Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (A Central University) Srinagar (Garhwal), Uttarakhand

The Code of Conduct The Code of Conduct to be observed by all students is as under:

Clause–1 Curbing indiscipline and misconduct by students

The Following acts on the parts of students, individually or collectively, or in a group of two or more students or persons, shall amount to indiscipline and misconduct:

- 1. Physical assault, threat to use physical force, or any others intimidating behaviour, within the premises of institution of the University system, or of any unit of any such institution, against any teacher, officer, functionary, member of any authority or unit, or other body member of the non-teaching staff, or student of any such institution or unit, or a visitor present on official invitation or for administrative or academic work in such premises:
- 2. Causing disruption or disturbance in any manner in the teaching and other academic work, the working of libraries, laboratories, facilities and amenities, admission and examination processes, administrative working and in any institution of the University system or any unit of such institution.
- 3. The use of loudspeakers or any other sound amplification device in the premises of any institution of the University system, except where the proctor (in the case of the University) or functionary responsible for the maintenance of discipline (in the case of any such institution other than the University) has permitted such use for any educational, academic, co-curricular, literary, cultural or other extra-curricular event.
- 4. Unruly and disorderly behaviour during the course of any educational or academic excursion or tour, or at any event or competition relating to curricular, co-curricular or literary, cultural, sports or other extra-curricular activities, or other social, educational, or career-related programmes organized by, or in any institution or more than one institution, of the university system or any unit of such institution, whether within or outside the premises of any such institution or unit.
- 5. Any disobedience of or dissent against, the awards or decisions of Referees, Umpires, Judges, or other adjudicators, officiating at any event or competition referred to in subclause (3).
- 6. Any act or statement, or distribution or display of any document or literature, including the circulars, pamphlets, posters, press releases, etc, which adversely affects the public image of any institution of the University system or of any unit thereof or of any individual belonging to or associated with such institution or unit.
- 7. The possession and distribution of objectionable goods or materials.
- 8. Any act that created, or tends to create, ill-will between groups of persons or promotes intolerance on religious, social, regional or linguistic grounds.
- 9. Any act violative of the provision of the statutes, the ordinances or the Regulations of the University, or of the rules made there under.
- 10. The possession, display, use or threat of any weapon.
- 11. Any act that interferes with the personal liberty of another person, or subjects other persons to indignity, or involves physical violence or use of abusive language.

- 12. Any violation of the provisions of the Civil Right Protection Act, 1976.
- 13. Any violation of the status, dignity and honor of students belonging to the Scheduled castes and the Scheduled Tribes.
- 14. Any act or practice, whether verbal or otherwise that is derogatory of women or amount to sexual harassment.
- 15. The making of false statements or the submission of false documents.
- 16. The use of the title of the University or of any institution of the University system, or of any unit of such institution, for any organization or event, or in any communication or representation, without entitlement to such use, or for purposes not specifically authorized by the concerned institution or unit.
- 17. Any attempt at bribery or recourse to any corrupt practice, in any manner.
- 18. Any act that causes any loss, destruction or defacement of the property of any institution of the University system or of any unit of such institution.
- 19. Any act amounting to unauthorized presence in, or entry or trespass into specified premises and areas, and any unauthorized retention or premises, of any institution of the University system or of any unit of such institution.
- 20. Any act that causes, encourages or implies the interference of outside persons, organization or authorities in the functioning of any institution of the University system or any unit such institution.
- 21. Unauthorized collection of funds.
- 22. Possession, distribution or consumption of alcoholic drinks, intoxicants, narcotic drugs, and other psychotropic substances, and presence in the premises of institution of the University system or any unit of such institution after such consumption.
- 23. Any act involving moral turpitude.
- 24. Any others act that is, in the opinion of the officers or functionaries of the university or any unit of the University system unbecoming of a student.
- 25. Any act of resorting to or abetting ragging, as defined in clause 2.
- 26. Students shall avoid using cell-phones in the Campus; while listening to music and sharing visuals on cell-phones or other electronic device in the Campus is strictly prohibited.

Clause-2

UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in the University

In view of the UGC Draft regulations 2009 and Supreme Court of India's letter No. 370/04/XIA dated 26 February, 2009 and March 17, 2009 the following provisions have been made by the University to curb ragging effectively in its campuses.

1. Ragging means the following:-

Any disorderly 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 is likely to cause embarrassment, 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 students will not in the ordinary course do or perform and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of a

fresher or a junior student. Any of the above acts committed by any student of the same or junior or senior class shall be deemed to be ragging.

2. Punishable ingredients of ragging:-

- * Abetment to ragging;
- * Criminal conspiracy to rag;
- * Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging;
- * Public nuisance created during ragging;
- * Violation of decency and morals through ragging;
- * Causing bodily harm, or injury or grievous injury;
- * Wrongful restraint;
- * Wrongful confinement;
- * Use of criminal force;
- * Assault as well as sexual offences or even unnatural offences;
- * Extortion;
- * Criminal trespass;
- * Offences against property;
- * Criminal intimidation;
- Attempts to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- * All other offences following from the definition of "Ragging".

3. Punishment:-

Depending upon the nature and gravity of the offence as established by the Anti Ragging Committee of the Institution, the possible punishment for those found guilty of ragging at the institutional level; shall be any one or the combination of the following:

- * Cancellation of admission.
- * Suspension from attending classes.
- * Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits.
- * Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process.
- * Withholding results.
- * Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
- * Suspension/expulsion from the hostel.
- * Rustication from the institution for period ragging from 1 to 4 semesters.
- * Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution.
- * Fine of Rupees 25,000/-
- * **Collective punishment:** When the persons committing or abetting the crime of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment as a deterrent to ensure community pressure on the potential raggers.

Clause–3 Establishment of Identity and Certification of Character

- 1. Every bonafide student of the University, irrespective of the Campus to which (s) he might have been admitted, will be issued an Identity Card by the Office of the Proctor. The Identity Card issued to a student shall be treated to be the sole proof of his/her being a student of the University. It shall be mandatory for every student to produce the Identity Card upon being demanded by a member of the Proctorial Board. Failure in producing the Identity Card on demand will cause a student to be treated to be a trespasser and render him/her punishable under the rules of the University. The loss of the Identity Card should be reported to the Office of the Proctor and duplicate Identity Card should be obtained from the said Office by making a formal application accompanied by a photocopy of the Fees Receipt issued to the student concerned at the time of admission and depositing the prescribed fees.
- 2. Character Certificates are issued to students on demand by the Proctor's Office. Often students applying for employers are required to submit an appropriate Character Certificate. The Character Certificate issued under the seal of the Proctor is considered to be the most appropriate proof of Character. The students can be issued a Character Certificate as many times as they may require upon making a written application and the payment of the prescribed fees. However, students who might have been 'black-listed' or might have been punished for a breach of the Code of Conduct or might have been guilty of indulging in ragging shall not be issued a Character Certificate.

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