



GIRIJANANDA CHOWDHURY UNIVERSITY

Hatkhowapara, Azara, Guwahati - 781017

Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging 2023-2024



(Framed in consonance with the **Information Education Communication (IEC) Guidelines - 2022**, for Councils, Universities & Colleges of the University Grants Commission (UGC), for **Curbing the Menace of Ragging**. This is also in line with 5.06 and 5.27 of the Report of the Raghavan Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India)

CHAPTER 1

1. Preamble

Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU) is committed to uphold the basic human rights of the students in its campuses in Guwahati and in Tezpur. The University ensures that students can pursue their studies and conduct themselves in the campuses in a secured and protected environment.

Every attempted act or act of ragging on any student or groups of students constitute a cognizable offence attracting the strictest of punishments, in accordance with the provisions of this regulation as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the Guidelines of the University Grants Commission (UGC) on Curbing the Menace of Ragging (2022).

The University has appropriate procedures and mechanisms in place to curb the menace of ragging which involves every stakeholder –the students, the parents and guardians and the authorities vested with statutory powers to prevent and punish any act of ragging on the campus.

2. Short Title, Scope and Commencement

a) **The Short Title:** These Rules shall be called, '***The Rules for Curbing the Menace of Ragging at Girijananda Chowdhury University***'.

b) **Scopes:**

- i) These Rules shall apply to the two present campuses of GCU in Guwahati and Tezpur and to any future campuses that may be developed by the University elsewhere.
- ii) The campuses where these Rules shall be applicable shall include all the premises of the campuses-academic, residential, playgrounds, canteens and other eateries, auditorium, library, gymnasium or any other such places of the University premises.
- iii) These Rules shall also apply to locations within and outside the campus having residential places, eateries, etc., availed by the students of the GCU. The Rules shall also be applicable to incident of ragging on students while on transportation whether of the University or of other availed by the students for pursuit of their studies at the University.

c) **Commencement:** The Rules for Curbing the Menace of Ragging at Girijananda Chowdhury University shall come into force with effect from the date of its notification.

3. Definitions

- i) **Act** refers to the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.
- ii) **Academic Year** means the period from the commencement to the completion of the academic requirements of the programme in any course of study for that particular year.
- iii) **Student** refers to a person duly admitted to and on roll, pursuing any programme of study at the University.

Provided that a Student who is in the process of taking admission at GCU, although not yet admitted shall be treated for the purposes of these rules, as a student of the University, where any incident of misconduct takes place against such Student, in the University;

Provided that a person, who is not a student of the University, but is participating in any of the activities in the University, shall be treated as a Student, in the University.

- iv) **Aggrieved Student** refers to the student aggrieved by an act of Ragging as defined in the guidelines.
- v) Ragging refer to one or more act/s that has been defined under Chapter 2 of these Rules.
- vi) **Anti-Ragging Helpline** refers to the 24/7 Anti-Ragging helpline of the University, which the students could access in distress owing to ragging related incidents;

And

The toll-free Anti-Ragging UGC helpline operational round the clock, which can be accessed by students in distress owing to ragging related incidents.

- vii) **Anti-Ragging Squad** refers to the body constituted by the University to maintain vigil, inquire into any incident/s of ragging and submit such reports to the Anti-Ragging Committee for further action/s.
- viii) **Anti-Ragging Committee** refers to the Committee constituted to ensure the compliance of the provisions of the Rules as well as any law for the time being in force concerning Ragging and also to monitor and oversee the performance of the Anti-Ragging Squad in the Prevention of Ragging.
- ix) **Campus** refers to the Main campus at Guwahati and Constituent campus at Tezpur and any future campuses that may be developed by the University elsewhere.
- x) **Department/Schools** include those units of the University which conduct academic programmes allied to the discipline /faculty of the University or which undertakes activities to support research/extension activities /entrepreneurship/innovation/administration of the University and are established with the approval of the Board of Management of the University.

- xi) **Fresher** refers to a student who has been admitted to the Department/School at the the Main campus at Guwahati and Constituent campus at Tezpur and any future campuses that may be developed by the University elsewhere.
- xii) **Head of the Institution** refers to the Vice-Chancellor of the University.
- xiii) **Mentor** refers a student volunteering to be a guide and advisor for Fresher.
- xiv) **Mentoring Cell** refers a cell constituted by the Constituent for the purpose of mentoring freshers.
- xv) **Rules** refer to Anti-Ragging Rules of Girijananda Chowdhury University and other Rules of the University.

Words and expressions not included here shall have the same meaning as appearing in the UGC issued Regulations/manual/handbook/guideline.

