



GOVERNMENT OF GOA

GOA COLLEGE OF HOME SCIENCE

AFFILIATED TO GOA UNIVERSITY

CAMPAL, PANAJI, GOA



Vision
CULTIVATING ERUDITE
COMMUNITY BUILDERS

Mission

To ensure all round development of students, by instilling in them the Institute's core values of innovation, excellence and discipline with a thrust on being self-reliant and responsive to the changing trends in Industry & Society



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CAREER PATHS IN HOME SCIENCE



Food Nutrition & Dietetics

DIETETICS & HEALTH CARE

Health Centres, Prisons, Educational Institutions, Hospitals, Sportspersons, Government Organizations, NGOs, Specialized Fields of Medicine (Registered Dietitians)

FOOD SAFETY & QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Process/ Packaging Developer
Quality Assurance/ Control Manager
Food Auditor & Analyst
Food Safety Officer
Policy Maker

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Food & Beverage Event Management
Food, Beverage, and Tourism Brand Design and Management
Specialty Food Creators
Home Catering
Small Scale Food Catering

EDUCATION, MEDIA, & RESEARCH

FOOD INNOVATION & PRODUCT DESIGN

FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT



TEXTILE PRODUCTION INDUSTRY

MULTI-LEVEL TEACHING & RESEARCH EDUCATORS

MARKETING & MERCHANDISING

ENTREPRENEUR

Many Careers, Best Opportunities

Many Professions

FASHION DESIGNERS

Wardrobe, Tailors, Boutiques, Saree, Bridalwear, Artists

Textiles & Fashion Studies

Human Development & Family Studies



1. EARLY STAGES OF LIFE

- Infant Care
- Child Care
- Family Care
- Geriatric Care
- Health Care
- Social Work
- Vocational Training

2. EARLY STAGES OF GROWING UP

- Child Development
- Child Psychology
- Child Health
- Child Nutrition
- Child Education
- Child Welfare
- Child Protection

3. EDUCATION

- Adult Education
- Distance Education
- Open Education
- Vocational Education
- Technical Education
- Higher Education
- Research

4. MANAGEMENT

- Human Resource Management
- Quality Management
- Project Management
- Risk Management
- Supply Chain Management
- Total Quality Management

5. SKILLS

- Communication Skills
- Critical Thinking
- Creativity
- Decision Making
- Problem Solving
- Teamwork
- Time Management



Creative Artists

Residential & Commercial Space
Planner/Designers
Floor Designers
Exhibition & Set-Designers
Ornamental Plant Decorators
Graphic Designers
Furniture Designers
Garden Designers

MANAGEMENT

Project Manager
Logistics and Supply Chain Manager
Quality Control Officer
Production Control Officer
Retail Store Manager
Retail Store Assistant
Retail Store Supervisor
Retail Store Coordinator
Retail Store Executive

TECHNICAL & DEVELOPMENT

Product Development Manager
Product Development Engineer
Product Development Specialist
Product Development Analyst
Product Development Coordinator

Resource Management



Extension and Communication Management

GOVERNMENT-DESIGNATED OFFICERS

Child Development Project Officer
Mukhya Sevika
Extension Educator

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Field Development Officers
Project Coordinators/ Managers
Research Assistants & Officers
Intervention Trainers
Health Care Educators
Outreach Coordinators



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Home Science has evolved over the years and now it includes areas of study like Food, Nutrition and Dietetics, Textiles and Fashion Studies, Human Development and Family Studies, Resource Management, and Extension and Communication Management. Home Science is an art as well as a science. It is the art of managing your resources efficiently, and the science of achieving a healthy and happy home as well as a successful and fulfilling career. It involves not only understanding concepts, but also their application in various contexts. This gives Home Science students an edge above all other disciplines

Probably no field of study calls for such varied talents as Home Science does. Career options range from teaching to working in research institutions, nutrition & diet consultancy in hospitals, hotels & wellness centres, food analysis & quality control in food processing units, fabric construction, apparel & textile designing, ergonomics & designing of interiors, counselling in schools & colleges, HR work in corporates & agencies, and entrepreneurial options across fields.

