

Anti-Ragging Policy

Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya

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1. Introduction: Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya is committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all its students. Ragging, in any form, is strictly prohibited within the premises of the institution and in all associated activities. The institution adopts a zero-tolerance approach towards ragging and is dedicated to eradicating it through strict measures and awareness programs.

2. Definition of Ragging: The Ragging is defined as any disorderly conduct, whether by words spoken or written or by an act, has the effect of teasing, treating, or handling with rudeness a fresher or a junior student. Indulging in a rowdy or undisciplined activity that causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or junior student. Asking the students to do any act or perform something that such students will not do 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 junior student. This can lead to adverse effects such as depression, anxiety, and sometimes even suicide. This definition is taken from the UGC guidelines

3. Zero-Tolerance Policy: Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya maintains a strict zero-tolerance policy towards ragging. This policy reflects the institution's commitment to fostering a safe educational environment. Any form of ragging is strictly prohibited, and no leniency will be shown to those found guilty of participating in or encouraging ragging. All members of the university community are expected to actively contribute to a ragging-free environment.

4. Reporting Mechanisms: To ensure swift and effective action against ragging, the university has established clear reporting mechanisms. Students are encouraged to report any incidents of ragging to the Anti-Ragging Committee of the university. Reporting can be done through multiple channels, including a WhatsApp message or email to members, or directly contacting faculty members or administrative staff. The institution guarantees confidentiality to protect the identity of the complainant and ensure a thorough investigation.

5. Protection for Victims: The safety and well-being of all students are of utmost importance to Mahatma Gandhi University. Students who report ragging will be provided with immediate support and protection from further harassment or retaliation. The institution has measures in place to ensure that victims of ragging are shielded from any adverse consequences and are provided with the necessary psychological and emotional support.

6. Disciplinary Actions: Students found guilty of ragging will face strict disciplinary actions as per the guidelines set forth by the institution and the UGC. Possible consequences include

suspension, expulsion from the university, legal proceedings, and/or a fine. The severity of the punishment will depend on the nature and gravity of the offense. The institution is committed to taking all necessary actions to ensure that the perpetrators of ragging are held accountable for their actions.

7. Anti-Ragging Committee: The Anti-Ragging Committee is a dedicated body established to prevent ragging within the university premises. The committee comprises faculty members, administrative staff, and student representatives. It is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the anti-ragging policy, handling complaints, conducting awareness programs, and ensuring a ragging-free campus environment. The committee will work closely with law enforcement agencies and other stakeholders to prevent and address incidents of ragging. The anti-ragging committee is formed with the following members: Their names, designations, addresses, and contact information are mentioned in the table:

ANTI RAGGING COMMITTEE

Category	Member Name	Designation	Phone No.
Chairperson	Dr. Sagar Onkarrao Manjare	Vice-Chancellor	7085058735
Police Administration	Inspr. M R Marak/Inspr. N Wahlang/Inspr. P. Baida	C.I Sadar/C.I South/ C.I North	7005247914/ 8974220862/ 8787625489
Non-Government Organization involved in youth activities	Aneeta Dutta	Director	8486993047
Faculty Member	Dr. Y K Reddy	Principal	9059892327
Fresher's student	Smita Bordoloi	Student	9365767695
Parent	Sanjit Kumar Bordoloi	Father	9864817262
Senior Student	Cindrella Dopo Sangma	Student	8787695199
Parent	Krishna Chetry Bahadur	Father	6909237969
Non-teaching Staff	Archana Das	AR (Admission)	7085061781
Non-teaching Staff	Arpita Das	Counsellor	7085058712

The tenure of the committee will be for three years continuously and thereafter, the committee will be renewed every three years. However, the committee may be reconstituted at any time in case of discontinuation/transfer of services or education of any member of the committee. The Vice-Chancellor of the university and in his absence, the registrar will preside over the disciplinary proceeding.

8. ANTI RAGGING SQUAD AT MGU

The Anti-Ragging Squad office bearers work under the supervision and guidance of the Anti-Ragging Committee and 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's role is also to educate the

students by adopting various means about the menace of ragging and related punishments there to. The anti-ragging squad of MGU is formed with the following members.

Category	Member Name	Designation	Phone No.
Faculty Member	Sibani Sarma	Faculty	8135028890
Fresher's student	Naman Bhattacharya	Student	8486082021
Senior Student	Yesmin Farhana Hoque	Student	9954135655
Non-teaching Staff	Preety Passah	AR (Admission)	7085052672
Non-teaching Staff	Deep Das	Exam Cell	8415928556
Non-teaching Staff	Raja Basumatary	Gardener	6909215452

9. Awareness Programs: Regular awareness programs, seminars, and workshops shall be conducted for students, faculty, and staff to educate them about the anti-ragging policy, the consequences of ragging, and the importance of maintaining a respectful and safe environment. Orientation sessions for new students include detailed briefings on the institution's zero-tolerance stance on ragging and the support services available to them besides other anti-ragging activities.

10. Support Services: The Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya offers counseling and support services for students affected by ragging. Professional counselors are available to provide emotional and psychological support to victims, helping them to cope with the impact of ragging. The institution ensures that affected students receive the necessary care and guidance to overcome any distress caused by ragging incidents.

11. Students Helpline Number:

The National Anti-Ragging Helpline: The National Anti-Ragging Help Line 24x7 Toll-Free number is **1800-180-5522**. The support is provided for queries related to ragging, compliant registration, among others.

University Email for filing complaint by mail: registrar@mgu.edu.in

Conclusion: The Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya is dedicated to maintaining a ragging-free campus and fostering a culture of respect and safety for all its students. By implementing stringent anti-ragging measures and promoting awareness, the institution aims to create an environment where every student can pursue their education without fear or intimidation. All students, faculty, and staff are urged to uphold the principles of this policy and contribute to a safe and inclusive university community.