

UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT DEPT. OF STUDENTS' WELFARE

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Calicut University.P.O

Dated: 23.06.2020

From

The Dean of Students' Welfare

To

The Principal's/Co-ordinator's / HoD's/Director's of Colleges / Depts./ Centres / Institutions affiliated to the Calicut University

Madam/Sir

Sub:- Curbing the menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions - Anti-Ragging measures - 2020-21 Academic Year - reg.

Ref:- 1) Letter No. SW(3)/Anti-Ragging/2010 dated 27.07.2015

- 2) UGC Anti-ragging regulations dated 04.07.2009
- 3) Letter No. 149608/DSW-ASST-3/2015/Admn ated: 17.06.2019

The University Grants Commission has notified Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions in order to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging. Further to the references cited above, I invite your kind attention to the following measures to be undertaken to curbing the menace of Ragging in our Educational Institutions.

- 1. An undertaking/affidavit need be obtained from every student, parent/guardian as per the provisions of anti-ragging verdict by the Hon. Supreme Court of India and it is mandatory at the time of admission.
- 2. Anti-Ragging committee at institution/College/Centres/University Departments level should be constituted as per the directives of Hon. Supreme Court of India/UGC guide lines.
- Anti-Ragging squad should be constituted as per the directives of Hon. Supreme Court of India/UGC guide lines and Regular interaction and counseling with the students should be done.
- 4. Installing CCTV cameras at vital points, alarm bells etc. within the campus.
- 5. Mention Anti-ragging warnings in the institution's prospectus and information booklets/brochures.
- Surprise inspection of hostels, students accommodation places, canteens, rest cum
 recreational rooms, toilets, bus-stands and any other measure which would augur well in
 preventing/quelling ragging and any such behavior/incident.
- 7. The students and the parent/guardian community may also be made aware of the anti-ragging helpline, anti-ragging websites anti-ragging monitoring agencies.
- 8. Any incidents of ragging in the Institution should be dealt with as per directions in the verdict of Hon. Supreme Court of India on recommendations of Raghavan Committee report.
- 9. 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 the 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 authorised by him in this behalf, proceed to file a FIR, within 24 hours of receipt of such information or recommendation, with the Local Police Station and local authorities, under the appropriate penal provisions.

- 10. Incidents of ragging should also be reported to University level Anti-Ragging Committee within 7 days, functioning in the Department of Students' Welfare, University of Calicut for onward transmission to the Hon'ble Chancellor. The Institutions/university Departments are also requested to take legal action in serious cases, involving local police authorities.
- 11. As per the Kerala Prohibition of Ragging Act 1998 (Section 6) provides that any student, parent, or guaradian or teacher, of an educational institution could complain the instance of Ragging to the Head of institution.
- 12. If the Head of the Institution fails or neglects to take action in the manner specified Kerala Prohibition of Ragging Act 1998 (Section 7) and UGC Anti-Ragging Rules and Regulations 2009, when complaint of Ragging is made, such person shall be deemed to have abetted the offense of Ragging and shall, on conviction, be punished as Provided in Section 4 of the Kerala Prohibition of Ragging Act 1998. Therefore, the Head of the Institution has to be more vigilant lest he/she may have to undergo punishment under Section 6 of Act.
- 13. According to the direction of the Supreme Court in SLP (C) No. 24296-24299 of 2004, every single incident of Ragging where the victim or his parent/guardian or the Head of Institution is not satisfied with the institutional arrangement for action, a FIR must be filed without exception by the institutional authorities. Any failure on the part of the institutional authority or negligence or deliberate delay in lodging the FIR with the local Police shall be construed to be an act of culpable negligence on the part of the institutional authority. If any victim of his parent/guardian of ragging intends to file FIR directly with the Police, that will not absolve the institutional authority from the requirement of filing the FIR.
- 14. Institutions are requested to hold workshops, seminars on eradication of ragging in higher educational institutions Organize awareness classes to all students regarding the necessity to prevent ragging and also about the legal aspects and punishment to raggers.
- 15. The institutions may erect suitable hoardings/bill boards/banners/posters as per the enclosed format at all prominent places like Admission Centre, Departments, Library, Canteen, Hostel, Common facilities etc. within the campus to exhort the students to prevent or not to indulge in ragging and also indicating therein the names of officials and their contact details in case of ragging. The size of posters should be 8x6 feet
- 16. 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 and the same may be displayed in the prominent places within the campuses. For any other information regarding ragging, 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)
- 17. All Institutions are requested to immediately submit the online compliance of antiragging Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions, 2009 at www. antiragging.in
- 18. 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
- 19. The institution need to undertake other forms of campaign as it may consider appropriate for prevention of ragging such as conduct anti-ragging awareness programmes within the campuses in collaboration with the Kerala State Legal Service Authority (KELSA) and Taluk Legal Services Committees (TLSC's).
- 20. The anti-ragging measures may be constantly monitored during the entire period of the academic session.

The Report of the Committee on prevention of ragging is available at website of Ministry of Human Resource Development (www.education.nic.in) and University Grants Commission

(www.ugc.ac.in). Copy of judgment of the Hon. Supreme Court of India is also available on www.courtnic.nic.in/courtnics.asp. UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in educational institutions, 2009 is published in the Gazette of India dated 4th July 2009.

These regulations are mandatory to all institutions affiliated to University of Calicut and all Institutions/Depts/Centres are required to take necessary steps for its implementation in toto including the monitoring mechanisms as per provisions in the above Regulations and ensure its strict compliance. Any violation of these Regulations will be viewed seriously and 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 and Calicut University shall call for punitive action against erring Institutions/Colleges/University Departments/Centres and their responsible officials.

Yours faithfully

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