

ANTI-RAGGING POLICY

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1. BACKGROUND

In pursuance to the judgement of the Honourable Supreme Court of India dated 8.5.2009 in Civil Appeal No. 887/2009, the University Grants Commission framed "*UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions, 2009*" which were notified on 17th June, 2009 and are to be compulsorily followed by all universities and colleges. Government Degree College (GDC) Beerwah also has a zero-tolerance policy towards ragging and any student found indulging in the same is liable for disciplinary action including and up to rustication from the institution. For planning and execution of anti-ragging measures, and addressing ragging related issues the college has constituted an Anti-Ragging Committee, supported by Discipline/Code of Conduct Committee (Detailed in **Annexure – I**).

2. WHAT CONSTITUTES AS RAGGING

As per UGC Regulations, Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts:

- 1) Any conduct by any student or students whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing or handling with rudeness a fresher or any other student.
- 2) Indulging in undisciplined activities by any student 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.
- 3) Asking any student to do any act which such student will not perform in the ordinary course 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.
- 4) Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher.
- 5) Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- 6) Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students.
- 7) Any action that can threaten the physical or mental health of an individual.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF ANTI-RAGGING COMMITTEE

The Anti-Ragging Committee executes the following functions:

- 1) To provide a platform for students to register their complaints against ragging and to resolve the same.
- 2) To spread awareness against the menace of ragging and to provide information about its ill effects to the students.
- 3) To actively deliver a safe learning environment to the students.
- 4) To disseminate information against ragging provided by UGC to the students, including the booklets published by the UGC Anti Ragging Cell on its website, informational videos and National Toll Free Helpline run by the UGC for the students.
- 5) To provide preventive assistance by conducting counselling of students and organizing events such as seminars, quizzes, workshops, debates and lectures.

4. ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The institution has a zero-tolerance policy against ragging. No act of ragging, major or minor, shall go unnoticed. No ragger, male or female, student or non-student, shall go unpunished.

5. GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM

Grievance of any student regarding ragging shall be resolved by the Grievance Redressal Committee of the college. The institution has a Grievance Redressal Squad in place which encourages a healthy relationship between students and faculty members and seeks to provide an atmosphere of safe and stress-free academics for the students. Students are encouraged to register their complaints in a fair manner and are ensured timely redressal of their grievances.

- 1) Student shall submit a written complaint to the Committee.
- 2) The committee shall issue a receipt of the same to the petitioner and shall call a meeting of the committee within three working days to address the issue.
- 3) After conducting an investigating into the matter, the committee shall give its report to the principal within fifteen working days, along with recommendations for resolving the same.
- 4) If the petitioner is not satisfied with the decision of the redressal committee, he/she can submit an appeal to the Committee along with any objections.

6. PENALTY FOR RAGGING

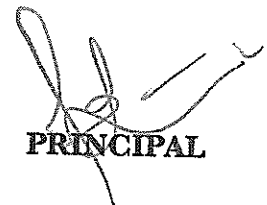
The penalty shall be given in accordance with the nature of the complaint as per the recommendations of the committee. The penalty may include fine, suspension and /or rustication from the institution along with permanent ban on any future attempt to gain admission to the offender. If any criminal activity is involved, a First Information Report (FIR) will be filed in the nearest police station.

To implement the Zero Tolerance Policy towards Ragging, Students and Parents shall have to give an undertaking at the time of admission as per Annexure **II and III**.

Committee Responsible: Anti-Ragging Committee

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PRINCIPAL

ANNEXURE – I ANTI-RAGGING COMMITTEE

- 1) Prof Fahmeeda Bano (Patron)
- 2) Dr. Ali Mohammed Malla (Convener)
- 3) Prof. Mohd Hanief Sofi (Co-Convener)
- 4) Mr. Qayoom Gul (Member Secretary)
- 5) Prof. Shabir Ahmad Mir (Member)
- 6) Prof. Mohd Ashraf Dar (Member)
- 7) Dr. Sajad Hussain Rather (Member)

ANNEXURE – II UNDERTAKING BY THE STUDENT

I..... (Full name of student with Institute Roll Number)

S/o;D/o..... have been admitted to.....(name of the institution) , have received or downloaded 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.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Along with the above-mentioned points I do hereby declare that – I will obey the code of conduct of the institute and do not indulge in any kind of in-disciplined activity while in and off the institution campus.

Declared this.....day of.....month of.....year.....

Signature of deponent:

Name:.....

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(place) on the.....(day) of -----(month)(year)

Signature of deponent

Solemnly affirmed and signed in my presence on the(day) of(month).....(year) after reading the contents of this affidavit.

Oath Commissioner

ANNEXURE II – UNDERTAKING BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN

I Mr./Mrs./Ms.....(full name of parent/guardian) father/mother/guardian of(Full name of student with University Roll Number) have been admitted to.....(name of the institution), have received or downloaded 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.

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