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Manovikas Institute for Higher Education

Under aegis of Manovikas Charitable Society



[ANTI RAGGING POLICY]

For the students learning at Manovikas in main campus as well as at any affiliated center or training lab, community based rehabilitation projects etc.

ANTI RAGGING POLICY

(Under Section 26(1)(g) of the University Grant Commission Act, 1956)

In consideration of the determination of the Central Government and the University Grants Commission to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging including 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, or indulging in rowdy or in-disciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student or 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, 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, in all higher education institutions in the country, and thereby, to provide for the healthy development, physically and psychologically, of all students, the University Grants Commission, in consultation with the Councils, brings forth this Regulation.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (g) of sub-section (1) of Section 26 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, the University Grants Commission hereby makes the following Regulations, namely;

“UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009”



What constitutes Ragging

Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts:

- i. 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;
- ii. 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;
- iii. 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;
- iv. any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher;
- v. exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- vi. any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students;
- vii. 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;
- viii. 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 ;
- ix. 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.

Anti-Ragging Committee

Manovikas has constituted the following bodies; namely, Anti-Ragging Committee

- a) Committee is nominated by the Head of the institution and headed by the Course Coordinator, and consisting of representatives of civil and police administration, local media, Non Government Organizations involved in youth activities, representatives of faculty members, representatives of parents, representatives of students belonging to the freshers' category as well as senior students, non-teaching staff; and having a diverse mix of membership in terms of levels as well as gender.

Anti – Ragging Committee

- Mrs. Sangeeta – Course Coordinator
- Mrs. Indira Alok- Faculty
- Mrs. Anju – Non-Teaching Staff

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- Mr. Atul Prasad – Public Prosecutor, Delhi High Court
 - Ms. Vini – Media Consultant
 - Mr. Vikram Srivastav- Head, i-thought NGO
 - Mrs. Pooja Saini – Parent
 - Mr. Shantanu Bhardwaj -Student
 - Ms. Kiran Thakur - Student
- b) It shall be the duty of the Anti-Ragging Committee to ensure compliance with the provisions of these Regulations as well as the provisions of any law for the time being in force concerning ragging; and also to monitor and oversee the performance of the Anti-Ragging Squad in prevention of ragging in the institution.
- c) Manovikas has also constituted a smaller body to be known as the Anti- Ragging Squad to be nominated by the Head of the Institution with such representation as may be considered necessary for maintaining vigil, oversight and patrolling functions and shall remain mobile, alert and active at all times. Provided that the Anti-Ragging Squad shall have representation of various members of the campus community and shall have no outside representation.

Anti-Ragging Squad

- Ms. Kirti Pandey- Faculty
 - Ms. Meenu Rustogi – Faculty
 - Ms. Sonam -Student
 - Mr. Anuirudh Gupta -Student
 - Ms. Urvashi Mahour -Student
 - Ms. Neha Singh- Student
 - Mr. Soham Sharma- Student
- d) It shall be the duty of the Anti-Ragging Squad to be called upon to make surprise raids on hostels, and other places vulnerable to incidents of, and having the potential of, ragging and shall be empowered to inspect such places.
- e) It shall also be the duty of the Anti-Ragging Squad to conduct an on-the-spot enquiry into any incident of ragging referred to it by the Head of the institution or any member of the faculty or any member of the staff or any student or any parent or guardian or any employee of a service provider or by any other person, as the case may be; and the enquiry report along with recommendations shall be submitted to the Anti-Ragging Committee for action under clause (a) of Regulation 9.1. Provided that the Anti-Ragging Squad shall conduct such enquiry observing a fair and transparent procedure and the principles of natural justice and after giving adequate opportunity to the student or students accused of ragging and other witnesses to place before it the facts, documents and views concerning the incident of ragging, and considering such other relevant information as may be required.
- f) Manovikas shall, at the end of each academic year, in order to promote the objectives of these Regulations, constitute a Mentoring Cell consisting of students volunteering to be Mentors for freshers, in the succeeding academic year; and there shall be as many levels or tiers of Mentors as the number of batches in the institution, at the rate of one Mentor for six freshers and one Mentor of a higher level for six Mentors of the lower level.

Action to be taken by the Head of the institution or Course Coordinator

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 authorised 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 relating to one or more of the following, namely;

- i. Abetment to ragging;
- ii. Criminal conspiracy to rag;
- iii. Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging;
- iv. Public nuisance created during ragging;
- v. Violation of decency and morals through ragging;
- vi. Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt;
- vii. Wrongful restraint;
- viii. Wrongful confinement;
- ix. Use of criminal force;
- x. Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences;
- xi. Extortion;
- xii. Criminal trespass;
- xiii. Offences against property;
- xiv. Criminal intimidation;
- xv. Attempts to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- xvi. Threat to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- xvii. Physical or psychological humiliation;
- xviii. All other offences following from the definition of "Ragging".
- xix. Provided that the Head of the institution shall forthwith report the occurrence of the incident of ragging to the District Level Anti-Ragging Committee and the Nodal officer of the affiliating University, if the institution is an affiliated institution.
- xx. Provided further that the institution shall also continue with its own enquiry initiated under clause 9 of these Regulations and other measures without waiting for action on the part of the police/local authorities and such remedial action shall be initiated and completed immediately and in no case later than a period of seven days of the reported occurrence of the incident of ragging.

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 herein under:

- a. 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.
- b. 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;
 - I. Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
 - II. Withholding/ withdrawing scholarship/ fellowship and other benefits.
 - III. Debarring from appearing in any test/ examination or other evaluation process.
 - IV. Withholding results.
 - V. Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
 - VI. Suspension/ expulsion from the hostel.
 - VII. Cancellation of admission.
 - VIII. Rustication from the institution for period ranging from one to four semesters.
 - IX. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period.

