

ANTI-RAGGING POLICY



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Anti-Ragging Policy

1) Aim

COER University, Roorkee is a **Ragging Free Campus**.

The aim is to maintain the '**Ragging Free Campus**' status by preventing any type of ragging activity. The University has adopted stringent anti-ragging measures and provisions leading to strict punishments to offenders.

2) Terms of Reference

- a) Supreme Court Guidelines
- b) UGC Regulations, 2009
- c) AUUP Regulations on Ragging

3) What Constitutes Ragging

- a) Any disorderly conduct whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness a fresher or a junior student or any student.
- b) Indulging in a rowdy or undisciplined activity 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 any student.
- c) Asking a student to do any act or perform something, causing, inducing, compelling or forcing a student by way of either by words or sign or signal to do any act which detracts from human dignity or violates his person in any way or exposes him to ridicule, intimidating, wrongfully restraining, wrongfully conning and injuring or holding out to him any threat or intimidation, wrongful restraint, injury or the use of criminal force.
- d) Any act by a student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a 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 nancial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by other student(s);
- 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 physical well-being;

- h) Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, social media post, public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomture to fresher or any other student(s);
- i) Any act that affects the mental health and self-condence 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.
- j) Any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (fresher or otherwise) on the ground of color, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional origins, linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background.

4) **Prohibition of Ragging**

Ragging in any form is Prohibited:

- o Within the University Campus including its institutions/ departments/ hostels or/and any part of the university system as well as on public transport outside the campus.
- o In the private lodges/buildings where the University students are staying.
- o No person including students/ staff/ faculty shall participate or abet or propagate ragging in any form.

5) **Punishable Ingredients of Ragging**

- o Abetment to ragging;
- o Criminal conspiracy to rag;
- o Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging;
- o Public nuisance created during ragging;
- o Violation of decency and morals through ragging;
- o Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt;
- o Wrongful restraint;
- o Wrongful connement;

- o Use of criminal force;
- o Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences;
- o Extortion;
- o Criminal trespass;
- o Offences against property;
- o Criminal intimidation;
- o Physical or psychological humiliation;
- o Attempts to commit any or all of the above-mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- o Threat to commit any or all of the above-mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- o All other offences following from the definition of "Ragging"

6) **Punishments** (to be decided based on the nature & gravity of offence)

- a) Cancellation of admission
- b) Suspension from attending classes
- c) Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits
- d) Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process
- e) Withholding results
- f) Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
- g) Suspension/expulsion from the hostel
- h) Rustication from the institution for period ranging from 1 to 4 semesters
- i) Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution.
- j) 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.

- k) Whoever directly or indirectly commits, participates, abets or propagates ragging within or outside any educational institution shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees or with both.
- l) Any student convicted of an offence under ragging shall not be admitted in any educational institution for a period which may extend to five years from the date of order of debarment.
- m) Non-students involved in reports of ragging will be proceeded with under the criminal law of India.
- n) Ex-Students involved in ragging and against whom necessary action is taken under these provisions, will also be rendered ineligible for a period of five years from seeking enrolment in any of the Institutions of the University. They will, however, be given post decisional hearing, with strict adherence to the law of natural justice.

In case any student who has obtained degree or diploma of the University is found guilty; under these Regulations, appropriate action will be taken under the provisions of the Statutes and Regulations relating to Conduct of Examinations.

APPEAL

The student(s) punished as above may appeal to the Vice Chancellor within 30 days of the date of order. The decision of the Vice Chancellor on the appeal will be final and binding.