Home science integrates the application of various sciences and humanities to manage resources effectively, improve human environment, and foster ideal human development. Today's Home Science education is not confined to only strengthening home and family life; it is an education aimed at better living and national well-being.

At Goa College of Home Science, our vision statement is "Cultivating Erudite Community Builders". We aim to enable young people to think critically and act purposefully, engage with the world within them as well as the world around them, understand their own cultures and to respect the diversity of others, become economically responsible and independent, and become active and compassionate citizens.

Welcome to the world of Home Science!

- Prof. (Dr.) Mahesh Pai
Offg. Principal



ABOUT OUR COLLEGE

The Goa College of Home Science (GCHS), affiliated to Goa University, is the only College of Home Science in the State of Goa offering a Degree Course - B.Sc. in Home Science. It was established in July 1988 and is funded by the State Government.

The Degree Course was initiated to facilitate the wholistic education of students in the field of Home Science under the Specialization Streams of Food, Nutrition and Dietetics, Textiles and Fashion Studies, Human Development and Family Studies, Extension and Communication Management, and Resource Management, not only to equip them with the knowledge needed to pursue higher education in areas relevant to future occupations, but to also provide them with practical experiences to develop life-skills that they would require to be efficient and productive citizens.

The College is situated in its own premises at Campal, Panaji. The campus is centrally located, artistically designed around a hexagonal courtyard and offers ample outdoor space for activities and events. It is also environment friendly with trees and plants that mirror the variety of flora in Goa. The campus is wi-fi enabled.

The College has well-qualified Faculty, classrooms equipped with Smart Boards, well-maintained laboratories, a Seminar Room, Canteen, Library, Gymnasium, and other areas with the required facilities for Sports and extra-curricular activities.

The teaching-learning process takes place in an interactive environment involving the use of innovative techniques and digital resources to enhance this process. Participatory techniques are stressed upon with a focus on building up student morale, stimulating independent thinking and fostering creativity. Field visits, practical work, project work and internship constitute an integral part of this system.



PROGRAMME OFFERED

The Goa College of Home Science offers a Degree Programme under the nomenclature of Bachelor of Science / (Hons.) Home Science. The programme is based on the National Education Policy 2020, and is designed as per guidelines prescribed by the Goa University.

Highlights of the Undergraduate Programme

The Undergraduate Degree Programme offered under Goa University is of either 3 or 4 year duration, with multiple entry and exit points at the beginning and end of each academic year. Every academic year shall consist of two semesters.

Re-entry options, with appropriate certifications at exits are as detailed below:

1. A student who completes 1 Academic Year (i.e. 2 Semesters) of study in the chosen field, and would like to exit the programme, would obtain a **UG Certificate** after completing and clearing the first year.
2. A student who completes 2 Academic Years (i.e. 4 Semesters) of study in the chosen field, and would like to exit the programme, would obtain a **UG Diploma** after completing and clearing the first two years.
3. A student who completes 3 Academic Years (i.e. 6 Semesters) of study in the chosen field, and would like to exit the programme, would obtain a **Bachelor's Degree** after completing and clearing all three years.
4. A student who completes 4 Academic Years (i.e. 8 Semesters) of study in the chosen field, and completes a rigorous research project in their major area(s) of study in the 4th year, would obtain a **4-Year Bachelor's Degree (Honours with Research)** after completing and clearing all four years.

After the 2nd and 4th Semesters (i.e. at the end of 1 year and 2 years), a student is permitted to exit if he/she chooses, and can re-enter the programme within 3 years from the date of exit with the option of completing within a maximum time of 7 years.



ADMISSION TO F.Y.B.SC. (HOME SCIENCE)

The admission to F.Y.B.Sc. (Home Science) will be online. Please visit the SAMARTH Portal and fill in the form available on the admission portal.

The admission will be as per the availability of seats on a first come first serve basis. The reservation of seats to SC/ST/OBC/PH candidates will be as per the norms of Government of Goa.

