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Dissemination of Zero Tolerance Policy & Prohibition of Ragging

Pratiksha Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences strictly adheres to the UGC Zero Tolerance Policy against ragging. Any form of ragging—whether physical, verbal, psychological, or cyber—is strictly prohibited on and off campus. Disciplinary and legal actions will be taken against any student found guilty, in accordance with the provisions outlined by UGC and the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

The detailed UGC 'Ragging Menace' and 'Zero Tolerance Policy' adopted by the institution is attached below for reference and compliance verification.

RAGGING MENACE

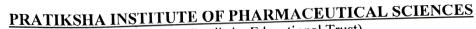
Ragging is a disturbing reality in the higher education system of our country. Despite the fact that over the years, ragging has claimed hundreds of innocent lives and has ruined the careers of thousands of bright students, the practice is still perceived by many as a way of 'familiarisation' and an 'initiation into the real world' for young college-going students.

The Ragging is defined as any disorderly conduct, whether by words spoken or written or by an act, has the effect of teasing, treating, or handling with rudeness a fresher or a junior student. Indulging in a rowdy or undisciplined activity that causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or junior student. Asking the students to do any act or perform something that such students will not do in the ordinary course and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of a fresher or junior student. This can lead to adverse effects such as depression, anxiety, and sometimes even suicide.

Punishment Provisions

Any student or group of students found guilty of ragging on campus or off campus shall be liable to one or more of the following punishments:

- 1. Debarring from appearing in any sessional test/ university examination or withholding results
- 2. Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges
- 3. Withdrawing scholarships and other benefits





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- 4. Suspension from the college for a period of one month
- 5. Cancellation of admission
- 6. Debarring from representing the institution in any national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc
- 7. Suspension/expulsion from the hostel
- 8. Rustication from the institution for periods varying from 1 to 4 semesters or equivalent period
- 9. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution
- 10. Fine up to twenty five thousand rupees
- 11. Imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees or with both
- 12. Collective punishment When the students 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.

Any institution that fails to take adequate steps to prevent ragging or fails to act in accordance with the Regulations or fails to punish perpetrators or incidents of ragging suitably is liable to the penalties and punishments as per the provisions of the Regulations.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY IN INDIA

No act of ragging, major or minor, shall go unnoticed. No ragger, male or female, student or non-student, shall go unpunished. No institution that fails to take action against ragging shall be allowed to operate.

The Supreme Court, in its judgement dated 08 May 2009 ordered the implementation of a ragging prevention programme comprising, inter alia, setting up a toll-free anti-ragging helpline/ call center, a database of institutions/ students, and engaging an independent non-government agency as the monitoring agency.

Regulatory provisions and the appropriate law are in force to eliminate ragging in all its forms from the universities, deemed universities and other higher educational institutions in





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the country by prohibiting, preventing its occurrence and punishing those who indulge in ragging.

UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009

Ragging is a criminal offense 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. In pursuance to the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 08.05.2009 in Civil Appeal No. 887/2009, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (g) of sub-section (1) of section 26 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, the UGC notified "Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009". These regulations are mandatory for all universities/ institutions.

Students and Parents Undertaking Affidavit

In compliance of the second amendment in UGC Regulations, it is compulsory for each student and every parent to submit an online Anti-Ragging undertaking affidavit every academic year. The universities and colleges are also requested to implement the revised procedure for students to file online Anti-Ragging affidavits. The student will receive an e-mail with her/ his registration number. The student will forward that e-mail to the Nodal officer in her/ his university/college e-mail. (Please note that the student will not receive pdf affidavits and she/ he is not required to print & sign it as it used to be in the earlier case).

Link to fill out the online undertaking affidavit by students and parents:

www.antiragging.in/affidavit_registration_disclaimer.html

www.c4yindia.org/Home/Undertaking

Ragging Complaints Registration

The complaints of ragging are being registered through the following means:

- 1. Via e-mail: helpline@antiragging.in
- 2. National Anti-Ragging Help Line: 1800-180-5522. 24x7 Toll Free Number
- 3. Suo Motto via Social Media platforms, news, reporters, influencers, social workers among others



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Links for filling out ragging complaints:

The National Anti-Ragging Helpline website - www.antiragging.in

The Monitoring Agency website - www.c4yindia.org

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