7) Measures for Curbing Ragging

- a) Before Admission/ Registration
 - o A Student will be only registered for the Programme or Semester on submission of two Affidavits online, one digitally signed by the student and the other signed by the parent.
 - o A student will not be registered for the programme/ semester until the Affidavits mentioned above are submitted.

b) On Admission & Registration

- o Every student, at the time of Registration shall go through this booklet
- o Freshers will be given a printed leaflet detailing to whom he/she needs to contact for help and guidance, with their contact details
- o This booklet has an advisory for 'Freshers', including details of whom to contact in case of an incidence or an attempt at ragging. This includes contact details of the
 - ✚ Anti-Ragging Control Room;
 - ✚ Anti-Ragging Monitoring Cell; and
 - ✚ Proctorial Team

8) **General Instructions**

a) **Anti-Ragging Committees**

- o Each Institution will form an Anti-Ragging Committee headed by the Head of Institution. It will comprise of selected faculty members, parents, students from the fresher's category as well as seniors and selected non-teaching staff.
- o This Committee will be fully and totally responsible to ensure that no incidence of ragging as given in these regulations takes place and will also monitor and ensure that the instructions of these regulations are followed fully at all times.
- o The Committee will also maintain alert vigil at all times and ensure that the Anti-Ragging Squads of the Institutions carry out their functions properly.

b) **Anti-Ragging Squads**

- o Each Head of Institution will constitute a number of Anti-Ragging Squads. The number of squads will be based on the number of blocks/doors and strength of the students so that the Anti - Ragging Measures can be effectively implemented.
- o Anti-Ragging Squads will comprise of senior faculty members and responsible representatives of senior and fresher students. Its function will include going around / patrolling the Institution and the Campus common areas, maintain vigil and take action if they notice any incidence of ragging either in their Institution or any other Institution / or in the Campus.
- o The Squads will also have the responsibility to investigate incidences of ragging and to

report to the Anti-Ragging Committee & Anti-Ragging Control Room for immediate action / punishment wherever required.

- o All Heads of Institutions will forward the names of Anti-Ragging Committees and Anti-Ragging Squads to Anti-Ragging Monitoring & Execution Cell.
- o On the report of Anti-Ragging Squad or any other person who witnesses the incidence of ragging or on the complaint of any fresher student, immediate action will be taken by the Anti-Ragging Committee as given in Para 13 Action Procedure.

c) Anti-Ragging Patrols

Anti-Ragging Patrols will operate 24 hours on all days in the Campus and also in various hostels, lodges, PG accommodation clusters outside the Campus, particularly, where freshers are staying.

9) Specific Instructions for Hostels

- a) The hostels for the fresher students will be in separate hostel blocks. The fresher hostel blocks will be barricaded by boundary walls / barbed wire fences and entry into the freshers' hostel will be manned by security staff round the clock.
- b) No one, particularly senior students will be permitted to enter the freshers' hostel at any time. Similarly, fresher students are not permitted to visit hostels of senior students. The responsibility for ensuring the above instructions will be of the security guard / guards on duty at the entry points to the freshers' hostels.

Responsible security guards will be detailed by Director/ Dy Director/ Asstt. Director Security. The duty roster of the security guards for freshers' hostel will be given to Anti-Ragging Control Room.

- c) All fresher students will report back in their respective hostel rooms latest by 09:00PM. All the senior hostel students will be in their respective hostels latest by 10:00PM
- d) Proper attendance of hostel students both freshers and seniors will be taken at 9:00PM and 10:00 PM respectively, daily by members detailed from the Anti-Ragging Squads and the attendance report submitted to Director Hostel Administration and a copy to Anti-Ragging Control Room.
- e) All hostel students must have their Hostel ID Card and University ID Card at all times with

them and must abide by the Hostel Rules in addition to the Anti- Ragging Regulations.

- f) All Day Scholars are required to leave the Campus latest by 05:00 pm.
- g) Entry / presence of Day Scholars in the Campus will not be permitted beyond 05:00PM and on holidays unless specially allowed under the authority of the respective Head of Institution. Strict disciplinary action will be taken if a day scholar is seen in the Campus after 05:00PM or on holiday without proper authority. The timings for reporting back into the hostel and entry/presence in the Campus of Day Scholars if reviewed later, will be communicated to the students through Amizone notice.

