

POLICY TOWARDS RAGGING

The University observes "zero tolerance" policy to ragging and expels students found guilty of maltreating fresher's. Any student accused of ragging would be given a chance to explain his conduct and if found guilty, be straightaway expelled from The University. Supreme Court has directed that the punishment for ragging should be exemplary and justifiably harsh to stop recurrence of the ugly incidence

Sub: Formation of University level anti-ragging committee and squads – Reg.

Ref. : Directives of the Supreme Court of India, dated May 16, 2007 in SLP No (s) 24295 of 2006 University of Kerala Vs Council, Principals', Colleges, Kerala & Ors (with SLP(C) No. 24296-99/2004 & W.P. (Crl) No. 173/2006 and SLP(C) No. 14356/2005)

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, for giving specific recommendations on effective prevention of ragging in educational institutions was constituted by the apex court. Accordingly, the Committee had carried out a very detailed study on the various factors contributing for 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 been issued to all the educational institutes for necessary implementation by the Hon'ble Court.

• Factors enlisted by the committee:

- i. Primary responsibility for curbing ragging rests with academic institutions themselves.
- ii. Ragging adversely impacts the standards of higher education.
- iii. Incentives should be available to institutions for curbing the menace and there should be disincentives for failure to do so.
- iv. Enrolment in academic pursuits or a campus life should not immunize any adult citizen from penal provisions of the laws of the land.
- v. Ragging needs to be perceived as failure to inculcate human values from the schooling stage.
- vi. Behavioural patterns among students, particularly potential 'raggers', need to be identified.
- vii. Measures against ragging must deter its recurrence.

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- viii. 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.
- ix. Media and the Civil Society should be involved in this exercise.

• **Recommendations approved by the Supreme Court.**

- i. The punishment to be meted out has to be exemplary and justifiably harsh to act as a deterrent against recurrence of such incidents.
- ii. 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 **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 shall be construed to be an act of culpable negligence on the part of the institutional authority. If any victim or 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.
- iii. 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.**
- iv. 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.
- v. **Anti-ragging committees and squads** shall be forthwith formed 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, are observed without exception and if it is notice that there is any deviation, the same shall be forthwith brought to the notice of this Court.
- vi. 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.

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- **Action Taken by the University**

Formation of Committees and Squads: Complying with the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the University has formed the following Anti-ragging committees and squads for overseeing the implementation of the provisions of the verdict with immediate effect:

University level anti-ragging Committee

Name and University Appointment	Designation	Contact Number
Brig.(Dr.) S K Puri Advisor, Academic and Student ,Affairs	Chairman	9413007288
Col.(Dr.)Ashok Kaushik Dean, Academic and Student Affairs	Member	9649906976
Dr. Nutan P. Jain Professor & Warden	Member	09414066416
Dr. Neetu Purohit Associate Professor	Member	9414058100
Dr. Sandeep Narula Associate Professor	Member	8058760911

University level Anti-ragging Squad

Name and University Appointment	Designation	Contact Number
Brig.(Dr.) S K Puri Advisor, Academic and Student Affairs	Chairman	9413007288
Mr. NK Sharma Assistant Professor	Member	9460636163
Dr. Seema Mehta Assistant Professor	Member	9587635437
Dr. Tanjul Saxena Assistant Professor	Member	9784593254
Mr. Achaleswar Singh In-charge (Hostel and Guest Relations)	Member	9314422020

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Hostel level Anti-ragging Squad

Name & University Appointment	Designation	Contact Number
Dr. Nutan P Jain Professor and Warden	Chairman	09414066416
Dr. Arindam Das Associate Professor	Member	8890181973
Mr. Neeraj Srivastava Deputy General Manager, Corporate (Administration and Planning)	Member	9314944490
Mr. Achaleswar Singh Hostel and Guest Relations Incharge	Member	9314422020
Ms. Shraddha Kalla Librarian	Member	9950168340

Squads shall work in co-ordination with the University level Anti-ragging committee and oversee the implementation of the recommendations.

- **Undertaking from Students and Parents**
- At the time of admission all students submit the undertaking. Each student is bound by this undertaking throughout the course. However, to reinforce the commitment, the student has to resubmit the undertaking in the prescribed format before the start of second academic year.
- **Undertaking from the Students as per the provisions of anti-ragging verdict by the Hon'ble Supreme Court**
- I, Mr./Ms., Roll No.:
....., Program:
....., student of University
of Health Management Research, Jaipur do hereby undertake on this day
..... month year, the following with
respect to above subject and Office Order.

1. That I have read and understood the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on anti-ragging and the measures proposed to be taken in the above references. (available at <http://www.iihmr.edu.in>)
2. That I understand the meaning of Ragging and know that the ragging in any form is a punishable offence and the same is banned by the Court of Law.
3. That I have not been found or charged for my involvement in any kind of ragging in the past. However, I undertake to face disciplinary action/legal proceedings including expulsion from the University if the above statement is found to be untrue or the facts are concealed, at any stage in future.

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4. That I shall not resort to ragging in any form at any place and shall abide by the rules/laws prescribed by the Courts, Govt. of India and the University authorities for the purpose from time to time.

Signature of Student

I hereby fully endorse the undertaking made by my child / ward.

Signature of Mother / Father and/or Guardian

Witness:

