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सेवा में,

1. अधिष्ठाता, छात्र कल्याण
सिद्धार्थ विश्वविद्यालय कपिलवस्तु, सिद्धार्थनगर।
2. प्राचार्य/प्राचार्या,
समस्त सम्बद्ध महाविद्यालय,
सिद्धार्थ विश्वविद्यालय कपिलवस्तु, सिद्धार्थनगर।

विषय :- प्रदेश के उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों में रैगिंग पर अंकुश लगाने के सम्बन्ध में।
महोदय,

कृपया उपर्युक्त विषयक शिक्षा निदेशक, उच्च शिक्षा, उत्तर प्रदेश, प्रयागराज के पत्र संख्या-डिग्री विकास/929-31/2026-27 दिनांक 13-07-2026 का संदर्भ ग्रहण करने का कष्ट करें, (पत्र संलग्न) जिसके द्वारा शासन के पत्र संख्या-1103/सत्तर-1-2026 दिनांक 03 जुलाई, 2026 के क्रम में प्रदेश के उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों में रैगिंग पर अंकुश लगाये जाने के सम्बन्ध में आवश्यक कार्यवाही करते हुए कृत कार्यवाही की सूचना उपलब्ध कराये जाने की अपेक्षा की गयी है।

अतः उपरोक्त के सम्बन्ध में संलग्न पत्र के अनुसार आवश्यक कार्यवाही करते हुए कृत कार्यवाही की आख्या अधोहस्ताक्षरी के ई-मेल आईडी0 registrar@suksn.edu.in पर उपलब्ध कराना सुनिश्चित करें, जिससे उपरोक्त सूचना शासन को ससमय प्रेषित किया जा सके।

संलग्नक- यथोपरि।


कुलसचिव

सिद्धार्थ विश्वविद्यालय, कपिलवस्तु,
सिद्धार्थनगर।

पत्रांक- /तददिनांकित।

प्रतिलिपि- निम्नलिखित को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित।

1. संयुक्त सचिव, उच्च शिक्षा अनुभाग-1, उत्तर प्रदेश शासन, लखनऊ।
2. शिक्षा निदेशक, उच्च शिक्षा, उत्तर प्रदेश, प्रयागराज।
3. क्षेत्रीय उच्च शिक्षा अधिकारी, गोरखपुर एवं बस्ती।
4. निजी सचिव, कुलपति, मा० कुलपति जी के अवलोकनार्थ।
5. सम्बन्धित पत्रावली हेतु।


कुलसचिव

सिद्धार्थ विश्वविद्यालय, कपिलवस्तु,
सिद्धार्थनगर।

कार्यालय शिक्षा निदेशक, उच्च शिक्षा, उत्तर प्रदेश, प्रयागराज

पृष्ठांकन संख्या - डिग्री विकास /

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प्रतिलिपि निम्नलिखित को इस निर्देश के साथ प्रेषित कि इस पत्र के साथ संलग्न शासन के पत्र संख्या -1103/सत्तर - 1 - 2026 दिनांक 03.07.2026 के क्रम में प्रदेश के उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों में रैगिंग पर अंकुश लगाये जाने के संबंध में आवश्यक कार्यवाही करते हुए कृत कार्यवाही की सूचना अधोहस्ताक्षरी को उपलब्ध करें -

1. समस्त क्षेत्रीय उच्च शिक्षा अधिकारी, उत्तर प्रदेश।
2. समस्त कुलसचिव, राज्य विश्वविद्यालय, उत्तर प्रदेश।
3. अपर सचिव, उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य उच्च शिक्षा परिषद, लखनऊ को इस आशय से प्रेषित कि समस्त निजी विश्वविद्यालयों से सूचना प्राप्त कर समेकित सूचना अधोहस्ताक्षरी को प्राप्त कराने का कष्ट करें।

डॉ० (ज्ञान प्रकाश वर्मा),

संयुक्त निदेशक (उ०शि०),

कृते - शिक्षा निदेशक (उ०शि०),

उत्तर प्रदेश, प्रयागराज।

संख्या-1/03 /सत्तर-1-2026

प्रेषक,

शकील अहमद सिद्दीकी,

संयुक्त सचिव,

उत्तर प्रदेश शासन।

सेवा में,

कुलसचिव,

समस्त राज्य/निजी विश्वविद्यालय,

उ०प्र०।

उच्च शिक्षा अनुभाग-1

लखनऊ : दिनांक: 03 जून, 2026

विषय:- प्रदेश के उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों में रैगिंग पर अंकुश लगाये जाने के संबंध में।

