

THE GLOCAL UNIVERSITY (CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING) RULES, 2014

In the light of directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in "*University of Kerala v. Council, Principals, Colleges and others*"¹ and 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 indisciplined 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, and thereby, to provide for the healthy development, physically and psychologically, of all students, the Glocal University makes following Rules.

In exercise of the powers vested in it under Section 7 (s) of the Glocal University Act, 2011 (U.P. Act 2 of 2012), and without prejudice to the generality of powers vested in the University by the said Act, the University makes the following rules for curbing the menace of ragging inside or outside of Campus as a whole:

I. GENERAL

1. Short Title, Application and Commencement:

1.1 The following rules shall be known as the Glocal University (Curbing the Menace of Ragging) Rules, 2014.

1.2 They shall apply to the Glocal University campus in its entirety.

1.3 They shall come into force on 1st July, 2014.

1.4 These Rules can be amended, augmented, clarified, interpreted, added to, deleted from, and changed by the University Administration. Any such change shall be intimated to the residents electronically and also by display on the official notice board.

2. Interpretations:

¹ SLP no. 24295 of 2006 dated 16.05.2007 and that dated 8.05.2009 in Civil Appeal number 887 of 2009.

- (a) “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.
- (b) “Act” means the Glocal University Uttar Pradesh Act, 2011 (U.P. Act 2 of 2012);
- (c) “Anti-Ragging Helpline” means the Helpline established under Rule 8.1 of these Rules;
- (d) “Authority” and “Appropriate Authority” means and includes, unless the context otherwise requires, the Chief Warden, the Hostel Superintendent, and the Deputy Superintendent;
- (e) “Campus” including any and all buildings and lands in the possession of the Glocal University and in which activity relating to any aspect of the University’s functioning is being undertaken;
- (f) “Commission” means the University Grants Commission;
- (g) “District Level Anti-Ragging Committee” means the Committee, headed by the District Magistrate, constituted by the State Government, for the control and elimination of ragging in institutions within the jurisdiction of the district.
- (h) “Fresher” means a student who has been admitted to an institution and who is undergoing his/her first year of study in such institution;
- (i) “Head of the institution” means the Vice-Chancellor;
- (j) “Hostel” and “Hostel Premises” mean and includes any hostel or hall of residence maintained by the University, and shall, unless the context requires otherwise, extend to any arrangements made through tie-ups with private bodies for the residence of students;
- (k) “Regulations” means the University Grants Commission Regulations on Curbing Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009.
- (l) “Resident” means any student who has been lawfully admitted to any Glocal University hostel;
- (m) “Rule” means any Rule or any sub-division thereof contained in the Glocal University Saharanpur (Curbing the Menace of Ragging) Rules, 2014;
- (n) “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;
- (o) “Student” means and includes a student enrolled in any full-time or part-time course offered by the University;

- (p) “University” mean the Glocal University, Saharanpur Uttar Pradesh;
- (q) Unless the context otherwise requires, the other words and phrases used therein shall be construed in the light of their ordinary meaning keeping in mind the object of UGC Regulations on Curbing Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009.

II. RAGGING: DEFINITION AND PUNISHMENT

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 any other student;
- (b) 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;
- (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 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;
- (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 any other student ;
- (i) Any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of a fresher or any;
- (j) 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.

3. Ragging Strictly Prohibited:

3.1 “Ragging in any form inside or outside the University Campus and hostel premises is strictly prohibited.

3.2 No person including students / staff / faculty shall participate or abet or propagate ragging in any form.

4. Punishment for Ragging:

4.1 Ragging is a cognizable offence meaning thereby the students involved in it may be arrested by the police without warrant.

4.2 The punishments for ragging shall be exemplary and justifiably harsh to act as a deterrent. It may include:-

- (a) Cancellation of admission, suspension, rustication or expulsion from the University / Hostel.
- (b) FIR with the police and arrest;
- (c) More severe punishment where justified such as fine / imprisonment etc.; and
- (d) Collective punishment may be imposed where involved persons are not identified.

III. ANTI-RAGGING MEASURES

5. Measures for Curbing Ragging

5.1 Every student shall submit, at the time of admission and at the time of re-registration for 2nd/3rd/ 4th year two Affidavits on Rs. 10.00 stamp paper each, duly notarized, one signed by the student and the other signed by the parent. Draft of the Affidavits required are given at:-

Annexure I - By the student • Annexure II - By the parent

5.2 A student shall not be admitted or re-registered unless and until the Affidavits mentioned in **Rule 5.1** are submitted.

5.3 Every student, at the time of admission/re-registration will be supplied Anti-Ragging Regulations of the University.

5.4 The University Authorities shall take necessary steps to sensitize students, parents, authorities about the gravity of ragging. This may be done with the help of audio-visuals, electronic and print mediums. Posters, banners and pamphlets highlighting the menace of ragging and its serious consequences shall be pasted on conspicuous places in the University.

