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Sub: Curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions.

Dear Sir/Madam,

In pursuance to the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 8.5.2009 in Civil Appeal No. 887/2009, the UGC notified "Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009". The Regulations are available on the UGC website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in.

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, updating all websites with nodal officers complete details, alarm bells etc. Regular interaction and counseling with the students, identification of trouble-triggers, mention of Anti-ragging warning in the institution's prospectus and information booklets/brochures shall be ensured. Surprise inspection of hostels, students accommodation, canteens, rest cum recreational rooms, toilets, bus-stands and any other measure which would augur well in preventing/quelling ragging and any uncalled for behavior/incident shall 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, please visit the UGC website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in & www.antiragging.in and contact UGC monitoring agency i.e. AmanSatyaKachroo Trust on following No. 09871170303, 09818400116 (only in case of emergency).

You are requested to hold the workshops, seminar on eradication of ragging in higher educational institutions and are requested to display Anti Ragging posters at all prominent places like Admission Centre, Departments, Library, Canteen, Hostel, Common facilities etc. The size of posters should be 8X6 feet.

You are requested to get your institution accredited by NAAC/NBA and submit the compliance report and implement the special Drive on anti-Ragging prevention programme

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You are requested to immediately instruct all the colleges under your purview to submit online compliance of anti-ragging Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions, 2009 at www.antiragging.in

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 & www.amanmovement.org

UGC has notified the 3rd Amendment in UGC Regulations on 29th June, 2016 to expand the definition of ragging by including the following:-

3. (j) *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.*

This Circular may also be brought to the notice of colleges affiliated to your esteemed University.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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The Vice-Chancellor of all Universities

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