महोदय,

उपर्युक्त विषयक उच्चतर शिक्षा विभाग, शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली के पत्र सं० F.No.16-2/2025-U.S दिनांक 19 मई, 2026 (छायाप्रति संलग्न) का कृपया संदर्भ ग्रहण करने का कष्ट करें, जिसके माध्यम से उच्च शैक्षणिक संस्थानों में रैगिंग पर अंकुश लगाने के संबंध में गठित एंटी रैगिंग कमेटी की एअर मार्शल (डा०) अजीत एस० भोंसले की अध्यक्षता में दिनांक 17.03.2026 को सम्पन्न हुई बैठक का कार्यवृत्त आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित करते हुए कृत कार्यवाही की आख्या से अवगत कराये जाने की अपेक्षा की गयी है।

2- इस सम्बन्ध में मुझे यह कहने का निदेश हुआ है कि कृपया प्रकरण में आवश्यक कार्यवाही कराने का कष्ट करें।

संलग्नक:-यथोक्त।

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6/7/26

संख्या एवं दिनांक तदैव

प्रतिलिपि निम्नलिखित को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित:-

- 1- निदेशक, उच्च शिक्षा, उत्तर प्रदेश, प्रयागराज।
- 2- निजी सचिव, मा० मंत्री, उच्च शिक्षा, उ०प्र० सरकार।
- 3- निजी सचिव, प्रमुख सचिव/सचिव, विशेष सचिव, उच्च शिक्षा विभाग, उ०प्र० शासन।
- 4- अपर सचिव, उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य उच्च शिक्षा परिषद, लखनऊ।

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No.16-2/2025-U.5
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Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
U.5 Section

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दिनांक 20/5/2026

Kartavya Bhavan-2, Hall No. 20046,
New Delhi-110034, Dated the 19th May, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Minutes of the 31st Meeting of Anti Ragging Committee for monitoring measures to prevent ragging in Higher Educational Institutions held under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal (Dr.) Ajit S. Bhonsle, AVSM, VSM on 17th March, 2026 from 11. A.M. to 01.00 P.M. in UGC Head Office.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith the minutes of the 31st Meeting of Anti Ragging Committee for monitoring measures to prevent ragging in Higher Educational Institutions held under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal (Dr.) Ajit S. Bhonsle, AVSM, VSM on 17th March, 2026 from 11. A.M. to 01.00 P.M. in UGC Head Office, New Delhi, for necessary action and compliance. An action taken report in this regard may kindly be sent to this Department and to Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002.

Encl.: As above.

(Gopesh Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India
Tel. 011- 24014917

To

1. All Members of the Anti-ragging Monitoring Committee
2. All Regulatory Bodies
3. Chief Secretaries of all States/ UTs
4. UGC, BSZ Marg, New Delhi

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Department of Higher Education

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The following Committee Members attended the meeting: -

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| 1. Air Marshal (Dr.) Ajit S. Bhonsle
AVSM, VSM | - | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. (Mrs) Hardeep Kaur
Professor, Ramjas College | - | Member |
| 3. Sh. S. Jaganathan Sarvanasamy
(Retd.) | - | Member IPS |
| 4. Mrs. Rina Sonowal
Joint Secretary (HE) | - | MoE |
| 5. Dr. Sunita Siwach
Joint Secretary, Anti Ragging Cell | - | UGC |
| 6. Sh Ajay Kumar Joshi,
Under Secretary, Anti Ragging Cell | - | UGC |
| 7. Sh Jai Karan Singh,
Section Officer, Anti Ragging Cell | - | UGC |
| 8. Mrs. Jyothi B.
Deputy Secretary,
Indian Nursing Council | - | INC |
| 9. Dr. Neetu Bhagat
Deputy Director
AICTE | - | AICTE |
| 10. Sh. Abhishek
Assistant Director
Sports Authority of India | - | SAI |

11. Dr. M. Nagraj
Dental Council of India

DCI

12. Dr. Dinesh Chand
Principal Scientist
India Council of Agriculture Research

ICAR

13. Ms Alka Tomar
Agency
Chairperson
Centre for Youth (C4Y)

Anti Ragging Monitoring

14. Sh. Deepak Goyal
Managing Director,
ADC Electrosoft Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi

Anti Ragging Helpline

The Chairman began the proceedings by extending greetings with "Jai Hind" and warmly welcoming all the esteemed Members of the NARMC. He informed the Committee that Shri Chandar Varadan was unable to attend the meeting due to illness but had sent his remarks, which were read out for recording in the meeting. He further welcomed the representatives of the Regulatory Bodies, officials from the Ministry of Education, and the UGC.

It was noted that this was the 31st meeting of the NARMC. The present committee under the Chairmanship of the incumbent was constituted on 11 September 2023 and had held its first meeting on 3rd November 2023. Over the past 30 months, the Committee had been engaged in the mission of curbing ragging, during which ten meetings had been convened, once in quarter. The Chairman expressed gratitude to all members for their contributions.

The Chairman highlighted that during this period, the Committee had advanced several important recommendations, including the revision of the UGC Regulations 2009 through a constituted committee, the collaborative design of the Anti-Ragging App being developed and the regular conduct of nation-wide Anti-Ragging Day and Week with student participation. It was also recorded that the jury had evaluated the winning entries on 22 January 2026. However, the plea to include anti-ragging and anti-bullying measures at the school level had not yet yielded positive movement.

Reference was made to the ongoing work of the National Task Force (NTF) on Mental Health concerns of students and the prevention of suicides in Higher Education Institutions, under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice S. Ravindra Bhat. The Chairman expressed hope that directions for implementation from the school level would emerge from this initiative.

The Chairman requested Ms. Rina Sonowal, Joint Secretary (Higher Education) and Convenor of the NTF, to provide an update on the way forward. The Chairman informed about the Viksit Bharat Shiksha Abhiyan (VBSA) Bill 2026, under which UGC, AICTE, and NCTE are to merge into a single Apex Body with a unified regulatory architecture aligned with NEP 2020. It was explained that the new structure would comprise the Adhishthan and three Councils, namely the Viksit Bharat Shiksha Viniyaman Parishad (Regulatory Council), Viksit Bharat Shiksha Gunvatta Parishad (Accreditation Council), and Viksit Bharat Shiksha Manak Parishad (Standards Council). The Chairman opined that the

National Anti-Ragging Monitoring Committee, having been ordained by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, would need to be supported by the Adhishthan or one of the three Councils in the absence of the UGC. It was further noted that the Hon'ble Supreme Court would be passing directions based on the recommendations of Hon'ble Justice S. Ravindra Bhat's NTF on Student Mental Health, while taking into account the Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment dated 08 May 2009 on Anti-Ragging in HEIs.

The Chairman emphasized that even under the reorganized structure of VBSA 2026, the issues of ragging, mental health, and student well-being, including suicide prevention, remained to be effectively addressed. He stressed that the emotional well-being of students involved multiple stakeholders, including students themselves, teachers, parents, counsellors, and institutional authorities such as Principals, Vice-Chancellors, and Deans. He posed the question of how all stakeholders could be brought onto a single platform to address this critical aspect of student mental well-being.

A short presentation of ten minutes was then delivered by Shri Himanshu Joshi, which generated queries and interest among the members.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of Meeting & Action Taken Report of 30th NARMC Meeting held on 18.11.2025.

The Minutes of the 30th NARMC were confirmed. Since these minutes were approved by the MoE on 03 Mar 26, there has been no action initiated on any of the points. However, these will be covered in the next NARMC meeting.

Item No. 2: Report, Analysis and Remedies/Modalities for the Institutions' for non-compliance of UGC Regulations for curbing the menace of Ragging in HEIs – 2009, a presentation by Anti-Ragging Monitoring Agency.

Prof. Santanu Misra, Member NARMC, narrated the conscience-shaking story of Prachi Nigam, topper of Class X in the UP-State Board, and the subsequent trolling and body-shaming she had suffered. He urged that leaders at the national level should intervene and speak with her to restore balance and harmony in her life. He further mentioned that "Digital Ragging" was a new phenomenon and should be covered under the definition of Ragging in the UGC Regulations 2009. In this context, the Joint Secretary (ARC) referred to the existing definition of ragging and pointed out that e-mail type ragging was already included. It was suggested by the JS (ARC) that the Revision Committee for the Review of UGC Regulations 2009 had not recommended any changes, but the matter required detailed day-long deliberation by NARMC Members and JS (ARC), UGC, before finalization.

Ms. Alka Tomar of C4Y presented the key insights from Anti-Ragging Monitoring Analysis. The salient aspects noted were: (a) Complaints were concentrated in a few states (UP, WB, MP, Bihar, Maharashtra) accounting for more than 50% of the total. (b) Some states such as Assam, Bihar, and WB reported higher complaint intensity despite fewer HEIs, compared to larger states like TN and Karnataka. (c) Medical, Engineering, and Technical institutions dominated complaints, accounting for nearly 75% of all cases. (d) Ragging risk was higher in residential and professional campuses such as medical and engineering institutions. (e) Fresher months (Aug–Nov) showed the highest complaints, with 181 in Aug–Oct 2025 and 199 in Nov 2025. (f) Complaint resolution rate was high: out of 4634 complaints, 95.1% had

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been closed, leaving only 4.9% active. (g) Preventive compliance was improving, with increased undertakings by students and parents. However, only 12% of the 4.33 crore HEI students had filed online compliances, indicating that major efforts were required. (h) Between 01 Apr 2022 and 28 Feb 2026, 4364 complainants were recorded, of which 82.1% were male and 17.9% female. (i) The top ten HEIs with highest complaints during this period included BHU (57), University of Lucknow (44), University of Allahabad (32), Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology (28), Govt Polytechnic College Darbhanga (28), MKCG Medical College & Hospital Berhampur University (24), Guwahati University (24), University Institute of Technology RGPV (20), Bundelkhand Medical College & Hospital (17), and University of Burdwan (17). (j) The top ten states were UP (747), WB (442), MP (392), Bihar (375), Maharashtra (272), Rajasthan (221), Odisha (200), Karnataka (161), Tamil Nadu (160), and Assam (146).

Discussion ensued on the requirement of filing undertakings by students and parents. The question raised was whether the undertaking was to be taken only once at the time of admission and remain valid for the entire study programme, or whether it had to be repeated every semester/year. After referring to the UGC Regulations 2009, it was concluded that the undertaking was mandatory only at the time of admission and remained valid throughout subsequent semesters/years. **The text of the undertaking was to be modified and circulated to all HEIs by the ARC (UGC), and C4Y was tasked to rework the compliance statistics accordingly.** Dr. M. Nagraj, representing DCI, informed that dental colleges were taking manual undertakings from students/parents. DCI was advised to move to online mode for ease of record and monitoring.

Regarding the National Contest 2025 results and award function, it was recorded that during Anti-Ragging Week 2025, a national-level contest was conducted with three categories: Instagram Threads Digital Posters (550 entries), Instagram Reels (504 entries), and YouTube Videos (270 entries). In January 2026, the jury finalized evaluation and selected three prizes in each category, along with three special-mention awards. The entries were creative and expressive, but Prof. Santanu Misra observed that participation was very low, with only 1324 students out of 4.3 crore HEI students. It was agreed that significant efforts were required at the C4Y (UGC) level and among HEI functionaries. For the award function, it was decided that all participating students (1324) and representatives of their HEIs would be invited to Delhi, where winners would be felicitated by the Cabinet/State Minister of Education/Secretary (HE)/Chairman UGC. All participants would also receive certificates of participation. JS (ARC) was requested to plan this under the guidance of JS (HE), MoE.

Item No. 3: Presentation by NMC, AICTE and any other Regulatory Bodies. for steps taken for implementation of compliance of UGC Regulation for Curbing the Menace of Ragging – 2009, if any.

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE): Ms. Neetu Bhagat, representing AICTE, informed the Committee that AICTE regularly issues circulars on Anti-Ragging to all HEIs. She highlighted that a student survey had revealed the absence of any mechanism to monitor cases of suicides arising from reasons other than ragging. She urged that JS (ARC) should issue formal guidelines for student counsellors, as none presently exist. This was noted for action by JS (ARC), UGC.

Indian Nursing Council (INC): The representative of INC reported only one case of ragging. Dr. Sarvesh Tandon, Member NARMC, observed that a large number of nursing institutes had recently been established across the country and required close monitoring by INC, in addition to government nursing institutes. He further raised the issue of oversight of anti-ragging measures in professional institutes such as the Fashion Design Institute and IIFT, which function under the Ministry of Textiles, and stressed that their compliance should also be monitored. Similarly, he pointed out that Institutes of National Importance (INI) such as Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) and National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), both under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, should also be brought under monitoring. This was noted for action by JS (ARC), UGC.

ICAR Representative: Dr. Dinesh Chand, representing ICAR, conveyed that there were 74 agricultural universities and that anti-ragging measures were being effectively implemented across them.

DCI Representative: Dr. M. Nagraj, representing DCI, reported that there had been 19 complaints in 2025 and, so far in 2026, 10 cases had been recorded. Of these, 8 cases had been disposed of while 13 remained pending.

Item No. 4. Points by JS (ARC)

JS (ARC) reiterated the importance of conducting *on-site assessments* by sub-committees consisting of members from NARMC, ARC (UGC), C4Y, and the regulatory bodies, particularly at the troubled spots identified from records and analysis. On the matter of fund allocation by the Ministry of Education for anti-ragging sensitization, JS (ARC) informed that an amount of ₹1,99,50,776 had been allocated. It was noted that this fund would be utilized over a 30-day period for a pan-India awareness campaign, re-broadcasting existing media recordings through FM campaigns, digital cinema theatres, and IVR (Interactive Voice Recordings). It was further indicated that this may be followed up with a proposal for additional funds to the Ministry of Education by ARC (UGC) for the creation of new media content. This was noted for action by JS (ARC), UGC.

Item No. 5. Submission by Secretary, UGC, if any.

Secretary, UGC could not attend the meeting.

Item No. 6: Any other item with the permission of Chairman.

Submission by Sh. Varadan Chandar:

Shri V. Chandar expressed that it was heartening to note the sensitization of the judiciary and executive in recent months to the persistent concerns of campus suicides, leading to the creation of a Special Task Force to identify causes and recommend remedies. He recalled that the NARMC had been constituted about fifteen years ago to address the then-prevalent problem of campus ragging, which, thanks to concerted measures by all stakeholders, had since been substantially brought under control. He remarked that the Committee had legitimate reason to acknowledge this achievement, but cautioned that a new and more serious concern of campus suicides had simultaneously emerged in recent years, with complex and varied causes extending beyond ragging.

He observed that preliminary findings suggested that solutions to this problem would not be easy and would require sustained contributions from committed and compassionate teams. Bearing in mind that the very basis of NARMC's creation was care, concern, and compassion for the younger generation, he emphasized that it was now an extended goal of the Committee to proactively study and implement necessary actions to address campus suicides. He noted that while the recommendations of the Special Task Force would provide official direction, NARMC could also identify and implement feasible measures using its own strengths.

He highlighted NARMC's strengths, including the rich experience of its members, its direct engagement with the student community through helplines, the active participation of regulatory councils across disciplines, and the efficient administrative support provided by UGC. He suggested that these strengths could serve as enablers for implementing selected recommendations of the Special Task Force. He further proposed that, in addition to "top-down" measures, "bottom-up" tactical approaches could help generate a positive mental climate in campuses. He noted that several institutions had succeeded in fostering fellowship between senior and junior students and between teaching staff and students, thereby creating a healthy mental environment. He recommended that such institutions be identified, recognized, rewarded, and praised as role models, with their practices serving as inspiration for others.

He suggested that student communities themselves could provide valuable inputs in identifying such role model institutions, through surveys akin to "customer satisfaction surveys" used in industry. He proposed that a questionnaire be designed to capture student satisfaction levels regarding peer interactions, faculty engagement, and mental well-being, with results helping to identify best-performing institutions. These names could then be screened by the respective regulatory councils, and the heads of selected institutions could be invited to NARMC meetings to receive awards and share their successful practices. He further suggested that UGC may issue press notes on these recognitions to the media, thereby amplifying their impact. He concluded that cumulative recognition of best practices could significantly influence the mental climate across campuses nationwide.

The views of Shri V. Chandar were appreciated by the Committee.

As yet another promotion tool, display of the following type of banner board can be advised by our Councils to recognize and reward to a few selected bunch of institutions under them.

We are a proud Ragging - Free institution, caring for the positive mental health of all our students in our Campus"

The consequent positive impact of such banners could lead to more demand by other institutions to ask for and emulate the same as a competitive prestige boosting point amongst them.

Submission by Sh Jaganathan Sarvanan, IPS:

Shri Jaganathan Sarvanan, IPS, Member NARMC, recommended that *on-site assessments* of HEIs be conducted based on well-defined criteria by NARMC, ARC (UGC), and representatives of regulatory bodies. He stated that such assessments would help in

determining best practices and identifying potential "hot-spots." He further suggested that JS (ARC) prepare an annual calendar of visits by NARMC sub-committees during the Awareness Week to various universities, particularly those identified as "hot-spots." Additionally, he recommended that NARMC sub-committees visit HEIs to ascertain the veracity of "closed cases" of complaints, thereby enhancing both promptness in action and accountability. These suggestions were upheld by all participants and noted for action by JS (ARC) and all NARMC members.

Submission by Professor Dr Sarvesh Tandon:

Professor Dr. Sarvesh Tandon, Member NARMC, requested JS (ARC) to obtain and provide the academic year-long calendar of different professional courses, including admission dates for UG, PG, and specialist programmes. He suggested that this calendar be prepared council-wise/regulatory body-wise, and that reminders of anti-ragging compliances/alerts be sent to HEIs just prior to the commencement of new courses or admission processes. It was noted that C4Y would take action in this aspect under the guidance of JS (ARC).

Closing Remarks by the Chairman

The Chairman underscored the importance of the "On-site Assessment" or "Boots on Ground" initiative, noting that although it had been discussed in previous NARMC meetings, it was now gaining traction and required careful planning and effective implementation as an annual programme. He informed the Committee that he has compiled a document titled "*ACTION POINTS FROM 21st -30th NARMC Meetings*", as a Report of deliberations and also as a Ready- Reckoner for follow-up, which is attached as "Annexure-1" to these Minutes of 31st NARMC Meeting.

The Chairman summarized the action points arising from the present meeting as follows: (a) The next NARMC meeting would be held over two days, 01-02 June 2026. On 1st June, discussion on the proposed Revised Draft of UGC Regulations (2009), and on 2nd June, the 32nd NARMC meeting would be conducted at UGC Headquarters. (b) DCI was to obtain undertakings from students and parents in online mode for ease of monitoring and record-keeping of compliances. (c) The award function for the National Contest 2025 was to be organized in a befitting manner by JS (ARC), UGC, at the earliest. (d) For the upcoming National Contest 2026, efforts were to be made by C4Y to significantly increase participation from HEIs and students. (e) Guidelines for counsellors, as suggested by the representative of AICTE, were to be drafted and circulated to HEIs by JS (ARC), UGC. (f) Professional institutes such as NIFT, Fashion Design Institute, RRU, and NFSU were to be brought under the ambit of anti-ragging compliances. (g) C4Y was tasked to prepare a year-long academic calendar for HEI admissions for UG, PG, and specialist courses, and to send advisories/alerts to HEIs and the respective councils/regulatory bodies. (h) JS (ARC) was to prepare a year-long on-site assessment visit programme for NARMC sub-committees, and further define the composition of the committee, its charter, format, and objective criteria for such visits. (i) JS (HE), MoE, was requested to allocate adequate funds for the creation of new media content on radio, YouTube, digital cinema, IVR, etc.

In conclusion, the Chairman conveyed best wishes for the Indian New Year. The vote of thanks was delivered by JS (ARC), UGC, who expressed gratitude to the NARMC members,

JS (HE), representatives of regulatory bodies, and ARC (UGC) staff for their attendance and participation.

ACTION POINTS DRAWN FROM 21st - 30th NARMC MEETINGS

- Inviting Bureaus representing IITs, IIITs, NITs, IIMs, IISERs to attend NARMC meetings, as none of the Regulators/ Councils represent them.
- JS (ARC)'s suggestion for the Regulators & Councils to constitute a Committee whenever suicide /death case is reported within their domain. This Committee will look into the issue irrespective of whether police investigation is underway.
- JS(ARC) posed funds requirement of Rs 1 Cr for anti-ragging media campaigns, to run the Campaigns throughout the academic year.
- Punitive actions against defaulting Institutions to be clearly enunciated in the revised Anti- Ragging Regulations.
- All Council representatives to visit the UGC Help line Centre, to understand the operational flow of the Complaints Redressal System .
- UGC had sent Experts' Committee for on the spot reporting of the death of a student in Jadavpur University. This should be a regular feature for all death cases and serious cases of ragging in any HEI.
- JS (ARC) informed that UGC had decided to hand over the project of IT & Database to INFLIBNET which is IUC of UGC. This was to ensure control, portability and sanctity of Data/ Website.
- Modify the reporting format to readily identify non-compliance by HEIs.
- Inclusion of Anti ragging compliance criteria in the assessments of NIRF and NACC.
- Monitoring Team should have ' Foot on ground' for two purposes; firstly, to check compliance on ground and, secondly to interact with students , conduct training for Anti ragging Cells/Squads, faculty ,wardens, in both online and offline mode. The funds to be met out of media-campaign budget. JS(ARC) is to make a plan to schedule the visits and make a proposal to MoE for release of funds .
- Helpline operators' training for improving communication skills, inter personal skills and empathy.
- Use of popular social media platforms for reaching out to large number of students and faculty through Instagram, X (Twitter), Telegram, Facebook, LinkedIn, WhatsApp, Quora, YouTube etc, for which necessary funding be provided.

