

Anti Ragging Booklet

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This has also reference to 5.06 and 5.27 of the report of the Raghavan Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

The full text of the Regulation is available at the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in)



TEZPUR UNIVERSITY
A Ragging Free Campus

Preface

This booklet primarily contains the abstract from the UGC's Regulations issued vide No. F1-16/2007(CPP-II) dated 17 June, 2009.

The names and contact information of Anti Ragging Squad are also provided for the assistance of the new comers if required. Besides the contacts, information of some statutory officers are also provided in this booklet.

1. Abstract from the UGC Regulation

- 1.1 Education, specially higher education, should open new vistas of learning and knowledge. Equal opportunities and high regard for human rights are two fundamental pillars of effective learning and practical knowledge. We, at Tezpur University are committed towards building a society that is just, equal and free from any prejudice.
- 1.2 We jealously guard the privileges of students and protect basic human rights and liberties of all, specially of the newcomers to the University. We all welcome the new-comers with a open and warm heart and endeavour to make their entry into this sacred temple of learning as smooth as possible.
- 1.2.1 **Therefore we are pledge to have a Ragging Free University.** *Ragging is totally prohibited in the University and anyone found guilty of ragging and/or abetting it, whether actively or passively, or being a part of conspiracy to promote ragging, is liable to be punished strictly in accordance to the rules laid down by the University, University Grants Commission and in accordance to the provisions of the Assam Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1999.*
- 1.3. Ragging, as defined by the Honourable Supreme Court of India in its landmark judgement in 2001, is defined as,
“Any disorderly conduct whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any other student, indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or a junior student or asking the students to do any act or perform something which such student will not 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 a junior student.”

In UGC Regulations in Curbing the menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 ragging is defined as

“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.”

- 1.3.1 Ragging, which is also known as *hazing* or *fagging* in the western world is a punishable offence according to **The Assam Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1999**. The Assam legislation which is treated as the Law of the Land for this purpose defines raggingas,

“Either display of noisy or disorderly conduct or doing of any act which causes or is likely to cause social, physical or psychological harm or raise apprehension or fear or shame or embarrassment to any student in any educational institution and includes teasing, abusing of, playing practical jokes on or causing hurt to, such students; or asking the student to do any act or perform something which such student will not, in the ordinary course, willingly do.”

- 1.3.1A The University Grants Commission in its document “UGC Regulations on Curbing The Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009” has **defined ragging as one or more 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 on any other student;
- b. indulging in rowdy or indisciplined 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 afresher;

- 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.

1.3.2 The University Grants Commission in the document mentioned at clause 3.1A has recommended certain measures to be adopted by Universities. We, at Tezpur University are bound to implement these measures in strict compliance, in letter and spirit.

1.3.2.1 Anti Ragging Committee (ARC): An Anti Ragging Committee is already set up with members from outside and inside the University under the Chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor to oversee overall anti ragging initiatives.

1.3.2.2 Anti Ragging Squad (ARS): The Anti Ragging Squad of the University under the Chairmanship of the Dean of Students' Welfare and members taken from all sections of the University employees takes up the following measures to prevent ragging. The names and mobile numbers of the members are attached in this document.

- a. Vigilance at all hours including at odd hours, all around the Campus, particularly in the hostels.
- b. Arrangement and conduct of joint sensitisation programmes to counsel new-comers and old students.
- c. Arrangement of and presence in “ice breaking” sessions among the new and old students in the hostels and elsewhere (*detail schedule of these sessions will be made available in the notice boards of the departments and hostels on the first day of the new academic session*).
- d. Occasional dining with the boarders in the hostels to instil confidence among the new-comers.
- e. Monitor and direct the working of Hostel Level Anti Ragging Cells which consist of student volunteers from all categories within the particular hostel.
- f. Conduct anonymous random surveys among freshers to check whether the Campus is indeed free from ragging.
- g. Any other activity the Anti Ragging Committee might delegate to the Squad.

1.3.2.3 Hostel Level Anti Ragging Cell (HLARC): These Cells are already active in all Hostels of the University with the Warden as the Chairperson and student volunteers as its members. The names and telephone numbers of all the members are notified prominently in different places of the hostel premises. Hostel level cells are responsible for carrying out the directives from the Anti Ragging Committee or Anti Ragging Squad. The Cells will plan and organise “ice breaking” sessions and explore the talents among the new-comers, and guide each of the freshers in understanding the rules and traditions of the hostel and that of the University. They are responsible at the grassroot level to prevent and report any incidents of ragging.

1.3.2.4 Departmental Anti Ragging Cell (DARC): In each Department of the University an Anti Ragging Cell is in place. The Cell is responsible for prevention of occurrence of ragging specially within the Departmental area. However, they will also assist the Anti Ragging Committee and Squad to

formulate and implement measures to curb the menace.

