



ROYAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY
— GUWAHATI —

“ANTI-RAGGING BOOKLET-2017-18” (TO ALL STUDENTS FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE)

1. What is Ragging? Ragging is defined by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP 24295/2006 dated 16.5.2007 and Civil Appeal No. 887 of 2009 dated 8.5.2009 as “ Any disorderly conduct whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any student, indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities which causes or likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear of apprehension thereof, in a fresher or a junior student, or asking the students to do any act or perform something which such students will not do in the ordinary course and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of a fresher or a junior student”.

GAUHATI UNIVERSITY also defines ragging in the same line as above.

The Assam Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1999, defines Ragging as “ Either display of noisy or disorderly conduct or doing of any act which causes or likely to cause social, physical or psychological harm or raise apprehension or fear or shame or embarrassment to any student in any educational institution and includes teasing, abusing of, playing practical jokes on or causing hurt to such students, or asking the student to do any act or perform something which such student will not, in the ordinary course, willingly do.

Ragging as defined by UGC under Clause 3 of the Regulations, in addition to above, includes any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs academic activity of other student, exploiting the services of other students for completing their academic tasks, any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on any other student(s), act of physical abuse of all variants like sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts causing physical harm or danger, any abuse by spoken words, e-mails, post, public insults which includes deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to any other student(s).

The UGC vide D.O. letter No.F.1-15/2009 (ARC) pt.-III dated August, 8, 2016 has expanded the definition of Ragging in the following manner:

“ 3 (j) 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 origins, linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background”

Ragging as defined by AICTE:

AICTE defines ragging as “Any conduct of a student or students by spoken or written words or by an act which has effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness, indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities which cause or likely to cause annoyance, hardship physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension in any student, asking any student to do any act which a student will not do in ordinary course and has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or torment or embarrassment adversely effecting physique or psyche of fresher or any other student, any act by a senior students preventing, disrupting or disturbing academic activity of any other student, exploiting services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to a student or a group of students, any act of financial extortion or forceful burden of expenditure, physical abuse of all variants like sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene & lewd acts, gestures, bodily harm or danger to health on fresher or any student, any act or abuse by spoken words, e-mails, posts, public insults to derive perverted pleasure, vicarious/sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in discomfiture to fresher or other student, any act affecting mental health and self-confidence of any student to derive sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any other student”

2.RGU’s stand on Ragging: Ragging is not only a dreaded social evil predominating mainly in the Higher Educational institutions, but also a cognizable offence under the law. Every wise and conscious citizen will come forward to fight against ragging.

3.Measures to prevent Ragging: RGU, being a premier institution of higher education in the N.E Region, is not lagging behind to join the mission to eradicate this dreaded social evil from the society and pledges to make RGI a “Zero Ragging Campus”, which will, no doubt, be an important milestone towards perfect learning and acquiring practical knowledge and guarantee equal opportunities to all and highest regard for human rights.

In strict compliance to the directions of the Supreme Court, Assam Government, AICTE, UGC, and with a view to curb the menace of ragging effectively, RGU has taken the following measures:

- a) Constitution of (i) Anti-Ragging Committee and (ii) Anti-Ragging Squad for 2017-18.
- b) Constitution of Anti-Ragging Cell in each School consisting of the Dean/Principal (Ex-officio Chairman), Associate Professor -1, Asstt. Professor-3 (nominated by the Principal) and 4 representatives from students (two from seniors and two from juniors) for taking appropriate Anti-Ragging measures within the school.

Anti-Ragging Committee and Anti-Ragging Squad: will be uploaded in RGU website in due course.

4.Punishments for indulging and abetting Ragging (Ref: Clause 9.1 of UGC Regulations as well as AICTE guidelines)

Ragging in any form is a cognizable offence under the law.

Exemplary and justifiably harsh punishment to be given to those found guilty of Ragging and indulgence to ragging. Punishment at the institution level include:-

- (i) Cancellation of admission
- (ii) Suspension from attending classes
- (iii) Withholding/withdrawing Scholarship/Fellowship and other benefits
- (iv) Disqualification from appearing in any examination/evaluation process

- (v) Withholding examination result
- (vi) Disqualification from representing in any meet, event, tournament, festival etc.
- (vii) Suspension/expulsion from hostel
- (viii) Rustication from the institution to a maximum 4 semesters.
- (ix) Expulsion from the institution and consequent disqualification from admission in other institutions
- (x) Collective punishment when the person(s) committing/abetting the crime is/are not identified.
- (xi) Fine of Rs.25000.00.

