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Subject: Comprehensive Measures to Strengthen Anti-Ragging Efforts in Higher Educational Institutions.

## आदरणीय महोदया / महोदय,

The University Grants Commission (UGC) is committed to fostering a safe and conducive learning environment for all students. In line with the discussions held during the 26th meeting of the Anti-Ragging Committee, we urge all regulatory bodies to implement comprehensive measures to prevent and address incidents of ragging effectively.

We request that all regulatory bodies take strict measures against institutions with repeated violations of antiragging regulations and encourage institutions to adopt proactive initiation programs for new students to create a welcoming and supportive environment. Furthermore, the issue of vulgar materials being used in ragging must be addressed, and strict measures should be enforced against such practices to protect the dignity and safety of students. It is important to prioritize the involvement of differently-abled individuals in the anti-ragging mechanism and enhance equity and accessibility within the system to create an inclusive environment.

We recommend conducting ground-level checks on compliance with anti-ragging measures in HEIs and reporting back on the status of compliance and any corrective actions taken to address gaps in implementation. The complexities of suicide need to be addressed by developing comprehensive prevention and intervention strategies in collaboration with relevant stakeholders to provide support to students at risk and promote mental health and well-being. Additionally, implementing and promoting mentor-mentee programs to provide guidance and support to new students, reducing the risk of ragging, and sharing best practices for mentorship initiatives while encouraging participation from senior students is vital.

We urge you to ensure cooperation with the UGC Anti-Ragging Helpline and adhere to its guidelines, maintaining the confidentiality of complainants and supporting the helpline's efforts in addressing ragging complaints. Organizing regular awareness campaigns and workshops on the importance of creating a ragging-free environment is necessary, as is educating students and staff about the consequences of ragging and the measures in place to prevent it. Conducting a thorough analysis of ragging incidents in private versus government HEIs to explore reasons and remedies for the same, and focusing on understanding factors motivating raggers and developing preventive measures, will be critical in our collective efforts to eradicate the menace of ragging from our educational institutions and ensure the well-being and safety of all students.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to fostering a safe and supportive learning environment.

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