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INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC) Anti-Ragging Policy

Preface

The Institute is aware of the fact that prevention and prohibition of ragging in institutions imparting higher education in the country is a great concern to all the authorities, including law enforcing agencies. Various apex bodies of higher education in the country have framed regulations in order to root out ragging in all its forms by prohibiting it and by enacting the law too. In this context, the Report submitted by the Raghavan Committee constituted by the Honorable Supreme Court of India in SLP No. 24295/2006 is relevant. Honorable Supreme Court of India accepted the various recommendations made by the Raghavan Committee and made it mandatory for the concerned to implement the same.

College campus is a place to find valuable friendship and to cherish unforgettable moments. If education, and particularly Higher Education, is to serve as the lever to the great surge forward of the Indian nation, the scourge of ragging which corrodes the vit also four campuses needs to be curbed. Ragging therefore adversely impacts the standards of higher education. Being cognizant of the magnitude of this menace, the Institute stands by its unwavering aim to make the campus ragging free. Ragging is considered as a sadistic thrill, and it is a violation of Human Rights. So, do not be a victim or even a witness — just standing against ragging.

Our Institution continues to pride itself on being a second home for our students. We are utmost committed to fostering a safe learning environment for each student to help them realize their highest potential; thus, leading them towards a righteous life

Preamble:

'Ragging' a social menace, as such has no place in academic environment of the Institute and concerted efforts are required to be in place to prevent its occurrence at any point of time. Hence, there is a need for a balanced 'Anti-Ragging Policy' to be adopted by the Institution. Moreover, Ragging has ruined countless innocent lives and careers. The Anti-Ragging Policy thus adopted by the Institute takes care of preventive, procedural and punitive aspects of ragging based on the


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guidelines provided by the Honorable Supreme Court of India, recommendations of the Raghavan Committee, instructions/guidelines issued by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India.

Aim:

To root out ragging in all its forms from the Institution by instituting anti-ragging measures and providing strict punishments to be meted out to persons violating the Anti-Ragging Regulations of the Institute.

Anti-Ragging Policy:

In pursuant to the judgment of the Honorable Supreme Court of India dated 08-05-2009 in Civil Appeal No. 887/2009, in consideration of the determination of the Central Government, the UGC framed "UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009" which have been notified on July 04, 2009 in the Gazette of India.

Furthermore, in pursuant to the directives of the Honorable Supreme Court of India and in accordance with the University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines notified vide no. F.1-16/2009(CPP-II) dated 21-10-2009 on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 (Under Section 26(1) (g) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956), Shree Gokarnanatheshwara College, Mangaluru has undertaken appropriate measures to oversee the strict and meticulous simple mentation of such directives from time-to-time. The Institute has a zero tolerance towards any act of ragging. Hence, ragging in any form is strictly prohibited inside and outside the campus.

According to the Honorable Supreme Court of India, Ragging constitute soone or more of any of the following acts which may cause or is likely to cause physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or a junior student:

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 indiscipline 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.


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Any act of physical abuse including all variants fit such as sexual abuse, homo sexual 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 intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or any other student.

As per the 3rd amendment in UGC Regulations on August 29, 2016 to expand the definition of Ragging includes "Any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (fresher or otherwise) on the ground of color, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional or origins, linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background".

Measures to prevent Ragging:

Educate the students enrolled in various programmes at the beginning of each academic year about the Anti-Ragging Policy and zero tolerance for ragging at the institute.

Acquaint the students about Anti-Ragging during induction and orientation programmes for fresher and senior students.

Conduct of Awareness programmes on Anti-Ragging.

Display of Anti-Ragging regulations in the prominent places in the campus and on the Institute's website.

Mandatory submission of an undertaking in every academic year by each student and their parent/guardian to the effect that they are aware of the prohibition of ragging and the punishment prescribed both under penal laws as well as under the regulations governing the same.

Constitution of Anti-Ragging Committee to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Regulations as well as the provisions of any law for the time being in force concerning ragging.

Constitution of Anti-Ragging Squad duly appointed by the principal to keep close vigilance on the prevention of ragging in the institution.

Anti-Ragging Squad shall be called upon to make surprise raids to the places vulnerable to incidents of and having the potential of, ragging and shall be empowered to inspect any such places.

The Anti-Ragging Squad is empowered to conduct an on-the-spot enquiry into any incident of ragging referred to it by the Head of the Institution or any concerned complaint and the enquiry report along with the recommendations shall be submitted to the Anti-Ragging Committee for appropriate action.


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The Anti-Ragging Committee shall examine all the complaints of anti-ragging and come out with recommendation based on the nature of the incident.

Students in distress due to ragging related incidents can call the National Anti-Ragging Helpline 1800-180-5522(24X7TollFree) or e-mail the Anti-Ragging Helpline helpline@antiragging.in.

Punishments:

Depending upon the nature and gravity of the offence as established, the possible punishments as per UGC Section 9 for those found guilty of ragging at the institution level, shall be any one or any combination of the following:

File a FIR complaint with the local Police Authority (as per the directives of Supreme Court of India)

Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges

With holding/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.

Entering remarks of the ragging incident on the Transfer Certificate/Conduct Certificate of the students, which may adversely affect their career

Cancellation of Admission

Rustication from the institution for a period, ranging from one to four semesters Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution

Fine ranging between to 25,000/-and 11,00,000/-with a public apology

Rigorous imprisonment

The institute will summarily punish or reprimand the guilty student, either by itself or by following procedures, administrative or otherwise, by constituting a Special Enquiry Committee and put for the its findings or recommendations before the competent authority to take a decision.

Students are encouraged to report any ragging act witnessed or experienced by them to the Anti-Ragging Committee or Squad / Grievance Redressal Committee/any faculty member/any staff member with whom the student may feel comfortable. The institute will ensure confidentiality of such a disclosure by the student.


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