



# कोटा विश्वविद्यालय University of Kota

State University recognized by UGC under sections 2(f) & 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956

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## **ANTI-RAGGING POLICY**

UGC Regulation on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 and as per the Provisions of anti-ragging verdict by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide SLP No(s)24295 of 2006 University of Kerala Vs Council, Principals', Colleges, Kerala and Ors (with SLP(C) No.24296-99/2004 and W.P. (Crl) No.173/2006 and SLP(C) No.14356/2005)

Ragging means any conduct whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness another 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.

### **Punishable Ingredients of Ragging:**

- Extortion
- Wrongful restraint
- Abetment to ragging
- Criminal trespass
- Criminal intimidation
- Criminal conspiracy to ragging
- Public nuisance created during ragging
- Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt
- Use of criminal force
- Offences against property
- Physical or psychological humiliation
- Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging
- Violation of decency and morals through ragging
- Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences
- All other offences following from the definition of "Ragging".
- Attempts to commit any or all of the above-mentioned offences against the victim(s).

### **Measures for Prohibition of Ragging at University Level:**

The University shall strictly observe the provisions of the Act of the Central Government and the State Governments, if any, or if enacted, considering ragging as a cognizable offence under the law on a par with rape and other atrocities against women and ill-treatment of persons belonging to the SC/ST, and prohibiting ragging in all its forms in all institutions.

Ragging in all its forms shall be totally banned in the entire University Campus, including its departments, constituent units, all its premises (academic, residential, sports, canteen, etc.) whether located within the campus or outside residential, sports, canteen, etc.) whether located within the campus or outside and in all means of transportation of students whether public or private.

The University shall take strict action against those found guilty of ragging and/or of abetting ragging.

The application form for admission/enrolment has a printed undertaking in English to be filled up and signed by the candidate to the effect that he/she is aware of the law regarding prohibition of ragging as well as the punishments, and to the effect that he/she has not been expelled and /or debarred from admission by any institution and that he/she, if found guilty of the offence of ragging and/or abetting ragging, is liable to be punished appropriately.

The application form also contains a printed undertaking, in English to be signed by the parents/guardian of the applicant to the effect that he/she is also aware of the law in this regard and agrees to abide by the punishment meted out to his/her ward in case the latter is found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging.

The application for admission shall be accompanied by a document in the form of the School Leaving Certificate/Transfer Certificate/Migration Certificate/Character Certificate which shall include a report on the behavioral pattern of the applicant, so that the University can thereafter keep intense watch upon a student who has a negative entry in this regard. At the commencement of the academic session the Head of the Institution shall convene and address a meeting of various functionaries/agencies, like Hostel Wardens, representatives of students, parents/guardians, faculty, district administration including police, to discuss the measures to be taken to prevent ragging in the University and steps to be taken to identify the offenders and punish them suitably.

To make the community at large and the students in particular aware of the dehumanizing effect of ragging, and the approach of the institution towards those indulging in ragging, big posters (preferably multi-colored with different colours for the provisions of law, punishments, etc.) shall be prominently displayed on all Notice Boards of all Departments, hostels and other buildings as well as at vulnerable places. Some of such posters shall be of permanent nature in certain vulnerable places.

### **Measures for encouraging healthy interaction between fresher and seniors**

The institution shall set up appropriate committees including the course in charge, student advisor, Warden and some senior students to actively monitor, promote and regulate healthy interaction between the freshers and senior students.

Freshers' welcome parties shall be organized in each department by the senior students and the faculty together soon after admissions, preferably within the first two weeks of the beginning of the academic session, for proper introduction to one another and where the talents of the freshers are brought out properly in the presence of the faculty, thus helping them to shed their inferiority complex, if any, and remove their inhibitions. Depending upon the nature and gravity of the offence as established by the Anti-Ragging Committee of the University, the possible punishments for those found guilty of ragging at the University level shall be any one of 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 an regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival etc.
- Suspension/Cancellation of admission
- Rustication from the institution for period ranging from 1 to 4 semesters
- Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period.
- Fine ranging between Rupees 25,000/- and Rupees 1 Lakh
- Collective punishment: When the persons committing or abetting the crime of ragging are not identified, the University shall resort to collective punishment.

**Note:**

Student and his/her parent/guardian is also required to go through the relevant UGC regulation on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions. Student are required to sign an affidavit and submit the same with the application form.