Application forms duly filled, shall be accompanied with the following documents:

- a) HSS Leaving Certificate
- b) H.S.S.C.E. Mark Sheet
- c) Eligibility Certificate
- d) SC/ST/OBC Certificate (if applicable)

For students coming from Universities other than Goa University or Examination Board other than the H.S.S.C. Examination Board Goa, the following documents shall be attached:

- a) Migration Certificate
- b) Passing Certificate

INTIMATION OF PROVISIONAL SELECTION

The list of selected candidates will be notified by the Directorate of Higher Education. The candidates who apply online will receive an e-mail and SMS message regarding their selection. Candidates are required to appear before the Principal, along with their parents or responsible guardians and with original certificates for verification and admission. They will pay their fees online on the admission portal of the Directorate of Higher Education.

CANCELLATION OF ADMISSION

- 1) If any candidate who is offered admission does not pay the fees within the dates prescribed, the offer will be treated as cancelled.
- 2) Admission offered to candidates will be cancelled if later, Goa University declares that the candidate is not eligible for admission.
- 3) If any information given by candidates in connection with admission is later at any time found to be incorrect, the candidate is liable to be dismissed from the Institute and the fee paid by the candidate shall be forfeited. The decision of the Principal shall be final.



DETAILS OF PAPERS PER SEMESTER

SEMESTER I		
Course Opted	Course Name	Credits
Major Core 1	Food Science	3T+1P
Minor 1	Fundamentals of Human Development	3T+1P
Multidisciplinary Course (MC) 1	Gender Studies – An Introduction / Health Education	3T
Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) 1	Fundamentals of Clothing	3P
Ability Enhancement Course (AEC) 1	English I	2T
Value Added Course (VAC) 1	Environmental Practices in Goa	2T
Value Added Course (VAC) 2	Constitutional Values & Obligations	2T

SEMESTER II		
Course Opted	Course Name	Credits
Major Core 2	Home Science Extension & Development	3T+1P
Minor 2	Fibre to Fabric	3T+1P
Multidisciplinary Course (MC) 2	Environmental Psychology / Tourism & Hospitality Management / Introduction to Wines	3T
Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) 2	Principles of Art & Interior Decoration	3P
Ability Enhancement Course (AEC) 2	English II	2T
Value Added Course (VAC) 3	Awareness of Cyber Crimes & Security	2T
Value Added Course (VAC) 4	Exercise Science and Nutrition for Fitness	2P

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” – Malcolm X

SEMESTER III (Food, Nutrition & Dietetics)		
Course Opted	Course Name	Credits
Major Core 3	Nutrition Science	3T+1P
Major Core 4	Food Microbiology	3T+1P
Minor 3	Nutrition across the lifespan	3T+1P
Multidisciplinary Course (MC) 3	Facility Management / Career Planning & Interview Preparation / Youth & Social Institutions	3T
Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) 3	Home Scale Food Processing & Preservation / Advertising & Marketing Communication /	1T+2P
	Surface Enrichment /	0T+3P
	Creative Teaching Aids & Techniques	0T+3P
Ability Enhancement Course (AEC) 3	Hindi	2T

SEMESTER III (Textiles & Fashion Studies)		
Course Opted	Course Name	Credits
Major Core 3	Pattern Making & Styling for Kids Wear	0T+4P
Major Core 4	Psychology of Fashion	2T+2P
Minor 3	Eco & Sustainable Fashion	3T+1P
Multidisciplinary Course (MC) 3	Facility Management / Career Planning & Interview Preparation / Youth & Social Institutions	3T
Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) 3	Home Scale Food Processing & Preservation / Advertising & Marketing Communication /	1T+2P
	Surface Enrichment /	0T+3P
	Creative Teaching Aids & Techniques	0T+3P
Ability Enhancement Course (AEC) 3	Hindi	2T

“Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.” – Abigail Adams

SEMESTER III (Human Development & Family Studies)		
Course Opted	Course Name	Credits
Major Core 3	Development in Adolescence	3T+1P
Major Core 4	Development in Adulthood	3T+1P
Minor 3	Essentials of Psychology	3T+1P
Multidisciplinary Course (MC) 3	Facility Management / Career Planning & Interview Preparation / Youth & Social Institutions	3T
Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) 3	Home Scale Food Processing & Preservation /	1T+2P
	Advertising & Marketing Communication /	
	Surface Enrichment /	0T+3P
	Creative Teaching Aids & Techniques	0T+3P
Ability Enhancement Course (AEC) 3	Hindi	2T

