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CIRCULAR:

Subject: Request to follow the Guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission, Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi

Sir/Madam,

This is with reference to the letter No. D.O.No.F. 1-15/2009 (ARC) Pt.III dated December 14, 2003 received from University Grants Commission, Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi by publishing multiple mechanism regarding making the 'Ragging Free Campus' of the Colleges/ Institutions/ Departments under the jurisdiction of the University of Mumbai.

The recommendations and action steps which are needed to be taken by the Colleges/ Institutions/ Departments under the jurisdiction of the University of Mumbai provided in detailed by the UGC are attached herewith for your information and necessary action at your end. (Copy enclosed)

Therefore, you are requested to follow the said guidelines published and issued by the UGC and send the compliance report to the Director, DSD for office record and further process on it.

Place: Mumbai - 400 020
Date: April 22, 2024

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(Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

D. O. No. F. 1-15/2009 (ARC) Pt.III

18th April, 2024/29 चैत्र 1946

Respected Madam/Sir,

In pursuance to the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 08.05.2009 in Civil Appeal No. 887/2009, to exercise the powers conferred by clause (g) of sub-section (1) of section 26 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified "Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009". The Regulations are available on the UGC website www.ugc.gov.in & www.antiragging.in.

It is once again brought to your kind notice that ragging is a criminal offence and UGC has framed regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions in order to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging. These regulations are mandatory, and all institutions are required to take necessary steps for its implementation in toto including the monitoring mechanism. Any violation of these regulations will be viewed seriously. If any institution fails to take adequate steps to prevent ragging or does not act in accordance with these Regulations or fails to punish perpetrators of incidents of ragging suitably, Institutions will attract punitive actions as per UGC Regulations for Curbing the Menace of Ragging -- 2009.

You are requested to step up anti-ragging mechanism by way of adequate publicity through various mediums: constitution of Anti-Ragging committee and Anti-Ragging squad, setting up of Anti-Ragging Cell, installing CCTV cameras at vital points, Anti-Ragging workshops and seminar, updating all websites with nodal officers' complete details, alarm bells etc. Regular interaction and counseling with the students, identification of trouble-triggers and mention of Anti-Ragging warning in the institution's E-prospectus and E-information booklets/brochures must be ensured. Surprise inspection of hostels, students' accommodations, canteens, rest cum recreational rooms, toilets, bus-stands must be carried out & Anti-Ragging posters must be displayed at all prominent places like Admission Centre, Departments, Library, Canteen, Hostel, Common facilities etc. These posters are available on UGC website www.ugc.ac.in. The size of the posters should be at least 8x6 feet. Any other measure which would augur well in preventing/quelling ragging and any uncalled-for behavior/incident must be undertaken.

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. For any other information regarding ragging, you may please visit the UGC website i.e. www.ugc.gov.in & www.antiragging.in and contact UGC monitoring agency i.e. Centre for Youth (C4Y) on Mobile No. 09818044577 (only in case of emergency). In compliance to the directions of the Anti-Ragging Monitoring Committee constituted by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, HEIs have to implement the following in their institutions:

1. Head of the Universities/Institutions must provide the details of ARC & ARS on the website.
2. Plan for Orientation Programme on Anti Ragging in your Universities/Institutions. The Programme should focus on key aspects of Anti Ragging Regulations and regular feedback of the students after each and every workshop/training/programme should be taken in English, Hindi and Local Language. UGC has made an IEC Kit with suitable content on ragging which is available on UGC website i.e. www.antiragging.in. This kit can be referred for the same.
3. The cultural dadagiri may be controlled by Head of the Universities/Institutions taking police authorities into confidence. In this regard, UGC is also issuing a separate advisory to all District Magistrate/SSP/SP of all districts.

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4. The concept of mentor-mentee as given out in the UGC Regulation for Curbing the Menace of Ragging in HEIs - 2009 be followed by students in all institutions to make a comfortable bond amongst Juniors and Seniors.
5. The Anti Ragging Cell and Anti Ragging Squads of institutions should be empowered by provisioning of legal counsel so that airtight cases against the ragging culprits can be made.
6. Henceforth for extreme ragging and suicide cases, Principal of the college and Registrar of the University will be called and will be answerable to the National Anti-Ragging Monitoring Committee for the reasons of non-compliance of UGC Regulations for ragging.
7. All the Councils/Regulatory Bodies must constitute a committee as and when a serious/suicide/death case is reported related to their Council/Regulatory Body to relook into the issue even when case is under police investigation. The Regulatory Bodies/Councils are also advised to appoint a legal person for the matter.
8. The examination (NEET/IIT JEE) causes high stress over students. There is no stress management mechanism available to cope with this. A team of good counsellors with expertise in yoga, meditation and psychology who can read stressful minds to tackle with such problematic cases need to be available. Therefore, a full time counsellor, Yoga/Meditation teacher/instructor may be appointed.
9. The Committee has also instructed the Anti Ragging Monitoring Agency to be more vigilant and carry out surprise checks all across the Nation to ensure that the UGC Regulations to curb the menace of ragging are being strictly adhered to by the HEI's, Teaching Staff and the students. Punitive action as mentioned in these regulations will be taken against the defaulters.

UGC also drives an Anti-Ragging Media Campaign through different modes and has undertaken the following activities to promote the campaign which are available on UGC website www.ugc.gov.in

1. UGC developed 05 TV Commercials of 30 seconds each with different perspective for Parents, Victim and Offenders.
2. UGC designed and distributed 04 types of posters amongst Universities / Regulatory Authorities / Councils / IITs / NITs / other educational institutions for their prominent display.
3. UGC consecutively organized 02 Anti-Ragging Competitions for students/faculty/general public for the wider awareness of the menace of ragging.

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

You are also requested to implement the revised procedure for students to file an online Anti- Ragging affidavit. The student will receive an e-mail with his/her registration number. The student will forward that e-mail to the Nodal officer in his/her university/college e-mail

Universities/Colleges have to display the email address and contact number of the Nodal Officer of Anti-Ragging Committee of their university/college on their website and campus areas like Admission Centre, Departments, Library, Canteen, Hostel, and Common facilities, etc.

All HEI's are further advised to fill in the complete details of their respective Anti Ragging Committee and Anti Ragging Squad on the website i.e. www.antiragging.in and also display these lists on the Notice Boards. Universities and Colleges are requested to insert a mandatory column in their university/college's admission form as per the given format:

Anti Ragging Undertaking Reference no:	<input type="text"/>
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Universities are also requested to ensure strict compliance of this advisory and fill the compliance on www.antiragging.in. You are also requested to forward this advisory to all the colleges in your ambit with strict compliance directions. All colleges be instructed to make multiple prints of this circular and the same to be prominently displayed at all the locations visited by the students.

IT IS ONCE AGAIN REITERATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS THAT RAGGING IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE AND THE CULPRITS WILL ATTRACT PUNITIVE ACTION AS MENTIONED IN THE UGC REGULATIONS.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Manish Joshi)

To,

The Vice-Chancellor/Registrars of all Universities