10) **Anti-Ragging Control Room**

- a) Anti-Ragging Control Room will be established. The Control Room will be manned 24 hours based on the duty roster issued by the Campus Anti-Ragging Monitoring & Execution Cell. It will be manned by one Marshal and one Security Personnel in each shift under direct supervision of concerned duty proctor for a particular shift.
- b) Anti-Ragging Control Room will be equipped with land line and mobile telephone numbers which will be made widely known to all concerned.

11) **Anti-Ragging Monitoring & Execution Cell**

The Anti-Ragging Monitoring & Execution Cell will be established at the University Level and will be totally and fully responsible to ensure that all Anti-Ragging rules, regulations and measures are strictly followed.

The Anti-Ragging Monitoring & Execution Cell will also ensure that appropriate action is taken in all incidents of ragging. Its endeavor will be to make University 'Ragging Free'. The Anti-Ragging Monitoring & Execution Cell will coordinate the activities of the Proctorial Board, Institutional Anti-Ragging Committees, Squads & Patrols and also the Central Control Room. The Anti- Ragging Monitoring & Execution Cell and Proctorial Board will be responsible and function under the overall directions of the Vice Chancellor.

12) **Proctorial Board**

The Proctorial Board will consist of faculty members from various Institutions to ensure proper conduct & discipline in the campus. They can be approached by any student for help whenever required. The details of the members of the Proctorial Board are as given under the heading Important Emergency Contact Numbers (Round the Clock)

13) **Action Procedure**

- a) Institutional Anti-Ragging Squads functions will include going around/ patrolling the Institution and the Campus common areas, maintaining vigil and taking action if they notice any incidence of ragging or abetment of ragging either in their Institution or any other Institution or in the Campus. The Squads will also have the responsibility to investigate incidences of ragging and to report to the Institutional Anti-Ragging Committee, Anti-Ragging Control Room and Proctor for immediate action wherever required.
- b) Central Anti-Ragging Patrols will immediately report any incidence of ragging or abetment of ragging noticed by them to the Anti-Ragging Control Room & Proctor immediately.
- c) Proctor/ Institutional Anti-Ragging Committee/ Proctor in-charge of the Anti-Ragging Control Room will take immediate action as per the situation which may include:
 - o Immediate suspension pending inquiry of alleged perpetrators
 - o Sending reinforcements or any medical help if required
 - o Informing immediately and forwarding the incident report to DSW
 - o DSW will in turn inform the Vice Chancellor, Chairperson Anti-Ragging Monitoring & Execution Cell and Chairperson Student Discipline Committee
- d) Proctorial Inquiry Team will examine the report received from the Proctor in- charge of the Anti-Ragging Control Room/ Institution Anti-Ragging Committee/ Squads/ Patrols, investigate & recommend appropriate punishment and send the report with recommendations to DSW for further action.

14) **Student Orientation**

A comprehensive orientation programme will be organized for all students on commencement of their respective programs. It will be mandatory for all students to attend the orientation program.

15) **Special Advisory to Freshers**

- a) Freshers should not hesitate or feel shy of reporting any incident of ragging either as a victim or as a witness.
- b) Freshers should move in groups (particularly the hostel freshers) and immediately report at any time of the day or night, any attempt to ragging or any incident of ragging to any of the

Institutional/Hostel authority or to any of the authority whose contact numbers are given in this booklet.

- c) The important contact numbers should be saved by the freshers in their mobile phones.
- d) Freshers may go through the uploaded video on UGC website (www.ugc.net) pertaining to ragging.

16) **Anti-Ragging Complaint Boxes**

Each Institution and Chief Warden will place Anti-Ragging Complaint Boxes in selected areas in the Institutions and in the Hostels for students who may drop in their complaints of any incidence of ragging which has not otherwise been reported for necessary action by the Anti-Ragging Committee/ Squads.

