

What Constitutes Ragging?

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

- Any conduct by any student 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 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 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 students.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Definitions

- In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires:
 - “Act” means, the University Grants Commission Act,1956(3 of 1956).
 - “Academic year” means the period from the commencement of admission of students in any course of study in the institution up to the completion of academic requirements for that particular year.
 - “Anti ragging help line” means the help line established under clause (a) of regulation 8.1 of these regulations.
 - “Commission” means the University Grant Commission.
 - “Council” means a body so constituted by an act of Parliament or an act of any State Legislature for setting, or coordinating or mailing standards in the relevant areas of higher education, such as the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the Bar Council of India(BCI), the Dental Council of India(DCI),the Distance Education Council(DEC), the Medical Council of India (MCI), the

National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI), etc. and the State Higher Education Councils.

- “District Level Anti-ragging Committee” means the committee headed by District Magistrate, constituted by the State government, for the control & Elimination of Ragging in Institution within the jurisdiction of the district.
- “Head of the Institution” means the vice chancellor in case of a university or a deemed to be university, the principal or the director or such other designation as the executive head of the Institution or the college is referred.
- “Fresher” means a student who has been admitted to an Institution and who is undergoing his /her first year of study in such Institution.
- “Institution” means a higher educational institution including, but not limited to an university, a deemed to be university, a college, an institute, an institution of national importance set up by an Act of Parliament or a constituent unit of such institution, imparting higher education beyond 12 years of schooling leading to, but not necessarily culminating in, a degree (graduate, postgraduate and/or higher level) and/or to a university diploma.
- “NAAC” means the National Academic and Accreditation Council established by the Commission under section 12(ccc) of the Act.
- “State Level Monitoring Cell” means the body constituted by the State Government for the control and elimination of ragging in institutions within the jurisdiction of the State, established under a State Law or on the advice of the Central Government, as the case may be.
- Words and expressions used and not defined herein but defined in the Act or in the General Clauses Act, 1897, shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act or in the General Clauses Act, 1897, as the case may be.