

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

No. 20, Ward Place
Colombo 07

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Vice Chancellors of Universities
Rectors of Campuses
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Actions/ Mechanism to be implemented to combat Ragging, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in state Universities and Higher Educational Institutes.

A Ministerial Committee has been appointed to take measures to combat Ragging, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in State Universities and Higher Educational Institutes and the following procedures and actions have been decided for implementation at the university level with regard to the prevalence of Ragging, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in state Universities and Higher Educational Institutes, from the Academic Year 2021/2022 onwards;

1. At the enrollment of students to the university/HEI, all staff handling student enrollments at the Faculty level have to be instructed as follows;

SAR/Student Admission

- Issue the new declaration on Anti-Ragging (**Annex I – Specimen Form – print both sides in a single A4 paper**) to the students at the enrollment and obtain the signature of the student for the same in the presence of the university official/s. Thereafter, collect the duly signed declaration form (Annex I) from the students.
- Also collect the duly signed Anti-Ragging Declaration form which was generated by the University Grants Commission when registering students in the online system from the students, at the enrollment.
- Filing the duly signed Anti-Ragging Declaration (Annex I) in the personal file of the respective student by the Registrar/ Deputy Registrar/ Senior Assistant Registrar of the University/ Campus/ Institute for any future reference.

- E-mail a set of following documents to students to the email address provided at the enrollment for them to read and understand the contents therein;

1. Prohibition of Ragging and other forms of Violence in Educational Institutions Act, No. 20 of 1998, in English, Sinhala and Tamil languages (**Annex II**).
2. Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Act, No. 4 of 2015, in English, Sinhala and Tamil languages (**Annex III**).

SAL/Library

2. Instruct the relevant officers to print and keep a set of following Acts; namely "Prohibition of Ragging and other forms of Violence in Educational Institutions Act, No. 20 of 1998 and "Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Act, No. 4 of 2015" in English, Sinhala and Tamil languages in reference section at libraries.

Coordinator/UIC

3. Instruct relevant IT staff of the university to upload the "Prohibition of Ragging and other forms of Violence in Educational Institutions Act, No. 20 of 1998 and "Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Act, No. 4 of 2015" in English, Sinhala and Tamil languages to website of the University/ Campus/ Institute.

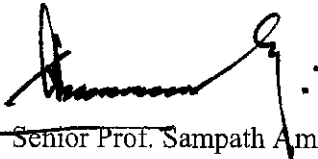
4. Include followings for the orientation programme from the academic year 2021/2022.

Senior Student
Counselor

- PowerPoint presentation on illegal and inhuman nature of ragging by displaying actual photos of incidents of ragging and gender based violence (SGBV) that have taken place.
- Inviting social influencers and popular personnel to share their past experiences on incidents of ragging they have undergone.

5. Apart from above refer to the actions outlined in the Commission Circular No. 12/ 2019 (**Annex IV**) and implement suitable actions as appropriate.

Please take actions accordingly.



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Chairman

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