

अखिल भारतीय चिकित्सा विज्ञान संस्थान (एम्स) All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Guwahati

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय,भारत सरकार के तत्वावधान में एक वैधानिक निकाय (A statutory body under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI)

ANTI RAGGING DOCUMENT

AIIMS GUWAHATI

As per direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Government has banned ragging completely in any form inside and outside of the campus and the Institute authorities are determined not to allow any form of the ragging. Therefore, at the time of admission, every student shall be required to sign a declaration that on admission he/she submits himself/herself to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Executive Director and several authorities of the AIIMS who may be vested with the authority to exercise discipline under the Acts, the Statutes, the Rules and the rules that have been framed there under by competent authorities of AIIMS Guwahati keeping in the mind the UGC and NMC Guidelines.

What is Ragging?

As per the "UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009"; Ragging refers to "any conduct whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of harassing, teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any other student, indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or a junior student or asking the students to do any act or perform something which such student will not in the ordinary course and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of a fresher or a junior student.

Actions that may constitute ragging.—

The following actions shall be included but not limited to those that may constitute ragging, namely:—

- (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 any other 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 any other student;
- (c) asking any student to do any act which such the 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;
- (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 any other 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 any other student by students;

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- (g) any act of physical abuse including all variants of it, such as, 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, snail-mails, blogs, 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 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;
- (j) any act that undermines human dignity and respect through humiliation or otherwise;
- (k) 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

Ragging in all its forms is totally banned in the entire AIIMS Guwahati complex including its departments, constituent units, all its premises (academic, residential, sports, canteen, etc.) whether located within the campus or outside and in all means of transportation of students whether public or private. The Medical College/Institution / University shall take strict action against those found guilty of ragging and/or of abetting ragging.

Freshers should desist from doing anything against their will even if ordered by the seniors, and that they have nothing to fear as the institution cares for them and shall not tolerate any atrocities against them.

Reporting of Ragging

An Anti-Ragging Committee has been formed to take action against any form of ragging reported.

Any form or act of ragging should be reported immediately to any of the Faculty whose names have been mentioned in the Anti-Ragging Control Room or helpline list or to any member of the Anti-Ragging Committee who can be reached at the earliest, the matter will then be taken up immediately by the Anti-Ragging Committee and necessary actions will be undertaken.

Anti-Ragging Squad: As ragging takes place mostly in the hostels, hostel messes, and college canteens, especially after the classes are over in the college, a round the clock vigil against ragging in the hostel premises shall be provided by Anti Ragging Squad. A roster for duty will be prepared which will constitute of faculty members, warden and security person on duty.

The Members of the Anti-Ragging Squad will be on duty for 24 hrs. starting from 8 am on the day specified in the roster.

Members will be requested to make surprise checks and rounds in the hostel and campus.

Members will be requested to keep an eye so that no case of ragging occurs in the campus.

Security Person and Warden will provide assistance to faculty members on duty as per the roster.

Also, the employers/employees of the canteens/mess and the security personnel posted in hostels shall be given necessary instructions to keep strict vigil and to report the incidents of ragging to the college authorities if any.

Fresher's who do not report the incidents of ragging, either as victims or as witnesses, shall be punished suitably.

Administrative action and Punishment for Ragging

The Anti-Ragging Committee, on accepting the report of the institutional inquiry or investigation by the appropriate committee, shall recommend one or more of the actions provided depending on the nature, gravity and seriousness of the guilt with the understanding that the action shall be exemplary and justifiably harsh to act as a deterrent against recurrence of such incidents:

Where the individual person committing or abetting an act of ragging is not identified on the basis of the findings of the institutional inquiry or investigations, and the subsequent recommendations thereof, the medical college or institution thereof shall resort to collective punishment of more than one or a group of persons, as deemed fit, as a deterrent to ensure community pressure on the potential raggers.

The broad ingredients that may call for punitive actions on receipt and approval of the recommendations include but is not limited to—

- (i) abetment to ragging;
- (ii) criminal conspiracy to ragging; an educat another memoran extension and modern based of bottoder
- (iii) unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging;
- (iv) public nuisance created during ragging;
- (v) violation of decency and morals through ragging;
- (vi) physical or psychological humiliation;
- (vii) causing injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt;
- (viii) wrongful restraint;
- (ix) wrongful confinement;
- (x) use of criminal force;
- (xi) assault as well as sexual offences or even unnatural offences;
- (xii) extortion in any form;
- (xiii) criminal intimidation;
- (xiv) criminal trespass;
- (xv) offences against property;
- (xvi) any other act construed as provided under regulations3 and 4 of National Medical Commission Notification dated 18th Nov 2021

Depending upon the nature and gravity of the offence as established by the Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution, the possible punishments for those found guilty of ragging at the institution level shall be any one or any combination of the following:

- Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
- Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/ fellowship and other benefits



- Debarring from appearing in any test/ examination or other evaluation Process.
- Withholding results
- Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
- Suspension/ expulsion from the hostel
- Cancellation of admission.
- Rustication from the institution for period ranging from 1 to 4 semesters and language and 10 semiparations.
- Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specific period.
- Fine of Rs. 25,000/- to Rs. 1 lakh.

Round-the-clock mobile anti-ragging squad: The squad shall maintain vigil and patrol the campus. The squad shall make surprise checks at places of potential ragging, make preliminary investigations of reported/observed ragging, and report/make recommendations to the anti-ragging committee. The Director shall take immediate action on the recommendations of the anti-ragging squad.

Complaint box: A student complaint box will be placed in Office area where complaints can be dropped anonymously or with identity revealed. The complaints will be taken up by the committee members.



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