



Control of Ragging and Similar Activities

Reference:

- 1) Maharashtra prohibition of ragging Act 1999.
- 2) Gazette of India: Extraordinary dates 25th Dec 2013. UGC regulations on curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions.
- 3) Judgment of the Hon. Supreme court delivered on the 8th May 2009.
- 4) Contents of the National Anti-Ragging Website – www.antiragging.in

A. Introduction

At Samundra Institute of Maritime Studies (SIMS), we are committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and respectful learning environment that upholds the dignity and well-being of every individual. As a premier maritime training institute, we recognize that discipline, mutual respect, and camaraderie are foundational to the maritime profession. Any act that undermines these values—such as ragging in any form—is strictly prohibited.

This Anti-Ragging Policy is instituted in alignment with the guidelines of the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), the Indian Maritime University and other relevant regulatory bodies. It reflects our zero-tolerance approach to any behaviour that causes physical, psychological, or emotional distress to students, particularly those newly admitted.

B. What constitutes Ragging?

Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts:

- 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 undisciplined 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, social media, post, 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 or any other student.

C. Measures to control ragging activities in the institution

- i. All cadets to sign an undertaking in the form of affidavit (along with their parent's concurrence) stating that they will not indulge in any form of ragging or similar activity. Currently this undertaking is filled online by visiting the website www.antiragging.in
- ii. Wardens conduct regular anti-ragging counselling sessions during evening Muster.
- iii. Anti-Ragging posters and instructions posted at all conspicuous places.
- iv. An anti-ragging cell is formed to implement the Anti-ragging policy and deal with all cases of ragging and similar activities. Members are as follows:

Sr. No	Name	Designation	Role	email
1	Capt. Subhendu Hati	Vice Principal	Chairman	vprincipal.lnv@samundra.com
2	Mr. Biju Baben	Provost	Nodal Officer	Provost.lnv@samundra.com
3	Mr. Shrikant Vidhate	CIC – GME	Member	faculty11.lnv@samundra.com
4	Mr. Abhiram Wakankar	CIC-BTech	Member	Faculty8.lnv@samundra.com
5	Capt. Ganesh Poojari	CIC-DNS	Member	faculty14.lnv@samundra.com
6	Mr. A K Singh	CIC-ETO	Member	Faculty23.lnv@samundra.com
7	Mr. Chhoturam	Chief Warden	Member	Warden.lnv@samundr.com

- v. The objectives of the Anti-ragging committee are:
 - a) To Prevent Ragging in All Forms.
 - b) To Uphold Student Safety and Dignity
 - c) To Implement Regulatory Guidelines
 - d) To Create Awareness Among Students.
 - e) To Establish a Mechanism for Reporting and Redressal
 - f) To Conduct Inquiries and Recommend Actions.
 - g) To Promote Healthy Interpersonal Relationships.
 - h) To Regularly Review and Improve Anti-Ragging Measures
- vi. An Anti-ragging squad is formed to maintain vigil and for patrolling function. Members are as follows:

Sr. No	Name	Designation
1	Mr. Praful Choudhary	Asscot Prof (Mech)
2	Mr. P K Dhabhi	Asst Prof (Electronics)
3	Mr. B S Kandari	Instructor (Nav)



4	Mr. Sitaram Bhalotia	Warden
5	Kamlesh Kumar	Warden
6	Mr. Laxman Kakade	Instructor – sports
7	Mr. G K Mondal	Warden

- vii. Cases of ragging and similar can be reported, in writing, through members of the anti-ragging squad or by using suggestion/complaint boxes or directly to the respective course-in-charges by the students.
- viii. On receiving a complaint the Principal/Vice Principal shall immediately be informed. An urgent meeting of the Anti-ragging cell shall be called and the incident shall be thoroughly investigated.
- ix. In no case the members of the Anti-ragging cell shall permit or condone any reported incident of ragging in any form. The Head of institution shall immediately determine if a case under the penal laws is to be made out and if so, proceed to file a First Information Report (FIR), within twenty-four hours of receipt of such information or recommendation, with the police and local authorities. The members shall take all necessary and required measures, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Take control over the situation.
 - b. Cordon the area where alleged incident of ragging has occurred.
 - c. Secure all evidence like CCTV footage, etc.
 - d. Obtain as many statement as possible from other cadets, security personnel, warden.
 - e. Provide immediate security to the victim. Provide for psychological support.
 - f. Inform parents of the victims and the cadets who were engaged in the act of ragging
- x. The Anti-Ragging Cell may, depending on the nature and gravity of the guilt established at the end of the investigation, award, to those found guilty, one or more of the following punishments, namely:
 - a. Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
 - b. Withholding/ withdrawing scholarship/ fellowship and other benefits.
 - c. Debarring from appearing in any test/ examination or other evaluation process.
 - d. Withholding results.
 - e. Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
 - f. Suspension/ expulsion from the hostel.
 - g. Cancellation of admission.
 - h. Rustication from the institution for period ranging from one to four semesters.
 - i. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period.
- xi. The institute shall keep records of all proceedings of such meetings.

c. Preventive Measures



- i. Anti-ragging posters shall also be displayed at various conspicuous places in the institute where students visit. Such posters shall inform the freshers about their rights and clearly instruct them that they should desist from doing anything, with or against their will, even if ordered to by the seniors students, and that any attempt of ragging shall be promptly reported to the Anti-ragging Squad or to the Warden or to the course-in-charges as the case may be.
- ii. Wardens, during evening Muster, shall address all students on the ill effects and consequences of ragging.
- iii. The members of the Anti-ragging squad shall make regular and surprise visits to places and at times when and where such activities are expected.
- iv. A review of all precautionary measures being taken during the month shall be discussed during the monthly structured meetings as an agenda item and recorded.
- v. Senior students play a pivotal role in shaping the culture, environment, and values of any academic institution. At SIMS, they are expected to lead by example and uphold the highest standards of discipline, camaraderie, and professionalism.

For further details visit **National Anti-Ragging Helpline**

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