

KERALA POLICE

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**SYNOPSIS OF LAWS RELATES TO ANTI
RAGGING AND ANTI EVE TEASING**

[Translation in English of the Kerala Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1998 published under the authority of the Governor]

THE KERALA PROHIBITION OF RAGGING ACT, 1998*

(Act 10 of 1998)

An Act to Prohibit ragging in educational institutions in the State of Kerala.

Preamble:- WHEREAS it is expedient to prohibit ragging in educational institutions in the State of Kerala.

BE it enacted in the Forty-Ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. *Short title, extent and Commencement*:- (1) This Act may be called the Kerala Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1998.

(2) It extends the whole of the State of Kerala.

(3) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 23rd day of October, 1997.

2. *Definition*:-In this Act, unless the context otherwise required,-

(a) 'head of the educational institution' means the Principal or the Headmaster or the person responsible for the management of that educational institution;

(b) 'Ragging' means doing of any act, by disorderly conduct, to a student of an educational institution, which causes or is likely to cause physical or psychological harm or raising apprehension or fear or shame or embarrassment to that student and includes-

(i) teasing, abusing or paying practical jokes on, or causing hurt to, such student; or

(ii) asking a student to do any act or perform something which such student will not, in the ordinary course willingly, do.

3. *Prohibition of ragging*:- Ragging within or without any educational institution is prohibited.

4. *Penalty for ragging:* - Whoever commits, participates in, abets or propagates ragging within, or without, any educational institution shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years and shall also be liable to a fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees.

5. *Dismissal of student:* - Any student convicted of an offence under section 4 shall be dismissed from the educational institution and such student shall not be admitted in any other educational institution for a period of three years from the date of order of such dismissal.

6. *Suspension of student:* - (1) Whenever any student or , as the case may be, the parents or guardian, or a teacher of an educational institution complains, in writing, of ragging to the head of the educational institution, the head of that educational institution shall, without prejudice to the foregoing provisions, within seven days of the receipt of the complaint, enquire into the matter mentioned in the complaint and if, prima facie, it is found true, suspend the student who is accused of the offence, and shall, immediately, forward the complaint to the police station having jurisdiction over the area in which the educational institution is situated, for further action.

(2) Where, on enquiry by the head of the educational institution, it is proved that there is no substance prima facie in the complaint received under sub-section (1), he shall intimate the fact, in writing, to the complainant.

7. *Deemed abetment:* - If the head of the educational institution fails or neglects to take action in the manner specified in section 6 when a complaint of ragging is made, such person shall be deemed to have abetted the offence of ragging and shall, on conviction, be punished as provided for in section 4.

8. *Power to make rules:* - (1) The Government may, by notification in the Gazette, make rules for carrying out all or any of the purposes of this Act.

(2) Every rule made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before the Legislative Assembly, while it is in session for a total period of fourteen days, which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid, or the session immediately following, the Legislative Assembly makes any modification in the rule or decides that the rule should not be made, the rule shall, thereafter, have effect only in such

modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be, so, however that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

9. *Repeal and saving* : -(1) The Kerala prohibition of Ragging Ordinance, 1998 (2 of 1998) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under this Act.

*Received the assent of the Governor on 23rd day of April 1998 and published in the Kerala Gazette

Extraordinary No. 1007 dated 24th June, 1998.



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DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT SERVICES

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No.DSS/1/RAG/60/2014-15

27/05/2014

From

The Director of Student Services &
Nodal Officer (Anti-ragging), Mahatma Gandhi University

To

The Principals of affiliated and constituent colleges /
The Directors of University Schools

Sir/ Madam,

Sub: Curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions - reg:
Ref: (1) UGC Regulations No: F.1-16/2007(CPP-II) dated 17.06.2009
(2) Letter No.F1-15/2009(ARC)pt-III dated 28.04.2014 from UGC.

I hope you are aware of the **UGC regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions** (Ref.1) and all institutions are required to take necessary steps for its implementation in-toto including the monitoring mechanism which consists of anti-ragging committee and anti-ragging squad.

Please see that, as per the letter ref.(2) above, the University Grants Commission has once again directed the University to ensure strict compliance and monitoring of anti-ragging measures in affiliated Colleges/Institutions.

Therefore, it is brought to your kind notice that ragging is a criminal offence and if any institution fails to take adequate steps to prevent ragging or fails to punish perpetrators of incidents of ragging suitably, UGC shall call for punitive action against erring institutions.

Further, in compliance with **Clause 6** of these regulations, you are requested to convene and address a meeting of hostel wardens, representative of students, parents/guardians, faculty and local police authorities to discuss the measures to be taken to prevent ragging in the institution soon after the commencement of the academic session. Wide publicity may be given to the following facilities for reporting ragging related complaints.

www.antiragging.in

UGC's 24X7 Anti Ragging Toll Free Helpline No: 1800-180-5522

MG University Anti Ragging E-mail: antiragging@mgu.ac.in

Hence it is requested that, strict compliance of the UGC regulations be ensured from the very beginning of the academic year. I hope you would do the needful at your end with immediate effect.

(See the enclosed copy of the letter from UGC, ref.(2) for further details)

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully

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Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation to this office letter No. 1-15/2009 (Anti Ragging) dated 28.06.2013 & 2.08.2013 on the above subject. It is once again brought to your kind notice that ragging is a criminal offence and UGC has framed Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions in order to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging. These Regulations are mandatory and all institutions are required to take necessary steps for its implementation in toto including the monitoring mechanisms as per provisions in the above Regulations and ensure its strict compliance.

Any violation of UGC regulations as cited above or if any institution fails to take adequate steps to prevent ragging or does not act in accordance with these Regulations, if fails to punish perpetrators of incidents of ragging suitably, UGC shall call for punitive action against institutions.

All institutions are requested to step up anti-ragging mechanism by way of adequate publicity through various mediums, action-packed anti-ragging committee and anti ragging squad, quick-response system, CCTV cameras at vital points, alarm bells, regular interaction and counseling, identification of trouble-triggers, prominence to anti-ragging in the institution's prospectus and information booklets/brochures surprise inspection of hostels, students accommodation. Canteens, rest cum recreational rooms, toilets, bus-stands and any other measure which would augur well in preventing/quelling ragging and any uncalled for behavior/incident. The students and the parent/guardian community may also be made aware of the anti-ragging helpline, anti-ragging website, anti-ragging monitoring agency and all Universities/Colleges/Institutions should take necessary steps for its implementation under intimation to the UGC.

The student/parent ought to know whom to call and approach with alternative contact nos. when in difficulty. All the regulatory bodies and the educational institutions, including the universities funded by the UGC and the private universities, must ensure to UGC that they have a tight anti-ragging system. Students in distress owing to ragging related incidents can access the National Anti-Ragging Helpline 1800-180-5522 (Toll Free) for contact M/s Syrex Infoservices India Pvt. Ltd., J-1, Udyog Nagar, Near DD Motors, Rohtak Road, Peera Garhi, New Delhi-110041. Website: www.antiragging.in and also contact to the Monitoring Agency for the Anti Ragging Helpline Aman Satya Kachroo Trust 689, Sector-23, Gurgaon, Haryana-122017, Email: infor@amanmovement.org and Mobile No 09871170303, 09818400116 (only in case of emergency).

All Institutions are requested to ensure strict compliance of anti-ragging measures and intimate the same to Monitoring Agency under intimation to UGC.

Yours faithfully

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