5.5 In addition to Regulations, University will also provide instructions on whom to contact in case of incidence or attempt at ragging. This would include contact mobile numbers of Anti-Ragging Committees, Anti-Ragging Squad, Anti-Ragging Helpline, and relevant State, District and police authorities. The contact details are as follows:

S. No.	Concerned Authorities	Contact No.
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1.	Anti-Ragging Committee	
2.	Anti-Ragging Squad- I	
3.	Anti-Ragging Squad- II	
4.	Anti-Ragging Helpline	
5.	Proctor	
6.	District Level Anti-Ragging Committee	
7.	State Level Monitoring Cell	
8.	Police Station	

6. Anti-Ragging Committee: Constitution and Function

6.1 The University shall constitute an “Anti-Ragging Committee” in the Chairmanship of the Dean Student Welfare at the beginning of every academic year.

6.2 It shall comprise of faculty members, students from the fresher’s category as well as seniors and selected non-teaching staff as nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

6.3 This Committee shall be fully responsible to ensure that no incidence of ragging as defined in **Rule 3** of these regulations takes place and will also monitor and ensure that the instructions of these regulations are followed fully at all points of time.

6.4 The Committee will also maintain alert vigil at all times and ensure that the Anti-Ragging Squads/Anti- Ragging Helpline of the University carry out their functions properly and efficiently.

6.5 The Anti-Ragging Committee will be responsible and function under the overall direction of the Vice Chancellor.

7. Anti-Ragging Squads: Constitution and Function

7.1 The University keeping in mind number of students, hostels and hostel blocks shall constitute a number of Anti-Ragging Squads as it deem sufficient to implement Anti-Ragging Measures effectively.

7.2 Anti-Ragging Squads shall comprise of senior faculty members and responsible representatives of senior and fresher students. The Anti-Ragging Squads for the Academic Year 2014-15 are as follows:

Anti-Ragging Squad (Girls)	Contact No.	Anti-Ragging Squad (Boys)	Contact No.
Invisible Member			Invisible Member

7.3 The function of Anti-Ragging Squad will include taking around, patrolling the University and the common areas in the academic/administrative/hostel/mess of the University, maintain vigil at all times on all days by rotation as decided by Dean/HOS and take action if they notice any incidence of ragging either in their School/Department or any other Institution / or in the Campus.

7.4 The Squads will also have the responsibility wherever required to investigate incidences of ragging and to report to the Anti-Ragging Committee / Anti-Ragging Help Line for immediate action.

7.5 On the report of Anti-ragging Squad or any other person who is the witness of the incidence of ragging or on the complaint of any fresher student, immediate action will be taken by the Anti-Ragging Committee to decide appropriate punishment from the list of punishments prescribed under the Rules and award it with intimation to the University Authorities.

8. Anti-Ragging Helpline:

8.1 Anti-Ragging Helpline will be established in University under the direction of Anti-Ragging Committee. The Helpline will function 24 hours.

8.2 Anti-Ragging Helpline will be equipped with land line and mobile telephone numbers which shall be made known to all concerned i.e. students, teachers, parents, Anti-Ragging Committee, Anti-Ragging Squad etc.

8.2 The University Anti-Ragging Helpline No. is:

IV. PROCEDURES

9. Action Procedure:

9.1 After getting information about any incidence of ragging, abetment of ragging or any act even remotely related to ragging, the Anti-Ragging Squads shall immediately report to the Anti-Ragging Committee.

9.2 The Anti-Ragging Committee shall take immediate action as per the situation which may include:

(a) Immediate suspension of involved students, (b) Sending reinforcements or (c) any medical help if required.

9.2 The Anti-Ragging Committee will recommend appropriate punishment which will be awarded after the approval of the Vice Chancellor.

9.3 In the course of the hearing, the Anti-Ragging Committee shall give fair opportunity to all concerned parties to present their case.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

10.1 The University shall ensure separate hostel blocks for all fresher students, where senior students will not be permitted to enter. Similarly fresher students are not permitted to visit hostels of senior students.

10.2 The fresher's hostel will be provided sufficient security staff at the entry point round the clock, that will ensure the entry of students in the hostel. The Security Staff on the duty will be detailed by Director/In charge Security. The security staff shall also be given all the details of Anti-Ragging Committee, Anti-Ragging Squads and Anti-Ragging Helpline.

10.3 All fresher students will report back in their respective hostel rooms latest by 09:00 PM while senior hostel students will be in their respective hostels latest by 10:00 PM.

10.4 Mandatory Attendance will be taken by concerned wardens or hostel superintendents at 9 pm and 10 pm respectively.

10.5 All Day Scholars are required to leave the Campus latest by 09:00 PM. Entry and presence of Day Scholars in the Campus will not be permitted beyond 09:00 PM and on holidays unless specifically allowed under the authority of the respective Dean/HOSs.

Annexure I – Affidavit by Student

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