SEMESTER IV (Food, Nutrition & Dietetics)		
Course Opted	Course Name	Credits
Major Core 5	Basic Dietetics	3T+1P
Major Core 6	Nutrition and Physical Fitness / Sports Nutrition	3T+1P
Major Core 7	Nutritional Biochemistry	3T+1P
Major Core 8	Nutrition Communication and Counselling	1T+1P
Minor 4	Human Anatomy & Physiology	3T+1P
Ability Enhancement Course (AEC) 3	Hindi	2T

SEMESTER IV (Textiles & Fashion Studies)		
Course Opted	Course Name	Credits
Major Core 5	Apparel Design and Illustration	2T+2P
Major Core 6	Dyeing, Printing and Finishing of Textiles	3T+1P
Major Core 7	Garment Construction for Kids wear	2T+2P
Major Core 8	Indian Textile Heritage	2T+0P
Minor 4	Product Development in Textiles & Apparel	2T+2P
Ability Enhancement Course (AEC) 3	Hindi	2T

SEMESTER IV (Human Development & Family Studies)		
Course Opted	Course Name	Credits
Major Core 5	Marriage and Family Dynamics	3T+1P
Major Core 6	Guidance & Counselling	3T+1P
Major Core 7	Social Psychology	3T+1P
Major Core 8	Social Welfare	1T+1P
Minor 4	Methods of Child Study	3T+1P
Ability Enhancement Course (AEC) 3	Hindi	2T

SEMESTER V (Food, Nutrition & Dietetics)		
Course Opted	Course Name	Credits
Major Core 9	Medical Nutrition Therapy I	3T+1P
Major Core 10	Advanced Nutrition I	3T+1P
Major Core 11	Public Health Nutrition	3T+1P
Major Core 12	Food Heritage of India	1T+1P
Minor 5	Bakery Technology	2T+2P

SEMESTER V (Textiles & Fashion Studies)		
Course Opted	Course Name	Credits
Major Core 9	Fabric Construction	3T+1P
Major Core 10	Textile Testing & Laundry Science	3T+1P
Major Core 11	Pattern Drafting & Draping	2T+2P
Major Core 12	CAD in Apparel Design	0T+2P
Minor 5	Fashion Communication	2T+2P

SEMESTER V (Human Development & Family Studies)		
Course Opted	Course Name	Credits
Major Core 9	Theoretical Perspectives in Human Development Part I	3T+1P
Major Core 10	Early Childhood Care & Education I	3T+1P
Major Core 11	Education of the Differently Abled Part I	3T+1P
Major Core 12	School Administration & Management	2T
Minor 5	Practical in Preschool Education	0T+4P

SEMESTER VI (Food, Nutrition & Dietetics)		
Course Opted	Course Name	Credits
Major Core 13	Medical Nutrition Therapy II	3T+1P
Major Core 14	Advanced Nutrition II	3T+1P
Major Core 15	Food Technology	3T+1P
Major Core 16	Project	
Minor 6	Food Packaging	3T+1P

SEMESTER VI (Textiles & Fashion Studies)		
Course Opted	Course Name	Credits
Major Core 13	Apparel Production	2T+2P
Major Core 14	Traditional Costumes of India	3T+1P
Major Core 15	Apparel Marketing & Merchandizing	3T+1P
Major Core 16	Project	
Minor 6	Quality Norms & Standards for Apparel	2T+2P

SEMESTER VI (Human Development & Family Studies)		
Course Opted	Course Name	Credits
Major Core 13	Theoretical Perspectives in Human Development Part II	3T+1P
Major Core 14	Early Childhood Care & Education II	3T+1P
Major Core 15	Education of the Differently Abled Part II	3T+1P
Major Core 16	Project	
Minor 6	Creating Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum	3T+1P

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” – Nelson Mandela

BRIEF PROFILE OF FACULTY MEMBERS



Prof. (Dr.) Mahesh Pai

M.A., Ph.D. in Psychology, (N.E.T.), Diploma in HIV/AIDS Related Counseling

Designation: Officiating Principal

Area of Expertise: Organizational Behaviour, Counselling

Hobbies & Interests: Reading, Training and Research



Rita Godinho e Vaz

M.H.Sc. – Textiles & Clothing

Designation: Associate Professor

Area of Expertise: Textiles and Fashion Studies

Hobbies & Interests: Fashion designing & mentoring, Sports, Social work.