CHAPTER 2

1. Punishable Offences

- i. Abetment to ragging
- ii. Criminal conspiracy to rag
- iii. Unlawful assembly and rioting during ragging
- iv. Public nuisance during the act of ragging
- v. Violation of morals and decency during ragging
- vi. Injury to body including hurt or grievous hurt
- vii. Wrongful restraint
- viii. Wrongful confinement
- ix. Use of Criminal force
- x. Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences
- xi. Extortion
- xii. Criminal Trespass
- xiii. Offences against property
- xiv. Criminal Intimidation
- xv. Attempt to commit all or any one of the above offences
- xvi. Physical or Psychological humiliation
- xvii. Any other offences followed from the definition of "Ragging"

2. Dictionary meaning of the word 'Ragging'

As per the [Merriam Webster Dictionary](#), the meaning of the word 'Ragging' is Torment, Tease; or an outburst of [boisterous](#) fun.

What constitute ragging ?

Any one or more of the following act (s) constitute Ragging:

- i) 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.
- ii) 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.
- iii) 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.

- iv) Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher.
- v) Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- vi) Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students.
- vii) 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.
- viii) Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, derogatory, demeaning, abusive social media posts, 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.
- ix) Any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of a 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.
- x) Any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (fresher or otherwise) on the ground of colour, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, religion origins, linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background.

3. Measures for Prohibition and Prevention of Ragging

- i) The University shall not permit or condone any reported incidence of Ragging in any form and shall take all necessary and required measures including but limited to the provisions of these Rules and Regulations to achieve the objectives of eliminating Ragging within the University's Main campus at Guwahati and Constituent campus at Tezpur and any future campuses that may be developed by the University elsewhere.
- ii) The University shall take action in accordance with these Rules and Regulations against those found guilty of Ragging and/or abetting Ragging actively or passively, or being part of conspiracy to promote Ragging.
- iii) Explicitly state in the University prospectus/website that Ragging is totally prohibited on the University's Main campus at Guwahati and Constituent campus at Tezpur. Anyone found guilty of Ragging and/or abetting Ragging actively or passively, or being part of conspiracy to promote Ragging is liable to be punished in accordance with these Rules/Regulations/Act as well as under the provision of any penal law for time being in force.
- iv) Publish the contact numbers of Anti-Ragging helpline, Anti-Ragging Committee, Anti-Ragging Squad and/or any other relevant contact numbers.
- v) Publish the Rules and Regulations in full on the University website.

CHAPTER 3

1. The University shall constitute the following bodies namely,

- i) Anti-Ragging Committee
 - ii) Anti-Ragging Squad
- i. **The Anti-Ragging Committee** shall be instituted by the Vice-Chancellor of the University at the University's Main campus at Guwahati and Constituent campus at Tezpur and any future campuses that may be developed by the University, elsewhere, 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; investigate complaints and also, monitor and oversee the performance of the Anti-Ragging Squad in prevention of ragging in the institution. The Anti-Ragging Committee is responsible for inculcating a culture of Ragging Free Environment on Campus. The Anti-Ragging Committee is involved in designing strategies and action plan for curbing the menace of ragging in the college by adopting an array of activities. The committee is also responsible for conducting awareness programmes from time-to-time on campus.
- ii. **The Anti-Ragging Squad** office bearers work under the supervision and guidance of the Anti-Ragging Committee of the University shall engage in checking places like hostels, buses, canteens, grounds, classrooms and other places of student congregation to keep a vigil and stop the incidences of ragging, if any, and report them if they happen. The squad role is also to educate the students at large by adopting various means about the menace of ragging and related punishments there to.

2. Zero Tolerance Policy

No act of ragging, major or minor, shall go unnoticed. No ragger, male or female, student or non-student, shall go unpunished. The Supreme Court, in its judgement dated 08 May 2009 ordered the implementation of a ragging prevention programme comprising, inter alia, setting up a toll-free anti-ragging helpline/ call centre, a database of institutions/ students, and engaging an independent non-government agency as the monitoring agency. Regulatory provisions and the appropriate law are in force to eliminate ragging in all its forms from the universities, deemed universities and other higher educational institutions in the country by prohibiting, preventing its occurrence and punishing those who indulge in ragging.

3. Punishment Provisions

Any student or group of students found guilty of ragging on campus or off campus shall be liable to one or more of the following punishments:

- i. Debarring from appearing in any sessional test/ university examination or withholding results. Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
- ii. Withdrawing scholarships and other benefits.
- iii. Suspension from the college for a period of one month.

- iv. Cancellation of admission.
- v. Debarring from representing the institution in any national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
- vi. Suspension/expulsion from the hostel.
- vii. Rustication from the institution for periods varying from 1 to 4 semesters or equivalent period.
- viii. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution.
- ix. Fine up to twenty five thousand rupees.
- x. Imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees or with both.
- xi. Collective punishment - When the students committing or abetting the crime of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment as a deterrent to ensure community pressure on the potential raggers.

