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#### 1. Preamble:

In view of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 8.05.2009 and in consideration of the determination of the Central Government and the University Grants Commission to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging, the Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon has decided to adopt the general guidelines prepared by UGC, New Delhi as it is with minor modifications.

### 2. Objective:

To eliminate ragging in all its forms from universities campus and affiliated colleges by prohibiting it under these Regulations, preventing its occurrence and punishing those who indulge in ragging as provided for in these Regulations and the appropriate law in force.

#### 3. 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 indiscipline 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 students.
- f) Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students.

- 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 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.

#### 4. Measures for Prohibition of Ragging:

Pursuant to the directives of the Honorable Supreme Court of India and in accordance with the UGC Regulations. (a) The University has constituted a committee (Annexure-I) for overseeing the strict and meticulous implementation of all the directives and, (b) The members of the anti-ragging committee along with their mobile numbers shall be displayed for the benefit of the students, especially the newly admitted students. The University has taken several other measures both at institution and college level to abate the menace of ragging on campuses. Some of the measures are given below:

- i. No institution shall permit or condone any reported incident of ragging in any form; and all institutions shall take all necessary and required measures, including but not limited to the provisions of these Regulations, to achieve the objective of eliminating ragging, within the institution or outside.
- ii. All institutions shall take action in accordance with these Regulations against those found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.
- iii. Every public declaration of intent by any institution, in any electronic, audiovisual or print or any other media, for admission of students to any course of study shall expressly provide that ragging is totally prohibited in the institution, and anyone found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging, whether

actively or passively, or being a part of a conspiracy to promote ragging, is liable to be punished in accordance with these Regulations as well as under the provisions of any penal law for the time being in force.

- iv. The application for admission, enrolment or registration must be accompanied by an Anti Ragging affidavit signed by a student in a prescribed format and another Anti Ragging Affidavit signed by a Parent/Guardian. (Both these Affidavits can be downloaded from the Web).
- v. 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 authorized 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.
- vi. shall make due publicity that 'Ragging in campus is a punishable offence in the form of posters and banners. (Annexure-II).

## 5. Administrative Action in the event of Ragging:

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

- 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.
- ii. 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;
  - a) Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
  - b) Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits.
  - c) Debarring from appearing in any test/ examination or other evaluation process.

- d) Withholding results.
- e) Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
- f) Suspension/ expulsion from the hostel.
- g) Cancellation of admission.
- h) Rustication from the institution for period ranging from one to four semesters.
- i) Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period.
- iii. Provided that where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment.
- iv. An appeal against the order of punishment by the Anti-Ragging Committee shall lie in case of an order of an institution, affiliated to or constituent part, of a University, to the Vice-Chancellor of the University.
- v. Where in the opinion of the appointing authority, a lapse is attributable to any member of the faulty or staff of the institution, in the matter of reporting or taking prompt action to prevent an incident of ragging or who display an apathetic or insensitive attitude towards complaints of ragging, or who fail to take timely steps, whether required under these Regulations or otherwise, to prevent an incident or incidents of ragging, then such authority shall initiate departmental disciplinary action, in accordance with the prescribed procedure of the institution, against such member of the faulty or staff. Such action shall be without prejudice to any action that may be taken under the penal laws for abetment of ragging for failure to take timely steps in the prevention of ragging or punishing any student found guilty of ragging.

Vice-Chancellor Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.

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