

MAHARISHI MARKANDESHWAR UNIVERSITY BROCHURE CONTAINING

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING RAGGING (TO BE FOLLOWED BY EACH STUDENT OF MMU AND ITS INSTITUTIONS)

In pursuance of the **decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court** in SLP No. **24295** of 2006 dated 16.5.2007, the **Ragging is totally Prohibited** in the Institutions, and any **one 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 the **Regulations** as framed by the **University Grants Commission** vide **Gazette Notification No. F.1-16/2007 (CPP-II)** dated 17.6.2009 of the **Govt. of India** and other **Regulating Councils** as well as under the provisions of any penal law for the time being in force.

Regulations for **Elimination of Ragging shall be applicable** not only to the University and its institutions or any part thereof, including, **but not limited to**, the Departments, constituent units, Colleges, Centres of Studies and **all its premises**, whether academic, residential, playgrounds, or canteen, whether located **within the campus or outside**, and in **all means of transportation** of students, whether public or private, accessed by students for the pursuit of their studies in such institutions.

The following are the relevant clauses of UGC Regulations-2009:

Clause 3 - What constitutes Ragging,

Clause 7 - Action to be taken by the Head of the Institution,

Clause 9 - Administrative action in the event of ragging

Clause 3

- 3. What constitutes Ragging.-** Ragging constitutes **one or more** of any of the **following acts**:
- 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;
 - 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;
 - 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;
 - any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher;
 - exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of student;
 - any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students;
 - 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 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;
- 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.**
- k. 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 ;
- l. 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.

Clause 7

7. Action to be taken by the Head of the institution - 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".

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.

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.

Clause 9

9. Administrative action in the event of ragging:-

9.1 The institution shall punish a student found guilty of ragging after following 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.

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

- c) 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.

Being a bonafide student of this University, it is your moral duty to desist from doing any thing, with or against your will, even if ordered to by the senior students, and that any attempt of ragging shall be promptly reported to the University functionaries, the telephone/Mobile No. is given at Annexure-IV or to the Convener of Anti Ragging Committee, Anti Ragging Squad or to the Warden or to the Head of the Institution, as the case may be.

Any student subjected to any form of ragging can also approach any of functionaries of the University including the Director/Principal, Convener of Anti Ragging Committee and Anti

Ragging Squads of the respective institutions or Nodal Officer(s) as per the details given at Annexure-IV and UGC toll free number 1800-180-5522 for help and guidance for various purposes.

Please ensure that:

- Every candidate for admission shall submit **within one week** from the date of admission an **UNDERTAKING through on-line process**, as per **Annexure-I**, 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 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.
- **Parents/Guardians** of the candidates for admission to any course in the University or any of its Institutes **shall submit within one week** from the date of admission another **UNDERTAKING** on similar lines in respect of their wards through on line process, as at **Annexure-II**.
- Students seeking admission to any of the **hostels** forming part of the University or its institutions, or seeking to reside in any **temporary premises not forming part of the University/Institution**, including a **private commercially managed lodge or hostel**, shall have to submit an **Additional UNDERTAKING**, countersigned by his/her parents/guardians, in prescribed format as at **Annexure-III**, **within one week** from date of admission.
- Every student at the time of his/her registration **SHALL INFORM THE INSTITUTION ABOUT HIS/HER PLACE OF RESIDENCE** while pursuing the course of study, and in case the student has not decided his/her place of residence or **intends to change the same**, the **details of his place of residence** shall be provided **immediately** on deciding the same; and specifically in regard to a **private commercially managed lodge or hostel** where he/she has taken up **residence** at any other place in the surrounding area of the University.
- The student concerned or any other person **knowing about any act of ragging having been committed** to any of the students **on the institutional premises or outside** shall **immediately bring** the matter to the notice of the **authorities** of the **University** or the concerned **institutes personally or on phone as given in the said Booklet without causing any delay** to enable the concerned authorities to take appropriate **action** in the matter **expeditiously**.
- While the MM University and its institutions **assure to fully adhere to** all the relevant **Regulations** on curbing the Menace of Ragging and to take all necessary **precautions to avoid any case of Ragging** with any student of the University and its institutions, the **parents** especially of freshers are also requested to **remain in touch with their wards and promptly bring any instance of ragging to the notice of the Head of the respective institutions** or any other functionary of the University or the concerned Institutes to enable the concerned authorities to take **immediate** appropriate **action** in the matter.

While no leniency will be shown to any student involved in ragging, all the students are advised to note and **co-operate** in keeping the University and its institutions **free from ragging**. If need be, UGC Regulations/detailed Instructions on Ragging received from various Regulating Councils can be seen by the students and/or their parents in the office of the respective Institution or Academic Section of the University. Each student admitted during the session **2016-17** is also required to **follow the ACADEMIC CALENDAR** which will be supplied by the **Institution** at the time of commencement of the Classes for the session.