4. Students and Parents Undertaking through Affidavit

In compliance of the second amendment in UGC Regulations, it is compulsory for each student and every parent to submit an online Anti-Ragging undertaking affidavit every academic year. GCU shall implement the revised procedure for students to file online Anti-Ragging affidavits. The student will receive an e-mail with her/his registration number. The student will forward that e-mail to the Nodal officer of GCU. (Please note that the student will not receive PDF affidavits and she/ he is not required to print & sign it as it used to be in the earlier case).

5. Important Links for Students

Link to fill out the online undertaking affidavit by students and parents

www.antiragging.in/affidavit_registration_disclaimer.html www.c4yindia.org/Home/Undertaking

6. Ragging Complaints Registration at GCU

GCU Ragging Complaints Helpline for students in distress due to ragging-related incidents can contact at antiragging@gcuniversity.ac.in or call at +91 97078 19978 / 70990 34054

7. National Anti-ragging Helpline

The students in distress due to ragging-related incidents can contact National Anti-Ragging Helpline 1800-180-5522 (24x7 Toll Free) or e-mail to helpline@antiragging.in.

Or

They may also contact UGC Monitoring Agency i.e. Centre for Youth (C4Y) at antiragging@c4yindia.org or 011-41619005 or 98180 44577 (only in case of emergency)

8. Ragging Complaints Registration at national anti-ragging agencies

The complaints of ragging are being registered through the following means:

- Via e-mail: helpline@antiragging.in
- National Anti-Ragging Help Line: 1800-180-5522. 24x7 Toll Free Number
- Suo Motto via Social Media platforms, news, reporters, influencers, social workers among others.

9. Links for filling out ragging complaints

The National Anti-Ragging Helpline website - www.antiragging.in

The Monitoring Agency website - www.c4yindia.org

Nodal officers' complete details

The email address and contact number of the Nodal Officer of the Anti-Ragging Committee of Girijananda Chowdhury University shall be on display on the website of the University and campus areas like Admission Centre, Departments, Library, Canteen, Hostel, Common facilities, etc.

As per notification dated 24th December 2022, the **Anti Ragging Committee** of the Girijananda Chowdhury University is hereby constituted with the following members for a period of 3 (three) years from the date of notification. The Committee will deal with issues related to ragging among students.

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| 1. Dr. Sandip Bordoloi, Associate Professor, GIMT | Chairperson |
| 2. Officer in-charge, Azara Police Station | Member |
| 3. President, Azara Gaon Panchayat | Member |
| 4. Dr. Dipankar Saha, Associate Professor, GIPS | Member |
| 5. Mr. Alokjywal Das, Supdt., GIMT Boy's Hostel | Member |
| 6. Dr. Madhumita Mahanta, Assistant Professor, GIMT | Member |
| 7. Dr. Junumoni Das, Personnel Manager (HR & Admin) | Member |
| 8. Dr. Smriti Rekha Chanda Das, Associate Professor, GIPS | Member |
| 9. Dr. Ankita Kashyap, Assistant Professor, GIPS | Member |
| 10. Mrs. Madhuchandra Lahan, Assistant Professor, GIPS | Member |
| 11. Mr. Dhruvajyoti Sarma, B.Tech. 6th Sem. CE Dept. | Student Member |
| 12. Mr. Santanu Das, B.Tech. 6th Sem. ME Dept. | Student Member |
| 13. Mr. Mrinmoy Jyoti Das, MCA 2nd Sem. | Student Member |

The **Anti Ragging Committee** shall:

- i. Investigate complaints and monitor and oversee the performance of the Anti-Ragging Squad in prevention of ragging in the institution.
- ii. Inculcate a culture of Ragging Free Environment on Campus.
- iii. Design strategies and action plan for curbing the menace of ragging in the University by adopting an array of activities.
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1. Dean (Students Affairs)	Chairperson
2. Dr. Smriti Rekha Chanda Das, Associate Professor, GIPS	Member
3. Mr. Alokjwal Das, Supdt., GIMT Boy's Hostel	Member
4. Ms. Rashmi Sikha Devi, B.Tech. 6th Sem. CE Dept.	Student Member
5. Mr. Bitopan Kalita, B.Tech. 6th Sem. ME Dept.	Student Member
6. Mr. Nilkamal Basyak, B.Tech. 6th Sem. CSE Dept.	Student Member
7. Mr. Mitul Moni Baishya, B.Tech. 6th Sem. EE Dept.	Student Member
8. Mr. Swapneel Das, B.Tech. 6th Sem. ECE Dept.	Student Member
9. Ms. Chimi Das, MBA 2nd Sem.	Student Member
10. Mr. Faheem Walee Ahmed, MCA 2nd Sem.	Student Member

The **Anti Ragging Squad** shall:

- i. Work under the supervision and guidance of the Anti-Ragging Committee of the University.
- ii. Engage in checking places like hostels, buses, canteens, grounds, classrooms and other places of student congregation to keep a vigil and stop the incidences of ragging, if any.
- iii. Report incidences of ragging if they happen.
- iv. Educate students at large by adopting various means about the menace of ragging and related punishments there to.