Measures for prevention of ragging

Manovikas shall take the following steps in regard to admission or registration of students; namely,

- a) 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
- b) The application form for admission, enrolment or registration shall contain an affidavit, mandatorily in English and in Hindi and/or in one of the regional languages known to the applicant, as provided in the English language in Annexure I to these Regulations, to be filled up and signed by the applicant to the effect that he/she has read and understood the provisions of these Regulations as well as the provisions of any other law for the time being in force, and is aware of the prohibition of ragging and the punishments prescribed, both under penal laws as well as under these Regulations and also affirm to the effect that he/she has not been expelled and/or debarred by any institution and further aver that he/she would not indulge, actively or passively, in the act or abet the act of ragging and if found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging, is liable to be proceeded against under these

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Regulations or under any penal law or any other law for the time being in force and such action would include but is not limited to debarment or expulsion of such student.

- c) The application form for admission, enrolment or registration shall contain an affidavit, mandatorily in English and in Hindi and/or in one of the regional languages known to the parents/guardians of the applicant, as provided in the English language in Annexure I to these Regulations, to be filled up and signed by the parents/guardians of the applicant to the effect that he/she has read and understood the provisions of these Regulations as well as the provisions of any other law for the time being in force, and is aware of the prohibition of ragging and the punishments prescribed, both under penal laws as well as under these Regulations and also affirm to the effect that his/her ward has not been expelled and/or debarred by any institution and further aver that his/her ward would not indulge, actively or passively, in the act or abet the act of ragging and if found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging, his/her ward is liable to be proceeded against under these Regulations or under any penal law or any other law for the time being in force and such action would include but is not limited to debarment or expulsion of his/her ward.
- d) The application for admission shall be accompanied by a document in the form of, or annexed to, the School Leaving Certificate/Transfer Certificate/Migration Certificate/Character Certificate reporting on the inter-personal/social behavioural pattern of the applicant, to be issued by the school or institution last attended by the applicant, so that the institution can thereafter keep watch on the applicant, if admitted, whose behaviour has been commented in such document.
- e) A student seeking admission to a hostel forming part of the institution, or seeking to reside in any temporary premises not forming part of the institution, including a private commercially managed lodge or hostel, shall have to submit additional affidavits countersigned by his/her parents/guardians in the form prescribed in Annexure I and Annexure II to these Regulations respectively along with his/her application.



Dr. Alok Kumar "Bhuwan"
Managing secretary

ANNEXURE I

AFFIDAVIT BY THE STUDENT

I, _____ (full name of student with admission/ registration/ enrolment number) s/o d/o Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____, having been admitted to Manovikas Charitable Society, have received a copy of the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, (hereinafter called the "Regulations") carefully read and Fully understood the provisions contained in the said Regulations.

- 2) I have, in particular, perused clause 3 of the Regulations and am aware as to what constitutes ragging.
- 3) I have also, in particular, perused clause 7 and clause 9.1 of the Regulations and am fully aware of the penal and administrative action that is liable to be taken against me in case I am found guilty of or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.
- 4) I hereby solemnly aver and undertake that
 - a) I will not indulge in any behavior or act that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.
 - b) I will not participate in or abet or propagate through any act of commission or omission that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.
- 5) I hereby affirm that, if found guilty of ragging, I am liable for punishment according to clause 9.1 of the Regulations, without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be taken against me under any penal law or any law for the time being in force.
- 6) I hereby declare that I have not been expelled or debarred from admission in any institution in the country on account of being found guilty of, abetting or being part of a conspiracy to promote, ragging; and further affirm that, in case the declaration is found to be untrue, I am aware that my admission is liable to be cancelled.

Declared this ___ day of _____ month of _____ year.

Signature of deponent
Name:.....

VERIFICATION

Verified that the contents of this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and no part of the affidavit is false and nothing has been concealed or misstated therein.

Verified at DELHI on this the of 201.... .

Signature of deponent

Solemnly affirmed and signed in my presence on this the of, 201..., after reading the contents of this affidavit.

OATH COMMISSIONER

AFFIDAVIT BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

I, Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ (full name of parent/guardian) father/mother/guardian of , _____ (full name of student with admission/ registration/enrolment number), having been admitted to Manovikas Charitable Society, have received a copy of the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, (hereinafter called the "Regulations"), carefully read and fully understood the provisions contained in the said Regulations.

- 2) I have, in particular, perused clause 3 of the Regulations and am aware as to what constitutes ragging.
- 3) I have also, in particular, perused clause 7 and clause 9.1 of the Regulations and, am fully aware of the penal and administrative action that is liable to be taken against my ward in case he/she is found guilty of or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.
- 4) I hereby solemnly aver and undertake that
 - a) My ward will not indulge in any behavior or act that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.
 - b) My ward will not participate in or abet or propagate through any act of commission or omission that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.
- 5) I hereby affirm that, if found guilty of ragging, my ward is liable for punishment according to clause 9.1 of the Regulations, without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be taken against my ward under any penal law or any law for the time being in force.
- 6) I hereby declare that my ward has not been expelled or debarred from admission in any institution in the country on account of being found guilty of, abetting or being part of a conspiracy to promote, ragging; and further affirm that, in case the declaration is found to be untrue, the admission of my ward is liable to be cancelled.

Declared this _____, day of _____ month of 201.... year.

Signature of deponent

Name:.....

Address:

Telephone/ Mobile No.:

VERIFICATION

Verified that the contents of this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and no part of the affidavit is false and nothing has been concealed or misstated therein.

Verified at DELHI on this the _____ of October, 201.....

Signature of deponent

Solemnly affirmed and signed in my presence on this the of, 201....., after reading the contents of this affidavit.

OATH COMMISSIONER