- Absenteeism of Regulatory Bodies/ Councils from NARMC meetings to be curtailed by writing a stern to them .
- JS(ARC) pointed out that it shall be open to the NARMC to appoint such persons, as deemed proper, to effectively deliberate on the measures to prevent ragging at the outset.
- As per Hon'ble Apex court's orders, "District Area Committees" under the Chairmanship of DC/DM, SP/ACP and heads on HEIs as Members are to be formed in every district. To get information of the same.
- Communication to Govt of Rajasthan for employment of Counsellors at the Kota Coaching Centers.
- All VCs and Principals to give details of ARC/ARS.
- Anti ragging Orientation Program at PAN -India level.
- **NTF set up by NMC was to submit its report on 31.05.24. To obtain copy of the same for our purpose.**
- Road block in fund allocation from MoE to be removed by settling earlier observations.
- Advisories to JS (CBSE) for Anti ragging/bullying in schools.
- Working with UNESCO for prevention of Bullying/ Ragging in schools.
- To develop select schools as exemplars of Anti ragging and share with the other school in the country.
- Propagating Buddy - culture as prevalent in the Armed forces and Mentor-Mentee mechanisms in the HEIs.
- Sensitisation and psychological training of Hotline operators.
- Doing away with the Seat- leaving Bond of medical students.
- As per Honble Apex court's judgement in the Vishwa Jagriti case on 04 May 2001 states "If an Institution fails to curb ragging, the UGC/ Funding Agency may consider stoppage of financial assistance to such an institution till such time as it achieves the same. A university may consider disaffiliating a college or an Institution failing to curb ragging ". In how many cases this has been followed till date ? If not, it should be strictly followed without exception.
- MoE (School education) to be informed that anti ragging /bullying indoctrination has to be at the School level itself. This is in reference to the draft Guidelines for curtailing ragging in schools, prepared by UGC and forwarded by Secretary UGC to Secretary (School Edn.) vide DOF No 1-16/2016(ARC) dated 13 July 2022.

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- A link from MoE website to the Anti ragging portal be made, as was the case in the past. This will facilitate students/parents accessing the anti-ragging portal and realizing the importance given to the Anti ragging mechanism by the MoE.

- Inclusion of Anti ragging measures in the agenda of the meeting between State & Central govt education ministers/authorities .

- To discuss and confirm Anti ragging measures during the UGC's Plan Funding Meetings.

- Expanding the definition of what constitutes ragging? ; to include " the aspects of malicious use of electronic media / mobile technology (such as Cyber- Bullying, Stalking, Extortion, Doxing (Doxing is the action or process of searching for and publishing private or identifying information about a particular individual on the internet, typically with malicious intent, and without their consent), online shaming and intimidation to harass individuals or to cause harm to another, may be included. The after effects of which are severe, leading the victim to shame, guilt, isolation, humiliation, depression, anxiety & suicidal tendencies."

- Frequent interviews of Chairman UGC in media on the aspects of Anti ragging measures.

- Conducting Inter-Council meetings prior to the scheduled NARMC meetings and to discuss the salient outcomes of inter- council meetings in the NARMC meetings.

- Compilation of all the Cases of ragging attributed suicides since 2009.

- Sending of Task Force to various Universities/ colleges for on ground reality check.

- Letter to all Chief Secretaries of States/UTs so that the Help line operators are not summoned or pressurised by the State/ UT police.

- Inclusion of Anti ragging measures compliances of UGC Regulations 2009, for the NIRF ranking, NBA (National Board of Accreditation) and NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) grading.

- Conduct on one-day Seminar under MoE if all Regulators/Council heads with inauguration by Hon'ble Minister for Education, Key note address and 4 sessions of 50 min each, Closing Address and Vote of Thanks .

- To bring about "Transformative Cultural Changes starting from Schools to the HEIs. (This was mentioned in the Raghavan Committee Report & accepted by the Hon'ble Apex Court).

- To ensure " Inclusive approach " in our complaints redressal system and to enhance " Equity" and "Accessibility ", for the differently abled individuals.

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- UGC/MoE to issue an advisory to all the DGPs of all States/UTs, informing them that the UGC Helpline registers anonymous complaints and cannot provide the details about the Victims. Therefore, the State Police should not summon the Helpline operators.

- The UGC Helpline is not to register any complaints from a Third Party, that appears to hold financial interests in forwarding the complainant and pursuing it.

- There is a need to involve the State Medical Councils, as they are the funding entities for the medical colleges in their respective States.