Ranju Joshi e Kunkaliker

M.Sc. - Food Science & Nutrition (N.E.T.)

Designation: Associate Professor

Area of Expertise: Food, Nutrition & Dietetics

Hobbies & Interests: Listening to music, Watching - Performing Arts



Dr. Charlotte Facho e Lourenco

M.Sc (Home Science) Textile and Clothing

Designation: Associate Professor

Area of Expertise: Textiles and Fashion Studies

Hobbies & Interests: Music, Gardening



Bharati Pathak

BE in Computers

Designation: Assistant Professor

Area of expertise: OOP in Java and

C++, Database management, Data communication and networking, Software engineering, Operating systems, Data and file structures

Hobbies & Interests: Listening to music, Exercise/yoga, Travelling, Watching movies, Family time



Varsha @ Swetal S Naik

M.Sc., BEH (N.E.T.)

Designation: Assistant Professor

Area of Expertise: Food, Nutrition and Dietetics

Hobbies & Interests: Compering, Social Work, Dramatics,
Understanding Culture and Ancient Mythology



Gauravi Gajanan Shirodkar

M.H.Sc. – Food Science & Nutrition (N.E.T.)

Designation: Assistant Professor

Area of Expertise: Food Science & Technology, Nutrition Dietetics

Hobbies & Interests: Reading, Trying out new food recipes



Dr. Ameet Gurudas Pednekar

Ph.D., M.P.Ed, N.E.T

Designation: College Director of Physical Education

Area of Expertise: Football and Athletics

Hobbies & Interests: Coaching for various sports, Sports
Psychology, Yoga & Fitness training



Mitzi Mukerjie

M.Sc. (Home Science) Textile and Clothing

Designation: Assistant Professor

Area of Expertise: Textiles and Fashion Studies

Hobbies & Interests: Gardening, Music and Embroidery



Mitali Bhate

M.Sc. (Home Science) Extension and Communication, NET

Designation: Assistant Professor

Area of Expertise: Counselling & Training in Mental Health,
Community Outreach

Hobbies & Interests: cooking, Travelling & Exploring New Places,
Yoga



Larissa Rodrigues

M.Sc. (Home Science) Human Development, PG Dip. In HRM, SET

Designation: Assistant Professor

Area of Expertise: lifespan Development, Early Childhood Education,
Research

Hobbies & Interests: Singing, Composing, Poetry, Reading, Writing,
Gardening and Travelling



Dr. Nadisha Coelho

M.Sc. (Home Science) Human Development, Ph.D. (Humanities & Social sciences) Psychology, NET with UGC-JRF

Designation: Assistant Professor

Area of Expertise: Human Development, Early Childhood Care & Development

Hobbies & Interests: Creative Writing, Acting, Story Telling, Puppetry, Singing, Reading



Sheryl Afonso e D'Souza

M.Sc. (Home Science) Food, Nutrition & Dietetics, NET

Designation: Assistant Professor

Area of Expertise: Clinical & Sports Nutrition, Food Technology

Hobbies & Interests: Literary Works, Adventure Sports & Activities, Travelling



Dr. Harshita Bisht

Ph.D. (Home Science) Family Resource Management, NET with UGC-JRF

Designation: Assistant Professor

Area of Expertise: Resource Management, Interior Design, Ergonomics, Entrepreneurship

Hobbies & Interests: Reading, Painting, Travelling



Carolyn Cardoso

B.Sc. (Hons.) Home Science (Human Development),

M.A. Psychology

Designation: Assistant Professor (Contract Basis)

Area of Expertise: Human Development, Psychology

Hobbies & Interests: Creative Writing, Travelling, Cooking



Abigail Fernandes

M.Sc. (Home Science) Human Development.

