declare its intent in the prospectus, brochure and instruction booklets for candidates in every academic year (both in English and Hindi). The University shall prescribe a form to be filled up and signed by the candidate to the effect that he/ she is aware of the law regarding prohibition of ragging as well as the punishments. While the students registering for their admission are informed that ragging is totally prohibited in the University, and /or abetting ragging, is liable to be punished in accordance with the laid regulations as well as under the provisions of any penal Law for the time being in force.

Meetings by Chairperson with various Anti-Ragging Committee members:-

For curbing the menace of ragging, the Chairperson of the Anti-Ragging Committee, shall be conducting meetings in addition to regular meetings of the Committee with various members of the committee, such as Hostel Committee, representatives of students, parents, Faculty members nonacademic staff in beginning of the every session to discuss the measure to take prevent the Ragging in the University and steps to be taken to identify those indulging or abating ragging and punish them suitably.

(6) Database for anti-ragging web-portal:

The University shall upload all the information related to Anti-Ragging Committee, Anti-Ragging Squad and any such information regarding ragging, on the University website.

(7) Display of names and contact numbers of members of Anti Ragging Squad:- The names and contact numbers of Members of the Anti Ragging Squad shall be uploaded on the University website and displayed at various visible points, also at the entry passage which is conspicuous to all students. The members of anti-ragging squad shall be deployed at all vulnerable areas to monitor any activity which calls on for ragging.



(8) Complaint Redressal Procedure

In order to deal with the complaints against ragging and help students in distress, the UGC has introduced National Anti- ragging helpline 800- 180-5522 (24 x 7 Toll Free). The grievances related to ragging can also be registered through email at helpline@antiragging.in. for bringing the matter to public attention.

For any further information regarding ragging, the students can visit the UGC website i.e. www.uec.ac.in and www.antiraeeine.in or can also contact UGC Monitoring Agency i.e Aman Satya Kachroo Trust on following No. **09871170303**, **09818400116** (only in case of emergency).

(9) Anti Ragging Sensitization Programmes-

Guest Lecture on 'Anti Ragging Measures".- One or more Guest Lectures shall be organized to sensitize the students against the Ragging, motivating them to refrain from such activities and inform about members of Anti-Ragging Committee and Anti-Ragging Squad.

Following are the additional activities to be taken up by the University to curb the menace of ragging-

Guest Lecture on 'Eve-Teasing' .-

Guest Lecture on Eve-Teasing shall be organized to avoid such incidences from the campus and provide good atmosphere on the University campus.

Nukkad Natak- With activities like Nukkad Natak, community at large and students in particular shall be made aware of dehumanizing effects of ragging.

Posters and Warning Signs- Big posters on anti-ragging shall be placed at all prominent places and Notice Boards.

Orientation session- The University shall organize orientation session for the new comers to apprise them that ragging in all its forms is totally banned in the entire campus or outside and in all means of transportation of students, whether public or private.

Regular Psychological Counseling for students — The University has a counseling cell for the students and will arrange the sessions for freshers as well as jointly with seniors, which shall be regularly done initially for three months from the start of the new academic session, to orient young minds with positive energy and refrain from the act of ragging.



Organizing activities- Apart from placing posters of anti-ragging at various places, workshops, picture and poster making activities will also be arranged to disseminate the message of anti-ragging.

Complaint Box- For registering complaints against ragging or other grievances, a Complaint Box shall be placed at prominent areas of the University where any student can write and drop his/her complaint or can give any suggestion regarding ragging, if any.

The Complaint Boxes shall be locked and can be accessed by the Nodal Officer of the Anti-Ragging Squad, once in a week. In case the Nodal Officer is not present on the campus, then a person nominated by the nodal officer shall be permitted to open the complaint box, the report of which shall be submitted by him/her to the Anti-Ragging Committee.

Upon getting any grievance related to ragging, the nodal officer shall be empowered to investigate the case and report the same to the Anti-Ragging Committee, which shall be further dealt strictly, as per the UGC Regulations.

- 10) CCTV The University shall take steps to install CCTV cameras at all identified vital and vulnerable points to track and avoid incidents of ragging. To support further, in case of any complaint, the recording shall be kept safe for every session and can only be accessed by the nodal officer or anybody appointed by the Committee, for that purpose.
- 11) Online Anti-Ragging Feedback Mechanism- The University shall be collecting online feedbacks from the freshers during July to September, so that the students could be given a fair platform to register their complaints against ragging. The feedback report shall be submitted to the Anti-Ragging Committee for further analysis of complaints found, (if any) and taking appropriate action against those found guilty as per the UGC Regulation.

Reference

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ANNEXURE I

AFFIDAVIT BY THE STUDENT

I, <u>(full name of student with admission/registration/enrolment number)</u> s/o
d/o Mr./Mrs./Ms, having
been admitted to, have
received a copy of the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher
Educational Institutions, 2009, (hereinafter called the "Regulations") carefully read and fully
understood the provisions contained in the said Regulations.
1) I have, in particular, perused clause 3 of the Regulations and am aware as to what
constitutes ragging.
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.
I hereby solemnly aver and undertake that
 a) I will not indulge in any behaviour or act that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.
 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.
4) 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.
5) I hereby declare that I have not been expelled or debarred from admission in any
institution in the country on account of being found quilty 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 thisday of month ofyear.
Signature of deponent Name:
VERIFICATION VERIFICATION
Verified that the contents of this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and no part
of the affidavit is false and nothing has been concealed or misstated therein.
Verified at <u>(place)</u> on this the <u>(day)</u> of <u>(month)</u> , <u>(year)</u> .
Signature of deponent
Solemnly affirmed and signed in my presence on this the <u>(day)</u> of <u>(month)</u> , <u>(year)</u> after reading the contents of this affidavit.
OATH COMMISSIONER

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ANNEXURE II

AFFIDAVIT BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

I, Mr./Mrs./Ms.	(full		
name of parent/guardian) father/mother/guardian of ,	(full name of student with		
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4) I hereby solemnly aver and undertake that			
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No. F. 1-127/2011 (Anti Ragging)

PUBLIC NOTICE

CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

It is brought to the notice of the Institutions, students and other various stakeholders that ragging is a criminal offence and UGC has framed regulations, on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institution, in order to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging. The regulations have been notified vide No. F. 1-16/2009 (CPP-II) dated 21.10.2009 and are available on UGC website www.ugc.ac.in.

The above mentioned regulations are mandatory and shall apply to all Universities established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, a Provincial Act or a State/Union Territory Act and all Institutions recognized by or affiliated to such Universities and all Institutions deemed to be Universities under Section (3) of the UGC Act, 1956 with effect from 4th July, 2009 i.e. the date of its Publication in the official Gazette. All institutions are required to take necessary steps for its implementation in toto including the monitoring mechanism as per provisions provided in the above regulation and ensure its strict compliance. The following preventive measures for Anti-Ragging should also be strictly followed:-

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3) An affidavit must be obtained from every Student, Parent/Guardian separately as per clause (m & n) of Regulation 6.2.

4) The Institution may also undertake other forms of campaign as it may consider appropriate for prevention of ragging.

5) UGC has uploaded a film on anti-ragging on its website. All universities and colleges are requested to download the same and give wide publicity amongst the students, before the start of the academic session. Besides, this may be constantly monitored during the entire period of the academic session.

Any violation of UGC regulations as cited above or if any Institution fails to take adequate steps to prevent ragging or act in accordance with these regulations or fails to punish perpetrators of incidents of ragging suitably, UGC shall call for punitive action against erring institutions.

Students in distress owing to ragging related incidents can access the toll free helpline 1800-180-5522

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