

## **CHRIST (Deemed to be University) to be a Ragging-Free Institution:**

Ragging in all its forms shall be totally banned in this institution including its departments, constituent units, all its premises (academic, residential, sports, kiosks, cafeteria and the like) whether located within the campus or outside and in all means of transportation of students whether public or private. The institution shall take strict action including but not limited to criminal proceedings and/or cancellation of admission against those found guilty of ragging or abetting ragging and the burden of proof shall lie on the perpetrator of alleged ragging and not on the victim. An offence of ragging may be charged either on a written complaint by the affected or on independent findings of the Anti-ragging Squad. The University is bound by the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009.

### For the Purpose of this Regulation

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 any other student, indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities which causes or are 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'.

### Punishment for Ragging

Depending on the nature and gravity of the offence as established by the Anti ragging Committee of the University, those found guilty of ragging shall be liable for any one or more of the following punishment. The decision of the Anti ragging Committee shall be final and binding.

1. Cancellation of admission.
2. Suspension from attending classes.
3. Withholding/withdrawing of scholarship/fee concession and other benefits.
4. Being debarred from sitting in any test/examination or other revaluation process.
5. Withholding results.
6. Being debarred from representing the University in any fest, sports or other such events.
7. Suspension/expulsion from the hostel.
8. Rustication from the University for a period up to four semesters.
9. Expulsion from the University and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution.

10. Fine of Rs.25,000/-

11. In the case of offences of very serious/grievous nature, referring the case to the police, in addition to any other punishment.

12. Collective punishment where the offence is committed collectively by a group or by a class making it difficult or not possible to identify specific persons.

#### Lodging of Complaint by the Affected

Every bonafide student of CHRIST (Deemed to be University) shall have a safe environment of study without any fear of ragging and the University assures prompt action against any such wrong doings. It shall be the duty of every student to report any act in abetment of ragging, however small it may be to assist the authorities to maintain a ragging free campus environment. Wilful non-reporting of awareness of ragging incidents is also punishable. Any student affected by or subjected to ragging must lodge a written complaint in person to the Director of Student-Affairs within three working days of the incident duly citing the date, time and place of the incident, name and details of the student/s involved and the nature/act of ragging. Where the affected student is not able to present the complaint in person for any reason, it may be lodged by the parent. In addition, the student must, as soon as possible after the incident, bring the same to the notice of the Head of the Department who shall get the same recorded in a Register maintained for the purpose. The Director of Student-Affairs shall refer the matter to the Anti-ragging Squad for investigation and appropriate action.

#### Anti-Ragging Student Mentoring Group

Every class shall have an Anti-ragging Student Mentoring Group consisting of 10 students including the class representatives who under the supervision of the class teacher shall have anti ragging mentoring activities at least once in a month. These activities may be in the form of discussions, debates or case studies to enable proper sensitization of the evil. The Mentoring Group must also monitor the activities of their class students against ragging tendencies and report the same to the class teacher.

#### Administrative Authorities

##### i. Anti-ragging Committee

a. The Anti-ragging Committee shall be headed by the Vice Chancellor and shall include the Registrar, the Director of Student-Affairs, the Counselling Coordinator, the Deans, two students (one junior and one senior) and two parents.

b. The Anti-ragging Committee shall consider the recommendations of the Anti-ragging Squad and take appropriate decisions including spelling out suitable punishments to those found guilty. The decision of the Anti-ragging Committee shall be final and binding.

c. The Vice Chancellor of the University shall be the Appellate Authority for any decision of the Committee and shall have the right to initiate suo moto action against any one allegedly involved in ragging and/or its abetment.

ii. Anti-ragging Squad

a. The Anti-ragging Squad shall be headed by the Director of Student- Affairs and shall include three senior faculty members of each Deanery, three senior administrative staff, wardens of all hostels, three senior security persons and six members of the Student Council nominated by the SWO.

b. The Squad will have vigil, oversight and patrolling functions. It shall be active at all times and shall be empowered to inspect places of potential ragging and to make surprise raids on hostels and other locations.

iii. Monitoring by Head of the Department

The Head/Coordinator of every academic department shall maintain a Register in the prescribed format to record complaints of ragging received. The contents of the register must be brought to the attention of the faculty members of the department in the weekly meetings. The extract of the register must be sent to the Dean and also to the Director of Student-Affairs every Friday of the week during the first semester of every academic year of two semesters, and on the last Friday of every month during the subsequent semester.