



# PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

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## GUIDELINES ON BANNING RAGGING AND ANTI RAGGING MEASURES

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# **GUIDELINES ON BANNING RAGGING AND ANTI RAGGING MEASURES**

(Under Section 8 (iii) of the Presidency University Regulation No. R-2 )

## **1. PREAMBLE/BACKGROUND**

Ragging is a cognizable offence and Presidency University will take strict action against offenders. The University ensures that no ragging takes place by instituting stringent anti ragging measures and provisions for strict punishments to defaulters.

## **2. SHORT TITLE AND APPLICATION**

2.1. This document shall be called the “Presidency University Guidelines on Banning Ragging and Anti Ragging Measures 2020.

2.2. This shall come into effect from the date of approval by the Academic Council of Presidency University

## **3. EXTENT AND APPLICABILITY**

3.1. This shall apply to individual Students, Student Groups, and Student Organizations, if any;

3.2. Applicable to conduct both on and off campus. Students and recognized student organizations are expected to follow all applicable policies in University documents and publications;

3.3. Applicable at all locations of the University, university-sponsored events, and events sponsored by recognized student organizations;

3.4. Applicable to actions and behaviors of students and recognized student organizations that are exhibited directly or otherwise, either in person and/or through use of any electronic medium.

3.5. Applicable to behavior:

- i. occurring in any University facility or on any University property;

- ii. occurring in connection with any University sponsored, recognized, or approved program, visit, or activity;
- iii. that adversely affects the University's pursuit of its mission or policies; or
- iv. that otherwise threatens the health or safety of any member of the University Community.

#### **4. ANTI-RAGGING MEASURES**

Pursuant to the directives of the Honourable Supreme Court of India and in accordance with the UGC Regulations, on curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, the University has constituted the Anti-Ragging Committee and Anti-Ragging Squads for overseeing the strict and meticulous implementation of all the directives. The members of the anti-ragging committee and anti-ragging squads along with their mobile numbers are being displayed for the benefit of the students, especially the newly admitted students.

#### **5. DEFINITION OF RAGGING**

The University considers the definition of ragging as per UGC's "Curbing the menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions (third amendment), Regulations, 2016" which states that:

" 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."

The University educates the students enrolled in various programs at the beginning of each academic year about the Anti-Ragging Policy and zero tolerance for ragging at the University.

Each student, as well as his/her parents/ guardian, are mandatorily required to submit separate undertakings in the form of an affidavit at the time of admission to the effect that they are aware of the prohibition of ragging and the punishment prescribed both under penal laws as well as under these regulations.

Anti-ragging hoardings, banners, billboards are displayed at prominent places in the University campus, including hostels, canteens, messes, cafeterias, buses, playgrounds, lawns, labs, etc.

Surprise checks of hostels/canteens/cafeteria/bus stop are carried out regularly. A close and regular liaison is maintained with the local police to guard against the incident of ragging. FIR will be lodged in police station on all reported ragging cases.

Daily briefing of fresher's is carried out by counsellors and coordinators. An anti-ragging committee of the students is also formed.

In case any student encounters ragging by any of the senior students, he/she is immediately required to contact the members of the anti-ragging committee, who will take an immediate corrective action and necessary proceedings will be initiated against the culprits engaged in ragging activities.

## **6. PROHIBITION OF RAGGING**

- i. Ragging within the University Campus including its Institutions / Departments and Hostels is strictly prohibited.
- ii. Ragging in any form is prohibited also in the private lodges/buildings where these University students are staying.
- iii. Ragging in any form is prohibited in Hostel, Mess, Canteen, Cafeteria & Transport (University & Private).
- iv. No person including students / staff / faculty shall participate or abet or propagate ragging in any form

## **7. PUNISHMENT FOR RAGGING**

- i. Lodging FIR against offender.
- ii. Rigorous Imprisonment for up to 3 years (under court of law).
- iii. Fine up to Rs. 2, 50,000/-.
- iv. Expulsion from Presidency University and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution.

## **8. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

### **8.1. Anti-Ragging Committees**

- i. University shall form an “Anti-Ragging Committee” headed by the Chairperson, appointed by the Vice Chancellor. It will comprise of selected faculty members, parents, students from the fresher’s category as well as seniors and selected non-teaching staff.
- ii. This Committee will be fully and totally responsible to ensure that no incidence of ragging as given in this regulation takes place and will also monitor and ensure that the instructions of this regulation are followed fully at all times.
- iii. The Committee will also maintain alert vigil at all times and ensure that the Anti-Ragging Squads of the Institution carry out their functions properly

### **8.2. Anti-Ragging Squads**

- i. The Chairperson of Anti Ragging Committee will constitute a number of Anti-Ragging Squads. The number of squads will be based on the number of blocks / floors and strength of the students so that the Anti -Ragging Measures can be effectively implemented.
- ii. Anti-Ragging Squads will comprise of senior faculty members and responsible representatives of senior students and freshers. Its function will include going around / patrolling the Department and the Campus common areas, maintain vigil at all times on all days by rotation as decided by Director/Deputy Director/Programme Coordinator and take action if they notice any incidence of ragging either in their Department or any other Department/ or in the Campus.
- iii. The Squads will also have the responsibility to investigate incidences of ragging and to report to the Anti-Ragging Committee for immediate action / punishment wherever required.
- iv. Director/Deputy Director/Programme Coordinator will forward the names of Anti-Ragging Committees and Anti-Ragging Squads to the University Anti-Ragging Monitoring Cell.

- v. On the report of Anti-ragging Squad or any other person who witnesses the incidence of ragging or on the complaint of any fresher student, immediate action will be taken by the Anti -Ragging Committee to decide appropriate punishment from the list of punishments in the Regulation and award it with intimation to the University Administration.

## **9. ACTION PROCEDURE**

- i. Anti-Ragging Squads will immediately report any incidence of ragging or abetment of ragging noticed by them to the Anti-Ragging Committee of each Department.
- ii. Faculty in-charge of the Anti-Ragging Committee will take immediate action as per the situation which may include:
  - Immediate suspension of involved students
  - Sending reinforcements or any medical help if required.
  - Forward the main gist / report of incident to the Anti-Ragging Committee.
- iii. The Anti-Ragging Committee of the concerned Department will examine the report and recommend appropriate punishment with intimation to the University Administration.

## **10. AMENDMENTS**

This guideline will be reviewed periodically to rectify anomalies, if any, and to incorporate feedback received from the stakeholders, impact analysis and deliberations of the focus group constituted by the Vice Chancellor.