- Strategies for Fresh students and Senior students that need to be implemented: -
For fresh students, initiate programs to identify vulnerable students and adopt appropriate precautionary measures. For Senior Students, identify the factors leading to excess stress, leading them to frustration and ragging / bullying the juniors and appropriately addressing these aspects.

- To conduct a thorough analysis of outliers like NMC and BHU, where maximum ragging incidents are reported and understand the motivation of raggers and strategies to counter.

- There have been no punitive actions from any Regulatory Bodies / Councils against the defaulter HEIs/Functionaries. This needs to be seriously considered, otherwise there is no deterrence. The abiding HEIs too will lose faith in the system, if the defaulters are not punished.

- There is a need for a clear SOP to handle cases which are first reported by the media.

- To make Instructive and sensitisation video contents with the help of Consortium of Educational Communication, MoE, as done in the year 2010.

- To make Short film, with NFDC (as done in 2016), on the " National Programme on Prevention of Ragging in Institutions of Higher Education ".

- To make a Documentary with a celebrity as Anchor to spread awareness about ills of ragging and Anti ragging measures, as done in 2027 with Actress/Model Aishwarya Sakhija as the Anchor.

- **#NOTE#:** For the records, the budget provision of Rs 4,77,92,617/- was made as confirmed in the Minutes of the 18th NARMC Meeting by the then AS(UGC) Dr(Mrs) Pankaj Mittal. The following is the breakdown of the expenditure for the Awareness Media programmes:
(a) Rs 1,51,14,000/- to DD National & DD News , for making Short advt films in English, Hindi and dubbed in 10 regional languages and aired periodically throughout the year. (b) Rs 48,03,000/- to NFDC. For 25 min film and one 15 min and 5 min in English, Hindi and nine regional languages. (c) Rs 1,49,76,828/- to DAVP for nationwide FM radio Jingles. (d) Rs 50,00,000/- to DAVP for printing 1,35,000 posters on Anti ragging. (e) Rs 79,98,789/- to Prasar Bharati for nationwide broadcast on AIR channels.

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- As on date on 04 Mar 25, C4Y reported Compliance Reports from 18,952 HEIs and 80,49,168 Parent/student's Undertakings. This is woefully short considering there are 135 Universities and 52,409 colleges besides 16,563 Standalone colleges and total number of students (2021-22 AISHE Report) are 4,32,68,182 (4.32Cr). We need to scale up Compliance monitoring significantly to reach all of the HEIs and Students.

- The launch of the Anti-ragging APP be done at the National level at the hands of the Honble Min of Education Govt.

- Letter to Chief Secretaries of States/UTs for forming "District Anti ragging Committees" at every district in the country.

- Need for improved connect with IITs/IIITs/NITs/IIMs/INIs/Central Univs/Private Univs/Deemed Univs.

- To closely track last 10 years Legal Cases.

- Need to formally address Activists / Critics through structured clarifications.

- Need to deploy public communication strategies such as PIB notifications, Newspaper reports/ articles, Media bites, Internet handles; viz: Instagram, X (Twitter), Facebook, Telegram, YouTube etc, UGC/ MoE PRO to release News item after every NARMC meeting, Engaging CEC- Consortium of Educational Communications., Newsletters of UGC/ MoE.

- Identify and convey to the environment the applicability of existing BNS provisions for Ragging related activities. These needs to be included in the Revised UGC Regulations to curb Ragging.

- Provide the NTF on mental health of students with the following inputs:
(a) Identification of the prominent causes of ragging in general and underscore those which lead students to commit suicides. (b) Analysis of existing Regulations, shortfalls, if any. (c) Statistics of ragging related suicides: 3 years (d) Handling and disposal of such cases. (e) Recommendations for strengthening the protection.

- To Make best use of the opportunity to present our case to the NTF in the form of a White Paper/ Comprehensive Document which is persuasive in articulation, authoritative in facts and figures and meticulous in the in- depth analysis.

- To also present the draft copy of Revised UGC Regulations to the NTF in which expanded definition of ragging and other refinements are made. Also a recommendation for an overarching Central Act for Ragging related offences be made to the NTF.

- In the matter of certain " Closed Cases", it is observed that actions against the Perpetrators existed only on the Paper. The Committee emphasized the need for C4Y to conduct a deeper analysis of the number of " Closed Cases."

- To conduct a Survey amongst the Complainants to assess the crucial aspect of how the Institutions dealt with the Complaints.

- To highlight in the public domain/media, the Institutions defaulting in Compliances, Implementations and Follow-ups . -----////////-----////////-----

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