

प्रा. मनिष र. जोशी सचिव

Prof. Manish R. Joshi

Secretary

D.O No.F.91-3/2020 (GS)





विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग University Grants Commission

(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार) (Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

20th June, 2023/30 ज्येष्ठ, 1945

2 0 JUN 2023

Respected Sir/Madam,

In continuation to our earlier communication D.O. No.91-3/2020 (GS) dated 05th June, 2023 regarding implementation of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, it is informed that The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 12th May, 2023 has directed to issue the following directions so as to fulfill the promise that the PoSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) Act holds out to working women all over the Country:-

- I. The Union of India, all State Governments and Union Territories are directed to undertake a timebound exercise to verify as to whether all the concerned Ministries, Departments, Government Organizations, authorities, Public Sector Undertakings, Institutions, bodies, etc. have constituted ICCs/ LCs/ ICs, as the case may be and that the composition of the said Committees are strictly in terms of the provisions of the PoSH Act.
- II. It shall be ensured that necessary information regarding the constitution and composition of the ICCs/ LCs/ ICs, details of the e-mail IDs and contact numbers of the designated person(s), the procedure prescribed for submitting an online complaint, as also the relevant rules, regulations and internal policies are made readily available on the website of the concerned Authority/ Functionary/ Organization/ Institution/ Body, as the case may be. The information furnished shall also be updated from time to time.
- III. A similar exercise shall be undertaken by all the Statutory Bodies of professionals at the Apex level and the State level (including those regulating doctors, lawyers, architects, chartered accountants, cost accountants, engineers, bankers and other professionals), by universities, colleges, Training Centres and educational institutions and by government and private hospitals/ nursing homes.
- IV. Immediate and effective steps shall be taken by the authorities/ managements/ employers to familiarize members of the ICCs/ LCs/ ICs with their duties and the manner in which an inquiry ought to be conducted on receiving a complaint of sexual harassment at the workplace, from the point when the complaint is received, till the inquiry is finally concluded and the Report submitted.

Cont...
वशुधव कुतुम्बकम्
NE EARTH • ONE FAMILY • ONE FUTURE

- V. The authorities/ managements/ employers shall regularly conduct orientation programmes, workshops, seminars and awareness programmes to upskill members of the ICCs/ LCs/ ICs and to educate women employees and women's groups about the provisions of the Act, the Rules and relevant regulations.
- VI. A copy of this judgment shall be transmitted to the Secretaries of all the Ministries, Government of India who shall ensure implementation of the directions by all the concerned Departments, Statutory Authorities Institution, Organizations etc. Under the control of the respective Ministries. A copy of the judgment shall also be transmitted to the Chief Secretaries of all the States and Union Territories who shall ensure strict compliance of these directions by all the concerned Departments. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretaries of the Ministries, Government of India and the Chief Secretaries of every State/ Union Territory to ensure implementation of the directions issued.

I write this to request you to kindly take appropriate necessary action in this regard. It is also requested that the above information may be disseminated to your affiliated colleges and that compliance be ensured.

You are also requested to fill in details regarding compliance with the above points, through online mode on the form available on the SAKSHAM portal i.e. (saksham.ugc.ac.in) and the UAMP portal (uamp.ugc.ac.in) for the year 2022-23, at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,

(Manish Joshi)

The Vice-Chancellors of all Universities.

The Principals of all Colleges.











विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग University Grants Commission

(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार) (Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

D.O.No.F.1-74/2016 (ARC)

July 5, 2023/आषाढ़ 14, 1945

Dear Madam/Sir,

In order to prevent ragging UGC has framed regulation on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions. These regulations are mandatory and all institutions are required to take necessary steps for its implementation in toto including the monitoring mechanism as per provisions in the above regulations and ensure its strict compliance. The UGC has also taken several proactive steps including effective launch of Media Campaign for preventing ragging. Films in ragging are also uploaded on UGC website for use by higher education institutions.

As a step further, UGC has decided that from this year Anti Ragging Day would be observed on 12th August followed by Anti Ragging Week from 12th August to 18th August. This initiative is one of the tools of the Commission in increasing awareness against ragging. It is further desired to adopt the following activities during the celebration of Anti Ragging Day/Week:

- i. Introduction/Orientation programme on Anti Ragging.
- ii. Conduct various competitions such as slogan & essay writing, poster making, and logo designing on Anti Ragging and distribute certificates/prizes to encourage the students/faculty/non-teaching staff to promote Anti Ragging.
- iii. Events like Anti-Ragging workshops, seminars and other creative avenues to spread the idea.
- iv. TVCs, short films and documentary movies may be shown to students and faculty. (Available on UGC websites i.e. www.ugc.ac.in & www.ugc.ac.in & www.ugc.ac.in & www.antiragging.in)

The Universities and Colleges are requested to share the details of the weeklong activities amongst students, faculty and other stakeholders with a request for their active participation. Details of celebration/participation activities may please be shared on the website i.e. www.antiragging.in. You are also requested to instruct your affiliated colleges/institutions to follow the suit.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely.

(Manish Joshi)

To,

The Vice-Chancellors of all the Universities (Central, State, Deemed & Private Universities)



प्रा. मनिष र. जोशी

Prof. Manish R. Joshi

Secretary





विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग University Grants Commission

(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार) (Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

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

December 14, 2023/23 अग्रहायण, 1945

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 UGC 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.ugc.gov.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, it will attract punitive action against itself by the UGC.

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' accommodation, 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 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 & ww

In compliance to the directions of the Anti-Ragging Monitoring Committee constituted by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, HEIs/Councils have to implement the following:

- The concept of mentor-mentee as given out in the UGC Regulations 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.
- 2. The Anti Ragging Cell and Anti Ragging Squads of institutions should be empowered by provisioning of a legal counsel so that airtight cases against the ragging culprits can be made.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.



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:	

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 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)

The Vice-Chancellor/Registrars of all Universities

Copy to:

- 1. All Regulatory Authorities
- 2. Ms. Jasleen Kaur, Under Secretary, Ministry of Education, (iasleen.kau@nic.in).
- 3. DS(website), UGC (for uploading on (i) UGC website, (ii) Under ragging related Twitter handle of UGC)
- 4. Ms. Alka Tomar, Centre for Youth (C4Y)(alka.tomar@c4yindia.org) (for uploading on antiragging.in)

(Manish Joshi)