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Instructions Regarding Anti-Ragging

(To be followed by each student of IAR)

In pursuance of the Judgment of the Hon'ble 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" and are to be mandatorily followed by all universities and colleges. The Regulations are available on the UGC website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in. A nationwide toll-free anti-ragging helpline 1800-180-5522 in 12 languages has been established which can be accessed by students in distress due to ragging.

Ragging is completely prohibited at IAR and any student found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging, whether passively or actively is liable to be punished as per the Regulations of University Grants Commission (UGC) notified vide Gazette Notification No. F.1-16/2007 (CPP-II) dated 17.6.2009 (<https://www.ugc.ac.in/oldpdf/ragging/gazetaug2010.pdf>) of the Govt. of India as under the provisions of any penal law for the time being in force. Regulations for Elimination of Ragging apply to the University, Departments and all its premises, whether academic, residential, playgrounds, or canteen, whether located within the campus or outside and in all means of transportation of students, whether public or private, accessed by students for the pursuit of their studies at IAR.

IAR assures students and their parents that it fully adheres to all the relevant Regulations on curbing the Menace of Ragging and takes all necessary precautions to avoid any case of Ragging with any student of the University.



What constitutes Ragging

Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts:

- 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;
- 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 student;
- f. any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students;



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- 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 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;
- j Any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (fresher or otherwise) on the ground of colour, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional origins, linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background.
- k. 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;
- l. 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.



Action to be taken by the Head of the institution

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 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 First Information Report (FIR), within twenty four hours of receipt of such information or recommendation, with the police and local authorities, under the appropriate penal provisions relating to one or more of the following, namely;

- i. Abetment to ragging;
- ii. Criminal conspiracy to rag;
- iii. Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging;
- iv. Public nuisance created during ragging;
- v. Violation of decency and morals through ragging;
- vi. Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt;
- vii. Wrongful restraint;
- viii. Wrongful confinement;
- ix. Use of criminal force;
- x. Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences;
- xi. Extortion;



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- xii. Criminal trespass;
- xiii. Offences against property;
- xiv. Criminal intimidation;
- xv. Attempts to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- xvi. Threat to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- xvii. Physical or psychological humiliation;
- xviii. All other offences following from the definition of “Ragging”.

Provided that the Head of the institution shall forthwith report the occurrence of the incident of ragging to the District Level Anti-Ragging Committee and the Nodal officer of the affiliating University, if the institution is an affiliated institution. Provided further that the institution shall also continue with its own enquiry initiated under clause 9 of these Regulations and other measures without waiting for action on the part of the police/local authorities and such remedial action shall be initiated and completed immediately and in no case later than a period of seven days of the reported occurrence of the incident of ragging.



Administrative actions in the event of ragging

The institution shall punish a student found guilty of ragging after following procedure and in the manner prescribed herein under:

- a) The Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution shall take an appropriate decision, in regard to punishment or otherwise, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging and nature and gravity of the incident of ragging established in the recommendations of the Anti-Ragging Squad.
- b) The Anti-Ragging Committee may, depending on the nature and gravity of the guilt established by the Anti-Ragging Squad, award, to those found guilty, one or more of the following punishments, namely;
 - i. Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
 - ii. Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/ fellowship and other benefits.
 - iii. Debarring from appearing in any test/ examination or other evaluation process.
 - iv. Withholding results.
 - v. Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
 - vi. Suspension/ expulsion from the hostel.



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vii. Cancellation of admission.

viii. Rustication from the institution for period ranging from one to four semesters.

ix. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period.

Provided that where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment.

c) An appeal against the order of punishment by the Anti-Ragging Committee shall lie,

i. in case of an order of an institution, affiliated to or constituent part, of a University, to the Vice-Chancellor of the University;

ii. in case of an order of a University, to its Chancellor.

iii. in case of an institution of national importance created by an Act of Parliament, to the Chairman or Chancellor of the institution, as the case may be.



All IAR students are required to ensure the following:

- Every student and his/her parents (newly admitted and the returning students) at IAR are required to submit an online UNDERTAKING through on-line process as per procedures laid in UGC notifications available at

https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/5178676_Anti-Ragging-English.pdf and

https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/8408691_Step-by-step-guide-on-How-to-fill-Online-Anti-Ragging-Undertaking.pdf

- Every student at the time of his/her admission shall inform Student Affairs section about his/her place of residence while pursuing their programme and in case the student has not decided his/her place of residence or intends to change, the details of his/her place of residence shall be provided immediately on deciding the same.
- The student concerned or any other person knowing about any act of ragging on the University premises or outside shall immediately bring the matter to the notice of the authorities of the University personally or on phone provided on IAR website without causing any delay to enable the concerned authorities to take appropriate action in the matter.
- The parents of newly admitted students are also requested to remain in touch with their wards and promptly bring any instance of ragging to the notice of the University authorities to enable the concerned authorities to take immediate appropriate action in the matter. While no leniency will be shown to any student involved in ragging, all the students are advised to note and co-operate in keeping the University free from ragging.