



GSFCU/REGISTRAR/Anti-Ragg/2019-20/2959

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### Circular

GSFC University is aware of the fact that prevention and prohibition of ragging in institutions imparting higher education in the country is a great concern of all authorities including the law enforcing agencies. Regulations have been framed by various apex bodies of higher education in the country in order to root out ragging in all forms in the universities and its affiliated colleges in the country by prohibiting it by enacting law too.

In this context, the Report submitted by the Raghavan Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP No. 24295/2006 is relevant. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India accepted the various recommendations made by the Raghavan Committee and made it mandatory for the concerned to implement the following recommendations.

1. The punishment to be meted out has to be exemplary and justifiably harsh to act as a deterrent against recurrence of such incidents.
2. Every single incident of ragging where the victim or his parent / guardian or the Head of the Institution is not satisfied with the institutional arrangement for action, a First Information Report must be filled without exceptions 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. Courts should make an effort to ensure that cases involving ragging are taken up on priority basis to send the correct message that ragging is not only to be discouraged but also to be dealt with sternness.

Hence, it is emphasized on the part of all students of GSFC University, Vadodara that ragging of and among students of this University in any form at any place is hereby will not be tolerated and is banned. For this purpose, the following activities and / or actions, inter-alia, shall be construed as the forms of ragging.

1. Ragging has several aspects with, among others, psychological, social, political, economic, cultural and academic dimensions.
2. Indulging in rowdy or undisciplined 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.
3. 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.

4. Any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of students.
5. Exploiting the services of a junior student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of seniors.
6. The human rights perspective of ragging which involves the injury caused to the fundamental right to human dignity through humiliation heaped on junior students by seniors; often resulting in the extreme step of suicide by the victims.
7. Asking any student to do any act which such student will not do in the ordinary course 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 or such fresher or any other student.
8. Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a junior student by senior students.
9. Any act that prevents disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of a student.
10. Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, blogs, public insults including deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to others.
11. 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 students.

Any student found indulging and / or abetting any form of Ragging in GSFC University premises shall be meted out with exemplary and justifiably harsh punishment including debarring such students from taking admissions in any institutions of higher learning in the country. For every single incident of ragging, a First Information Report (FIR) must be filed without exception by the university authorities with the local police.

Depending upon the nature and gravity of the offence as established by the Anti Ragging Committee of the University, the possible punishments for those found guilty of ragging at the University level shall be any one or any combination of the following:

- i. Cancellation of Admission
- ii. Suspension from Attending Classes
- iii. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution

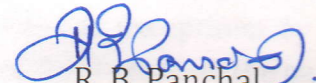




- iv. Collective punishment: when the person committing or abetting the crime of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment as a deterrent to ensure community pressure on the potential raggers.
- v. Fine of Rs. 25,000/-
- vi. Rustication from the institution for period ragging from 1 to 4 semesters
- vii. Suspension / Expulsion from the Hostel
- viii. Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival etc.
- ix. Debarring from appearing in any test / examination or other evaluation process
- x. Withholding / withdrawing scholarship / fellowship and other benefits
- xi. Withholding results

All the students of GSFC University, Vadodara are advised to take note of all the contents of this circular and abide by the instructions scrupulously to ensure a healthy academic atmosphere at GSFC University campus and make it a ragging free one from day one and all the time to come.

Strict observance of the instructions and cooperation with the University in its efforts to ensure a "Ragging Free GSFC University" is highly solicited.

  
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