Designation: Assistant Professor (Contract Basis)

Area of Expertise: Early childhood education, Family studies, Research

Hobbies & Interests: Singing, Playing guitar, Reading, Writing, Painting/Sketching, and Journaling.



Neysa Vas

MSc in Fashion Technology

Designation: Assistant Professor

Area of Expertise: Design, Pattern Making, conservation of textiles and Fashion studies

Hobbies & Interests: Painting, crafts, research



Shruti Kalangutkar

B.A. Psychology, M.A. Psychology

Designation: College Counsellor (Contract Basis)

Area of Expertise: Supporting adolescents and young adults in navigating emotional challenges, interpersonal relationships, academic stress, and self-development.

Hobbies & Interests: Travelling, Cooking, Listening to Music, Singing, Fashion Designing, Reading, Drawing, Dancing.



Supria Komarpant

BCA, B.L.S., M.L.I.S with N.E.T

Designation: Librarian (Contract Basis)

Area of Expertise: Information Management, Programming and Computer Application

Hobbies & Interests: Reading, painting, Jewery Making and Travelling



COLLEGE REGULATIONS (GENERAL)

1. The College attaches great importance to good discipline and the same shall be scrupulously observed by all the students. Disobedience, misconduct, misbehavior or failure to comply with any of the rules will be dealt with severely.
2. Students of the College shall abide by the rules that may be made by the Principal of the College from time to time and shall do nothing inside or outside the College that will interfere with its orderly Administration.
3. Students' should conform to a dress code in keeping with expected decency & decorum.
4. Conduct of students in the classes as well as in the premises of the College shall be such as will cause no disturbance to fellow students or to other classes.
5. Students must not attend classes other than their own.
6. Students must not loiter in the College premises while the Classes/Examinations/ Tests are in progress.
7. A Complaints Committee has been constituted to deal with reports of **Sexual Harassment of Women at the Work Place** and to ensure the prevention of Sexual Harassment of women. Appropriate disciplinary action shall be initiated in accordance with the rules against the offender if found guilty.
8. Students are expected to take proper care of the College property and to help in keeping the premises neat and clean.
9. Cleanliness in Laboratories is to be maintained during and after the practicals.
10. No person shall be invited to address a College meeting without the prior permission of the Principal. Even in College debates it is necessary to get all the subjects proposed for discussion approved previously and such debates should be held under the presidentship of a person approved by the Principal.
11. The students should take care of their personal belongings and not leave their belongings anywhere in the premises. The College shall not be responsible for any theft or loss of belongings.
12. Students are not permitted to use mobile phones during College hours.
13. Students are expected to be on time for their classes; if not, they may not be permitted to attend the classes.
14. For any Financial Assistance/Scholarship/Students Aid/Support Services, students may contact the College Office/Respective Class Coordinator.

15. Students must attend all classes, practicals, seminars, etc. according to the time- table on all working days of the College. **Students should not absent themselves from classes, practicals, seminars, and examinations without the prior permission of the Principal.**
16. Every student shall compulsorily submit the course work (articles, garments, journals etc.) from time to time as instructed by the respective teacher/Principal, failing which they shall face the consequences thereof.
17. A minimum of **75% attendance** in lectures and practicals etc. is required for students to answer the Annual Examination, failing which they will not be eligible to appear for the Annual Examination.
18. **“Ragging”**is banned strictly in the College and anyone found indulging in **“ragging”** is likely to be punished which may include expulsion from the College. **(Ref: The Goa Prohibition of Ragging Act, 2008 & UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of Ragging in Higher Education Institutions, 2009)**
19. Smoking in the College premises is strictly prohibited.
20. **“Possession and consumption of drugs is an Offence”** and is strictly prohibited in the College premises.
21. Absolute silence is expected in the College Library.
22. Every student must have their identity card with them when they are in the College premises.
23. The parents, guardians and the students are requested to help the College Authorities to attain academic excellence.
24. Students must read the Notice Board regularly.
25. If, for any reason, in the opinion of the Principal (which shall be final), the continuance of a student in the College is detrimental to the best interests of the College, the Principal may ask the student to leave the College without assigning any reason for the decision.
The décision of the Principal in matters relating to the College shall be final and Conclusive.

