## **Anti-Ragging**

## DON'T RAG – INTERACT RESPONSIBLY



Ragging is strictly banned at Chandigarh University

"Ragging is any disorderly conduct by words or action whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any student, indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities which cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm to a fresher or a junior student creating a sense of shame and embarrassment, adversely affecting the psyche of the fresher or a junior student."

Ragging is a cognizable offence. Anyone indulging in Ragging is liable to strict disciplinary actions including expulsion from the University in accordance with UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 as amended from time to time and also liable for prosecution under the Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1997 and under other relevant laws.

College / University is a place to find lifelong friendships, explore new opportunities, and create memories that last forever."

At Chandigarh University, we believe in nurturing a campus culture of mutual respect, safety, and inclusivity. We strongly condemn any form of ragging and have zero tolerance towards ragging.

We are fully committed to providing a **safe, supportive, and welcoming environment** for all students. Special care is taken during the induction of new students to ensure that their transition into the CU family is **smooth, respectful, and enjoyable**.

#### **Debunking Myths about Ragging**

#### **Common Myths:**

- "Ragging makes students stronger and more confident."
- "It's a normal part of college life everyone goes through it."
- "It's a way to build friendships between seniors and juniors."

#### **Reality:**

- "Boldness" gained through ragging is a flawed and harmful concept.
- Genuine relationships are formed through mutual respect not humiliation.
- Ragging damages mental health, erodes trust and causes lasting trauma.

## Ragging is a Serious Offence

## At CU, ragging is:







## **CU's Anti-Ragging Framework:**

#### **Awareness & Communication:**

- All students are required to sign offline and online Anti-Ragging Undertaking.
- Important Contact Number boards of Anti-Ragging Committee Members are displayed at all prominent places in the Campus and Hostels.
- Anti-Ragging helpline number and email id boards, are displayed across campus academic blocks, hostels, libraries, corridors, cafeterias, canteens and other key areas.
- Anti-Ragging helpline number and email id is also provided in student Handbook.

## **Monitoring & Vigilance:**

- Mobile patrols by Security staff to prevent untoward incidents.
- Night patrols / surprise inspections in hostels.
- Active Anti-Ragging Committee and Anti-Ragging Squad.
- Regular Anti-Ragging Awareness sessions at the time of start of the session and during the semester.
- Surprise inspections are conducted in the Hostels during the evening and at different timings throughout the night to ensure that no ragging takes place in the hostels.
- Faculty and Hostel staff maintain a strict vigil, especially during the Induction period and first semester.

## **Reporting Mechanisms:**

- Students can report incidents direct to DSW, via email, the university's online portal, through hostels, departments, and security.
- Direct access to hostel wardens and designated faculty for support.

## **Positive Engagement Initiatives:**

- Cultural and Sports Events to encourage positive interactions.
- Counselling Services
- Fresher's are allotted separate hostel wings or floors during the first year.
- Student care centres in various blocks of the University.

#### Our Pledge:

"We stand united against this menace. Do not be a victim or even a silent witness. Stand against ragging – because you are not alone. We are here to support you at every step of your journey at CU."

#### Anti-Ragging Helpline: helpline.antiragging@cumail.in

# SUMMARY OF UGC REGULATIONS ON CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, 2009.

#### 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.

#### 2. OBJECTIVE:

To eliminate ragging in all its forms from universities, deemed universities and other higher educational institutions in the country 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 a junior student.
- b) Indulging in rowdy or undisciplined 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 a junior 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 a junior 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 a junior 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 a junior 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 a junior student.
- i) Any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of a fresher or any other student with or without intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or a junior student.

#### ADIMINISTRATIVE 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.

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) Withholding/ withdrawing scholarship/ fellowship and other benefits.
- b) Debarring from appearing in any test/ examination or other evaluation process.
- c) Withholding results.
- d) Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
- e) Suspension/ expulsion from the hostel.
- f) Suspension of academic privileges.
- g) Suspension from University
- h) Rustication from the institution for period ranging from one to four semesters.
- i) Cancellation of admission and issue of Transfer Certificate
- j) Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period.
- k) Police and Legal actions.

Provided that where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment.

An appeal against the order of punishment by the Anti-Ragging Committee shall lie,

- I. In case of an order of an institution, affiliated to or constituent part, of a University, to the Vice-Chancellor of the University;
- II. In case of an order of a University, to its Chancellor.
- III. In case of an institution of national importance created by an Act of Parliament, to the Chairman or Chancellor of the institution, as the case may be.