

## POLICY ON ANTI RAGGING

The K I Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce follows Notices and Circulars issued by University of Mumbai and UGC from time to time for undertaking resolutions for issues of Ragging. It has formulated a special cell known as ‘Anti Ragging Committee’. This Committee is formed in compliance with members defined in the circulars. This cell follows the guidelines issued by UGC and University of Mumbai for purposes of redressal of students’ issues

It is brought to the notice of the Institution, students and other various stakeholders that Ragging is a criminal offence. UGC has notified “Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009”, in pursuance to the Judgement of the Honorable Supreme Court of India dated 08.05.2009 in civil appeal No. 887/2009 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.uoc.ac.in](http://www.uoc.ac.in) and other subsequent circulars issued by the UGC and the state government of Maharashtra.

### Objectives:

- 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 embarrassments 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 college by prohibiting it under the UGC Regulations, preventing its occurrence and punishing those who indulge in ragging , as provided for in above mentioned Regulations and the appropriate law in force .

### What Constitutes Ragging?

#### Clause-3 - 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 or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student.
- c) 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.

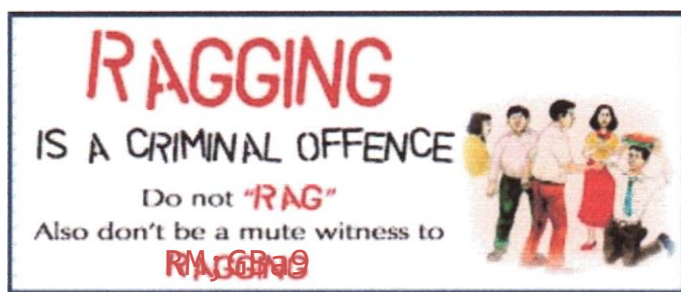
- d) Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher.
- e) Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- f) Any act of financial 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;
- h) 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.
- i) 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.
- 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.

**Clause-7 Action to be taken by the Head of the institution:**

On receipt of the recommendation of the Anti-Ragging Squad or on receipt of any information concerning any reported incident of ragging, the Head of institution shall

immediately determine if a case under the penal laws is made out and if so, either on his own or through a member of the Anti-Ragging Committee authorized by him in this behalf, proceed to file a First Information Report (FIR), within twenty four hours of receipt of such information or recommendation, with the police and local authorities, under the appropriate penal provisions relating to one or more of the following, namely;

- i. Abetment to ragging;
- ii. Criminal conspiracy to rag;
- iii. Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging;
- iv. Public nuisance created during ragging;
- v. Violation of decency and morals through ragging;
- vi. Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt;
- vii. Wrongful restraint;
- viii. Wrongful confinement;
- ix. Use of criminal force;
- x. Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences;
- xi. Extortion;
- xii. Criminal trespass;
- xiii. Offences against property;
- xiv. Criminal intimidation;
- xv. Attempts to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- xvi. Threat to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);



- xvii. Physical or psychological humiliation;
- xviii. All other offences following from the definition of “Ragging”.

Provided that the Head of the institution shall forthwith report the occurrence of the incident of ragging to the District Level Anti-Ragging Committee and the Nodal officer of the affiliating University, if the institution is an affiliated institution.

Provided further that the institution shall also continue with its own enquiry initiated under clause 9 of these Regulations and other measures without waiting for action on the part of the police/local authorities and such remedial action shall be initiated and completed immediately and in no case later than a period of seven days of the reported occurrence of the incident of ragging.

## 9. Administrative Action in the Event of Ragging:

Clause-9.1 The institution shall punish a student found guilty of ragging after

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following the procedure and in the manner prescribed here in under:

- a) The Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution shall take an appropriate decision, in regard to punishment or otherwise, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging and nature and gravity of the incident

of ragging established in the recommendations of the Anti-Ragging Squad.



- b) The Anti-Ragging Committee may, depending on the nature and gravity of the guilt established by the Anti-Ragging Squad, award, to those found guilty, one or more of the following punishments, namely;
- i. Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
  - ii. Withholding/ withdrawing scholarship/ fellowship and other benefits.
  - iii. Debarring from appearing in any test/ examination or other evaluation process.
  - iv. Withholding results.
  - v. Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
  - vi. Suspension/ expulsion from the hostel.
  - vii. Cancellation of admission.
  - viii. Rustication from the institution for period ranging from one to four semesters.
  - ix. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period.

Provided that where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment.

**Revised procedure for students to file online Anti Ragging Affidavit as per D.O. No. F.3-2/2021(ARC) DATED 27<sup>th</sup> OCT. 2021.**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.antiragging.in) and [www.amanmovement.org](http://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](http://www.antiragging.in) and [www.amanmovement.org](http://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 ([dnedeofficialarc@gmail.com](mailto:dnedeofficialarc@gmail.com)) in his/her 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:** Student shall provide Anti Ragging Undertaking Reference no to institution after filling up the form within stipulated time.



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