The Anti-Ragging Committee shall take appropriate decision with regard to punishment or otherwise, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging, nature and gravity of the incident. (The ARC may also constitute an enquiry in such case, if feels necessary.)

5.Filing FIR: (Ref: Clause 7 of UGC Regulations) For every single incident of ragging, a First Information Report must be filed without exception by institutional authorities with the local police authorities within twentyfour hours of receipt of information with intimation to concerned District Level and University Level Anti-Ragging authority, under appropriate penal provisions relating to one or more of the offences falling under the definitions of Ragging.

6.Appeal against punishment: An appeal against punishment order by the ARC shall lie:-

- (i) To the Vice-chancellor, in case of an order of punishment by the Dean/Principal of concerned School.
- (ii) To the Chancellor, in case of an order for punishment by the University.

7.Submission of undertaking:

- a) It is mandatory for each fresher and parents as well as hostel boarders to submit, at the time of admission, a written undertaking (Format for student attached (at Annexure I) and for parents (at Annexure II)
- b) Hostel Boarders are to submit affidavit/written undertaking in the Format at (Annexure-III)

8.Helpline Contact Numbers:

i) In case of any Ragging like incident happens in and outside the RGU Campus, student may contact for help using the following Phone numbers for necessary help.

* Mr. N C Gogoi, Manager(Security & Vigilance) - 8 8 1 1 0 0 3 1 2 8 Mail ID: numal.gogoi@rgi.edu.in

*Mr. Manoj Kr. Sharma, Manager (Admin.) - 8 8 1 1 0 0 3 1 1 1 Mail ID-manoj.sarma@rgi.edu.in

*Ms. Indrakshi B, PRO & Manager, Front Office- 9 7 0 7 6 8 3 0 1 3 Mail ID-indrakshi.b@rgi.edu.in

*RGI Security Gate - 8 8 1 1 0 5 5 5 3 1/8 8 1 1 0 5 5 5 3 2

ii) It is the duty of any student/faculty/staff to report forthwith to the higher authorities using the above mail ID/ phone numbers, if any incident of ragging comes to their notice. Playing a silent spectator's role in such incidents, amounts to indulging in such activities which is also punishable crime under the law.

9.Duties of students and Guardians:

- a) Duties of fresher's & their guardians:
 - i) To maintain a cordial relationship with members of the Royal family particularly with the students exhibiting perfect manners and decent behaviors
 - ii) To show due respect to faculty members, officers and other staff of RGU and outsiders visiting the RGU.
 - iii) Students enjoy all rights and privileges like other citizens of India. As such, they should not bow down their heads to any force trying to deprive them of their rights and privileges, but to stand boldly. In case, a student or a group of students forces them to obey orders/directions, which they consider to be embarrassing, undignified, they should forthwith report it to the concerned authority using the helpline phone numbers/mail ID.
 - iv) RGU authority is always ready to redress the grievances of any student traumatized because of ragging and ragging like activities and hope all sort of co-operation from parents/ guardians.

10. Duties of Senior Students:

Senior students will always welcome a fresher in a befitting manner creating a homely environment in the RGU campus, where only love and affection, peace and tranquility, a culture to help others and a healthy academic environment congenial for useful studies, proper growth and all-round development of a student prevails, so that all students (seniors and juniors) feel RGU campus a free and secured one for peaceful learning without any disturbances whatsoever.

Conclusion:

The aim of publishing Anti-Ragging Bulletin by RGU is to acquaint the members of RGU family, particularly the students, with various provisions of law on prevention and prohibition of ragging in educational institutions, including punishments to be faced by the offenders and steps taken by RGU to eradicate one of the most dreaded social evils from the RGU as well as the society. It is sincerely hoped that the Booklet will definitely help to create a platform, free from any disturbance, for peaceful learning and teaching and exposure of the hidden talents of the students.

LET US FIGHT COLLECTIVELY FOR A PEACEFUL AND ZERO RAGGING RGU CAMPUS

AFFIDAVIT BY THE STUDENT

(ANNEX-I)

(To be submitted on Non-judicial stamp paper of value Rs.10/-)

1. I,..... son/daughter of..... having been admitted to the course ofin the School ofunder ROYAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY (session.....), have received/downloaded a copy RGU Anti-Ragging Booklet, 2017-18 incorporating the definition of ragging and various provisions of UGC /AICTE Regulations on curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, (hereinafter called the "Regulations") and read carefully, and fully understood the provisions contained in the said Regulations.

