

Periyar University Anti-Ragging Policy

Periyar University takes steps on curbing the menace of ragging in the campus, as per UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions, 2009' to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging in the campuses and the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

According to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India ragging includes "disorderly behavior or treatment with fellow student whether by words, spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating and handling with rudeness any other student, indulging in rowdy or indecent activities, which may cause or is likely to cause physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or a junior student".

The esteemed university uses multiple mechanisms based on UGC directions to ensure a ragging-free campus as per recommendations and various steps have been taken in the campus.

A. Basic Measures:

1. Constitution of anti-ragging committee, anti-ragging squad, setting up of anti-ragging cell and adequate publicity for these measures through various media re to be undertaken.
2. Mention of anti-ragging warning in the institution's prospectus and information booklets/brochures and websites shall be ensured.
3. Up-dating websites of institutions with the complete address and contact details of nodal officers related to anti-ragging committee.
4. As per UGC Regulations and its 2nd amendment 'each student and every parent should submit online undertaking every academic year.
5. As per 3rd amendment of UGC regulations the definition of ragging is
"3.(i) Any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (fresher or otherwise) on the ground or colour, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender) sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional origins, linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background."
6. The University campus facilitate with CCTV cameras' at vital points to curb the menace of ragging.

B. Counseling and Monitoring Measures

1. Regular interaction and counseling with the students can detect early signs of ragging and identification of trouble triggers.

2. The members of University ragging committee shall undertake surprise inspection at hostels, students' accommodation, canteens, rest-cum-recreation rooms, toilets, bus-stands and any other measures would augur well in preventing/quelling ragging and any uncalled for behaviour/incidents

C. Creative Dissemination of idea of ragging-free campus

1. To spread the idea of ragging-free campus multiple events like anti-ragging workshops, seminars and other creative avenues shall be conducted periodically.

Activities against ragging

Periyar University, Salem-636011, Tamil Nadu is a ragging free campus since it established and adopted UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions, 2009' and the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Due to continuous vigil by the anti-ragging cell, anti-ragging committee, monitoring cell and staff and cooperation of the students no single incidence reported related to ragging incidence in the esteemed university.

Students, Parents and Teachers meet are organized in every academic year for senior batch of students to sensitize them. During this meet, as a measure of preventing ragging, the students are required to give an undertaking that they know the regulations, rules and punishment for those who happen to indulge in ragging and that they will not indulge in ragging secondly Parents of students are also required to sign an undertaking that they know about the above rulings and the punishments for those who happen to indulge in ragging and that their wards will not indulge in ragging as per UGC guidelines.

Each and every academic year the students and their parents are sensitized on the ill effects of ragging Awareness meeting is conducted every year by inviting police officials with not lesser than DSP level to brief the students on legal measures.

Awareness meeting organized to every batch of students by the Coordinator of the respective batches. State Level Monitoring Cell meeting on anti-ragging is attended by University Officials and the minutes were circulated to all the staff members for compliance.

Every year, Action Taken Report related to prevention of ragging and implementation of UGC anti-ragging guidelines are sent to the Registrar.

The Dean, members of anti ragging committees, hostel wardens, student counselors were conduct regular meetings and undertake surprise inspection at hostels, students' accommodation, canteens, rest-cum-recreation rooms, toilets, bus-stands and any other measures would augur well in preventing/quelling ragging and any uncalled for behaviour/incidents.

Anti-ragging Banners and posters are placed in vital points of the campuses contact numbers of the authorities and complaint boxes installed in every building.

Anti Ragging Cell

In pursuance of the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 08.05.2009 in Civil Appeal No. 887/2009, the University Grants Commission has framed "UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions, 2009" which have been notified on 4th July, 2009 in the Gazette of India. Periyar University, Salem follows this regulation and subsequent guidelines issued in letter and spirit as below.

Anti-Ragging Committee (ARC) have been formed under the headship of Vice-Chancellor and The Registrar as a convener to monitor and follow up action taken to curb the Anti-Ragging in both university and affiliated colleges campus instantaneously.

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1	The Vice-Chancellor, Periyar University, Salem	Head of the Institution
2.	Mr.S.Vijayakumar, Reporter, Dinamani and District Reporter-AIR & Doordarshan	Local Media
3.	Dr.K.Arthanari, Managing Director, Sri Gokulam Hospital, Salem-4	Civil Society
4.	Mr.SenthilKumar, inspector of Police, Suramangalam Police Station, Suramanagalam, Salem-5	Police Perssonal
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9	Ms.Gayathiri Mohan, Ph.D Research scholar Department of Journalism and Mass Communication Periyar University, Salem-636 011	Female Student
10	Mr.G.Loganathan, II M.A Department of Sociology Periyar University Salem-636 011.	Male Student

11	Mr.A.Saravanan, Assistant Registrar, Periyar University, Salem-1	Non-Teaching Staff
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Anti-Ragging Squad (ARS)

1	Dr.S.Venkateswaran, Professor and Head, Department of Geology, Periyar University, Salem-11
2	Dr.Murugan, Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Periyar University, Salem-11
3.	Dr.P.Prakash, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, Periyar University, Salem-11

Anti-Ragging Monitoring Committee (AMC)

1	Dr.T.Periyasamy, Professor and Head, Department of Tamil, Periyar University, Salem-11
2	Dr.S.Kannan, Professor and Head, Department of Zoology, Periyar University, Salem-11
3.	Dr.V.Sangeetha, Professor and Head, Department of English, Periyar University, Salem-11.

Measures taken to make the campus ragging free

Anti-ragging committee was constituted at university level by the Vice-Chancellor work to curb the ragging menace and safe guarding the fresh students along with depts. Class Co-ordinators hostel wardens and deputy wardens. Meetings were organized for the senior students and they were instructed not to indulge in any kind of ragging activities or involve illegal/anti-social activities.

Flex Banners/sign boards were prepared (stating that the UGC declared punishment for the students if anybody involves in ragging activities) displayed and installed in vital points in the university premises including hostels.

The class in-charges of the departments were instructed and assigned anti-ragging duties during the day in the First year Girls and Boys for a period of two months and were instructed for monitoring the senior students as well as to address the students regarding

Hostel wardens along with supporting staff members (Residential Tutor, Mess Managers, Ward Boys and Ayahs) in the hostels were instructed to monitor the activities of the students in hostel. The contact details of staff viz., Dean, Wardens, Deputy Wardens, Residential Tutors and Year Co-ordinators, were displayed in the hostels to facilitate easy contact.

The latest rule of this University as approved by the Academic Council is as follows: Disciplinary action will be taken against any student found guilty of organizing or participating directly or indirectly in

ragging or any such activities either in the campus or outside the campus which would be against the cannons of good conduct and behavior and would bring discredit to the institution. Those found guilty will be expelled from the hostel and / or the college concerned.

The Anti-ragging squad entertains formal complaints on ragging on or off the campus. The Anti-ragging committee enquires into the matters and submits its report to the Vice-Chancellor of the University for further imposition of punishment as per university provisions, Tamil Nadu Anti-Ragging Act, UGC Anti-Ragging Regulations and the directives of the Supreme Court and the Regulations of UGC.


National Level anti-ragging website details:


As per the Hon'ble. Supreme Court & UGC Regulations students can file their Anti Ragging Undertakings.

<https://www.ugc.ac.in/ragging.html>

www.antiragging.in

www.amanmovement.org.


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