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## OFFICE ORDER

**Sub: - Anti-Ragging initiatives**

**Ref: -** Directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, dated May 16, 2007 in SLP No. (s) 24295 of 2006 University of Kerala Vs Council, Principals, Colleges & Ors (with SLP (C) No. 24296-99/ 2004 & W.P. (CrI) No. 173/2006 and SLP (c) No. 14356/2005) & that dated 08.05.2009 in Civil Appeal number 887 of 2009 and in consideration of the determination of the central Government and UGC (regulation vide no. F.1-16/2007(CPP-II) dated 17.06.2009) to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging.

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**1. Directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court:** The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India admitted and heard the above Referred SLPs in relation to the menace of ragging in technical Institutions / Universities / Colleges in the country.

In this connection, a committee headed by Dr. R. K. Raghavan, former Director of CBI, was constituted by the apex court for giving specific Recommendations on effective prevention of ragging in educational Institutions.

Accordingly, the committee had carried out a very detailed study on the various factors contributing to ragging and collected the public opinion. Further, the committee had submitted a detailed report with suitable recommendations and measures required to effectively curb the menace. The recommendations of the committee were duly accepted and the following directives have since been issued to all the educational institutes for necessary implementation by the Hon'ble Court.

### 1.1. Factors enlisted by the committee:

- 1.1.1. Primary responsibility for curbing ragging rests with academic Institutions themselves.
- 1.1.2. Ragging adversely impacts the standard of higher education.
- 1.1.3. Incentives should be available to institutions for curbing the menace and there should be disincentives for failure to do so.
- 1.1.4. Enrollment in academic pursuits or campus life should not immunize any adult citizen from penal provisions of the laws of the land.
- 1.1.5. Ragging needs to be perceived as failure to inculcate human values from the stage of schooling.
- 1.1.6. Behavioral patterns among students particularly potential raggars; need to be identified.
- 1.1.7. Measures against ragging must deter its recurrence.
- 1.1.8. Concerted action is required at the level of the school, higher educational institution, district administration, university, State and Central governments, to make any curb effective.
- 1.1.9. Media and the civil society should be involved in this exercise.



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### 1.2. Recommendations approved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

- 1.2.1. The punishment to be meted out has to be exemplary and justifiably harsh to act as a deterrent against recurrence of such incidents.
- 1.2.2. Every single incident of ragging where the victim or his parent or guardian or the head of institution is not satisfied with the Institutional arrangement for action, a **First Information Report** must be filed without exception by the institutional authorities with the local police authorities. Any failure on the part of the Institutional Authority or negligence or deliberate delay in lodging the FIR with the local police authorities shall be construed to be an act of culpable negligence on the part of the institutional authority. If any victim of ragging or his parent or guardian intends to file FIR directly with the police, that will not absolve the institutional authority from the requirement of filling the FIR.
- 1.2.3. In the prospectus to be issued for admission by educational institutions, it shall be clearly stipulated that in case the applicant for admission is found to have indulged in ragging in the past or if it is noticed later that he has indulged in ragging, **admission may be refused, or he shall be expelled from the educational institution.**
- 1.2.4. It shall be the collective responsibility of the authorities and functionaries of the concerned institution and their role shall also be open to scrutiny for the purpose of finding out whether they have taken effective steps for preventing ragging and in case of their failure, action can be taken, for example, denial of any grant-in-aid, or assistance from the state governments.
- 1.2.5 **Anti -ragging committees and squads** shall be formed forthwith by the institutions and it shall be the job of the committee, or the squad as the case may be to see that the committee's recommendations, more particularly those noted above or observed without exception and if it is noticed that there is any deviation, the same shall be brought forthwith to the notice of this Court.
- 1.2.6 The committee constituted pursuant to the order of this court shall continue to monitor the functioning of the anti-ragging committees and the squads to be formed. They shall also monitor the implementation of the recommendations to which reference has been made above.

**2. UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in the Higher Educational Institutions, 2009:** In exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (g) of the sub-section (1) of section 26 of the UGC Act, 1956 has passed the regulation issued vide no. F.1- 16/2007(CPP-II) dated 17.06.2009 for effectively curbing the menace of ragging [full text available on [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in) & [www.smvdu.ac.in](http://www.smvdu.ac.in)].

**2.1 What constitutes Ragging:** Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts as listed in the above mentioned UGC regulation:

- 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 indisciplined 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;



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- 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 or any other student.

### **3. Action Taken by the University**

**3.1** The University has been educating/ updating the students and their parents enrolled in various programmes in the University by writing letters to the parents before the beginning of an academic session since 2008-09. This has helped us as is evident from the fact that no case of ragging was reported during the year 2008-09.

**3.2** In the Prospectus for Admission published by the University it is clearly stipulated that in case the applicant for admission is found indulged in ragging he/ she may be expelled from the University. The University website is also running an anti ragging campaign since 2008-09. In addition to this if it is noticed that any student has been indulged in ragging in past, **admission may be refused to such students.**

**3.3 Formation of Committees & Squads:** Complying with the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the University has formed the following Anti-Ragging Committee and squad for overseeing the implementation of the provisions of the verdict with immediate effect:

#### **3.4 University Level Anti Ragging Committee:**

- Prof. M. L. Garg, Dean COE
- Dr. S. K. Wanchoo, Associate Dean of Students (UG), SMVDU
- Dr. Supran Sharma, Associate Dean of Students (PG), SMVDU
- Dr. Varun Tripathi, Assistant Professor, School of PC&L, SMVDU
- Dr. Jyoti Sharma, Assistant Professor, SOB, SMVU
- Mr. Shashi Bushan Kotwal, Assistant Professor, School of E&CE, SMVDU

#### **3.5 University Level Anti Ragging Squad:**

- Dr. Varun Tripathi, Assistant Professor, School of PC&L, SMVDU
- Mr. Shashi Bushan Kotwal, Assistant Professor, School of E&CE, SMVDU



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- All the Wardens of various Hostels, SMVDU
- Dr. Aushotosh Vashisht, Lecturer, SOE, SMVDU
- Chief Security Officer, SMVDU

The University level Anti-Ragging Committee and squad shall work to oversee the implementation of the recommendations in tune with the UGC regulation passed vide no. F.1-16/2007(CPP-II) dated 17.06.2009.

**3.5 Undertaking from Students and Parents:** Each of the student of the University and his/her parents or Guardian are hereby required to submit separate undertakings in the form of an affidavit at the time admission/ registration, in the format prescribed by UGC as attached to this office order, which is mandatory for admission/ registration.

**3.6 Anti ragging helpline:** In addition to the anti ragging help line [180-180-5522 & helpline@antiragging.net] started by MHRD, GOI, SMVD University has also decided to have an anti ragging helpline [01991-285732 & helpline@smvdu.ac.in].

All concerned officials of the University, students, parents and guardians of the students, members of Anti-ragging committee and Anti-ragging squad are hereby requested to kindly adhere to the stipulations and effectively monitor and comply with the provisions made in the directives.

This office order is issued under the directives and approval of the Competent Authority

**Sd-**  
**Associate DOS (UG)**  
**SMVD University**

**Copy to:**

1. PS to VC for the information of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
2. All Deans & Directors
3. Registrar
4. All concerned members of Anti ragging Committee & Squad
5. All notice Boards & University Website