2. I have in particular, perused clause 3 of the Regulations, and am aware as to what constitutes ragging.

3. I have also in particular, perused clause 7 and clause 9. 1 of the Regulations and am aware of the penal and administrative action that is liable to be taken against me , in case I am found guilty of or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.

4. I do hereby solemnly aver and undertake that:-

a) I will not indulge in any behavior or act that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.

b) I will not participate in or abet or propagate through any act of commission or omission that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.

5. I hereby solemnly affirm that, if found guilty of ragging , I am liable for punishment according to clause 9.1 of the Regulations, without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be taken against me under any penal law or any law for the time being in force. I hereby declare that I have not been expelled or debarred from admission in any institution in the country on account of being found guilty of , abetting or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging and further affirm that , in case the declaration is found to be untrue, I am aware that my admission is liable to be cancelled.

Declared this.....day of

Signature of Deponent

Name:.....

Address:

P.O & P.S:

Dist.:

Telephone/ Mobile No.:

VERIFICATION

Verified that the contents of this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and no part of the affidavit is false and nothing has been concealed or misstated therein.

Verified at.....on thisday of2017.

Identified by me

Signature of Deponent

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AFFIDAVIT BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

(ANNEX-II)

(To be submitted on Non-judicial stamp paper of value Rs.10/-)

1. I,father/mother/guardian of.....having been admitted my ward for the Course ofin the School of.....under Royal Global University (session.....) and have received/downloaded a copy of RGU Anti-Ragging Booklet, 2017-18 incorporating the definition of Raging and various provisions of UGC/AICTE Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, (hereinafter called the "Regulations") and read carefully and fully understood the provisions contained in the said Regulations.

1. I have, in particular, perused clause 3 of the Regulations and am aware as to what constitutes ragging.

2. have also, in particular, perused clause 7 and clause 9.1 of the Regulations and am aware of the penal and administrative action that is liable to be taken against my ward in case he /she is found guilty of or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.

3. I hereby solemnly aver and undertake that:-

4. My ward will not indulge in any behavior or act that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.

5. My ward will not participate in or abet or propagate through any act of commission or omission that may be constituted as ragging under clause 3 of the Regulations.

6. I hereby affirm that, if found guilty of ragging , my ward is liable for punishment according to clause 9.1 of the Regulations, without prejudice to any other criminal action that may be taken against my ward under any penal law or any law for the time being in force.

7. I hereby declare that my ward has not been expelled or debarred from admission in any institution in the country on account of being found guilty of , abetting or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging and further affirm that in case the declaration is found to be untrue, admission of my ward is liable to be cancelled.

Declared this..... day of.....

Signature of Deponent

Name.....

Address:

P.O & P.S:

Dist.:

Telephone/ Mobile No.:

VERIFICATION

Verified that the contents of this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and no part of the affidavit is false and nothing has been concealed or misstated therein.

Verified at.....on thisday of2017.

Identified by me

Signature of Deponent

AFFIDAVIT BY HOSTEL BOARDERS

ANNEX. – III

(To be submitted on Non-judicial stamp paper of value Rs.10/-)

I, Mr./ Ms.....
S/o/D/o..... a resident of (furnish full postal address)
....., having been admitted to
Course.....Semester for session.....in the School of
..... under ROYAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY , Guwahati, do hereby undertake ,on thisday in the month of.....year..... as follows.

1. That, I have read the RGU Anti-Ragging Booklet in RGU website and fully understood what constitutes ragging and have fully digested the meaning of Ragging.
2. That I am fully aware of the fact that ragging is a punishable offence under the law and is banned by the Court of Law. I am also fully acquainted with various punishments prescribed under the law.
3. That I have never been found guilty of ragging in past.
4. I do hereby swear that I will neither take part in any activity that tantamount to ragging nor involve in indulging such activities. I am ready to face any punishment under the law including disciplinary action/ legal proceeding/ expulsion from the Institution in the event of my involvement in any ragging , abetting of ragging or concealing information on ragging, directly or indirectly.
5. I do also swear that I shall leave no stone unturned to make this Institution a completely Ragging free one and will fully co-operate with the Management of the Institution in its noble effort to remove the dreaded disease from the Institution as well as the Society.

Date:

Signature of the student

I do hereby fully endorse the above undertaking made by my child/ward

Witness:

Signature of Parents/Guardian