ANTI RAGGING REGULATIONS

UGC REGULATIONS ON CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, 2009

In exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (g) of sub-section (1) of Section 26 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, the University Grants Commission hereby makes the following Regulations, namely;

Title, Commencement and Applicability

1.1 These regulations shall be called the “UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009”.

1.2 They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

1.3 They shall apply to all the institutions coming within the definition of an University under sub-section (f) of section (2) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, and to all institutions deemed to be a university under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, to all other higher educational institutions, or elements of such universities or institutions, including its departments, constituent units and all the premises, whether being academic, residential, playgrounds, canteen, or other such premises of such universities, deemed universities and higher educational institutions, whether located within the campus or outside, and to all means of transportation of students, whether public or private, accessed by students for the pursuit of studies in such universities, deemed universities and higher educational institutions.

Objectives

To prohibit 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, or indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student or 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, 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; and thereby, to eliminate ragging in all its forms from universities, deemed universities and other higher educational institutions in the country by prohibiting it under these Regulations, preventing its occurrence and punishing those who indulge in ragging as provided for in these Regulations and the appropriate law in force.

What constitutes Ragging

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

- a. 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;
- b. indulging in rowdy or indisciplined 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;
- c. 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;
- d. any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher;
- e. exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.

- f. any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students;
- g. 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;
- h. any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, 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;
- i. 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.

Action to be taken by the Head of the Institution

On receipt of the recommendation of the Anti-Ragging Squad or on receipt of any information concerning any reported incident of ragging, the Head of institution shall immediately determine if a case under the penal laws is made out and if so, either on his own or through a member of the Anti-Ragging Committee authorised by him in this behalf, 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, under the appropriate penal provisions relating to one or more of the following, namely:

- i. Abetment to ragging
- ii. Criminal conspiracy to rag;
- iii. Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging;
- iv. Public nuisance created during ragging;
- v. Violation of decency and morals through ragging;
- vi. Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt;
- vii. Wrongful restraint; Wrongful confinement;
- viii. Use of criminal force;
- ix. Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences;
- x. Extortion;
- xi. Criminal trespass;
- xii. Offences against property;
- xiii. Criminal intimidation;
- xiv. Attempts to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- xv. Threat to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- xvi. Physical or psychological humiliation;
- xvii. All other offences following from the definition of “Ragging”.

Provided that the Head of the institution shall forthwith report the occurrence of the incident of ragging to the District Level Anti-Ragging Committee and the Nodal officer of the affiliating University, if the institution is an affiliated institution.

Provided further that the institution shall also continue with its own enquiry initiated under clause 9 of these Regulations and other measures without waiting for action on the part of the police/local authorities and such remedial action shall be initiated and completed immediately and in no case later than a period of seven days of the reported occurrence of the incident of ragging.

Administrative action in the event of ragging

9.1 The institution shall punish a student found guilty of ragging after following the procedure and in the manner prescribed hereinunder:

- a) The Anti-Ragging Committee of the institution shall take an appropriate decision, in regard to punishment or otherwise, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging and nature and gravity of the incident of ragging established in the recommendations of the Anti-Ragging Squad.
- b) The Anti-Ragging Committee may, depending on the nature and gravity of the guilt established by the Anti-Ragging Squad, award, to those found guilty, one or more of the following punishments, namely;
 - i. Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
 - ii. With holding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits.
 - iii. Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process.
 - iv. With holding results.
 - v. Debarring from representing the institution in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
 - vi. Suspension/expulsion from the hostel.
 - vii. Cancellation of admission.
 - viii. Rustication from the institution for period ranging from one to four semesters.
 - ix. Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period.
 - x. Provided that where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the institution shall resort to collective punishment.
- c) An appeal against the order of punishment by the Anti-Ragging Committee shall lie,
 - i. in case of an order of an institution, affiliated to or constituent part, of a University, to the Vice-Chancellor of the University;
 - ii. in case of an order of a University, to its Chancellor.in case of an institution of national importance created by an Act of Parliament, to the Chairman or Chancellor of the institution, as the case maybe.

LOCATION OF THE COLLEGE

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