- 1.3.3 Full publicity to be given to the provisions of punishment to be inflicted on the students found guilty of ragging through open circular, suitable posters in Academic Buildings, Hostels, Canteen and other such places where maximum exposure can be generated.
- 1.3.4 Irrespective of these formal groups all members of the community will remain vigilant and any incident of ragging will immediately be notified to the Squad or to the Anti Ragging Committee.
- 1.3.5 The Vice Chancellor/Dean of Students' Welfare will address the students on the first day of the session or in the evening before, which will be followed by address of the Head of concerned Department to instil confidence among the freshers against ragging. Concerned course teachers are also to address the students in class room regarding this.
- 1.4. **Rights and Duties of New-comers and their guardians :**
A fresher should consider the University community as his/her family and should maintain cordial relationship with other members of the community particularly with the senior students. He/she, like any other student, enjoys all rights and privileges that are available to any free citizen of this country. It is the duty of the students, therefore, NOT to obey any orders or requests from anyone in the hostel (apart from the administrators) or within or outside the Campus if he/she feels embarrassed or undignified by complying with such requests. It is the responsibility of the fresher or any other person(s) who is/are aware about such request or order to bring it to the immediate notice of the Dean of Students' Welfare or any member of the ARC, ARS or Cells mentioned above. It should be noted that failing to do so is an offence as per University rules and thus liable to be punished. **The confidentiality of such student(s)/guardian(s) will be strictly maintained.** The guardian should cooperate with the University Authority to seek redressal of the grievances of the freshers, if any.
- 1.4.1. Honourable Supreme Court also suggested (on the recom-

mendation of Raghavan Committee) that every single incident of ragging where the victim or his parent/guardian or the Head of the Institute is not satisfied with the Institute's arrangement for action, an FIR must be filed by the institutional authority with the local police. As soon as the FIR is lodged the offence will be treated as per provisions of the Law of the Land (i.e., Assam Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1999)

1.5. Rights and Duties of the Old (Senior) Students: As the new-comers are, in most of the cases, first timers in Tezpur University, it is the duty of the seniors to guide the freshers properly so that they feel at home. The seniors should remember the days when they left their parents, the security of home and set foot in this hitherto unknown Campus. It is the modesty, helpfulness, love and cooperation of the seniors that will contribute towards making the new comers good and responsible members of the University community. It is also the responsibility of the old students to explore the talents in the freshers in the "ice breaking sessions" in hostels. However, they should note that this can be done only in the presence of the members of the ARC, or ARS or their representatives.

1.5.1 Seniors should take active and whole hearted part in making sure that no ragging takes place anywhere on the Campus and should report any such incidents immediately. It is the commitment of the University authority to keep the identity of such students in strict confidence. It is noteworthy that people involved directly or indirectly in ragging including the onlookers are liable to be punished under the University rules.

1.6. Punishment:

1.6.1 A student found guilty of ragging under the provision of *Regulations on Maintenance of Students' Discipline* of Tezpur University is punishable by suspension/rustication from University.

1.6.2 Under the provisions of the Assam Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1999 ragging is a criminal offence and punishable by a

fine of Rs. 10000/- and imprisonment upto 6 months.

- 1.6.2.a Under the provisions, educational Institutions are also liable for disciplinary proceedings if they fail to or neglect in taking action against the erring students.
- 1.6.2.b Students found to indulge in ragging will be expelled from the University for a period not less than one academic session, while the authority concerned shall have to put out advertisements in local newspapers making the announcement public. The advertisement shall also carry name of the father as well as the permanent address of the student expelled and punished for indulging in ragging.
- 1.6.3 The offenders will also be punished under the provisions as per the clause 9.1 of the UGC's afore mentioned Regulations.
- 6.3a Under clause 9.3 (of the said Regulations) the faculty and staff of the University are liable for disciplinary action if they fail to report, take timely action, and/or found guilty of showing apathetic or insensitive attitude towards prevention of ragging.

1.7. Epilogue:

As mentioned in the UGC Regulations the aim of this document is to disseminate the idea of prevention of ragging through educational campaign. We sincerely hope that the provisions highlighted here will restrain any misadventure on the part of the senior students, who are indeed path breakers for their juniors.

Pledge of Students

All students of Tezpur University are required to submit online Antiragging undertaking as per the UGC format through the website: www.amanmovement.org or www.antiragging.in/Site/Affidevits_registration_form.aspx after admission/enrolment and submit print out of the undertaking with signature of the students and their parents to the respective departments.

TEZPUR UNIVERSITY
ANTI RAGGING SQUAD

Date 06/07/2018

As per Clause No.6.3 (c) of UGC Regulation No. F. 1-16/2007(CCP-II) dated 17th June, 2009, the Anti Ragging Squad of Tezpur University for the Academic Session 2018-2019 is constituted with the following members.

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The squad will assist the Anti Ragging Committee in curbing ragging of any form within the University.

The members of the committee will conduct surprise visit in the hostels during different hours of the day. They will also dine sometimes with the residents of the hostels, conduct orientation and ice-breaking sessions in the hostels till the freshmen social is held. The members will also initiate, take active part and monitor the Anti Ragging activities in the concerned academic department. In case any instance of ragging is reported, the squad will conduct immediate enquiry and will report to the Anti Ragging committee for further necessary action.

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