

NOTICE

Subject: Absolute Prohibition and Criminal Consequences of Ragging at CNLU

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To: All Students of Chanakya National Law University

It is hereby brought to the attention of all students that ragging in any form is strictly prohibited at Chanakya National Law University (CNLU), Patna. This prohibition extends across all university premises, academic blocks, hostels, libraries, canteens, as well as off-campus locations, private accommodations, and digital or online platforms. The University adopts a **Zero Tolerance Policy** in this regard. Any student found to be indulging in ragging, or abetting it in any capacity, shall face the harshest disciplinary and criminal legal consequences without exception or leniency.

As per the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, ragging is categorized as a serious cognizable criminal offence. Ragging includes any conduct, whether verbal or physical, that causes humiliation, psychological harm, fear, shame, or embarrassment to a fellow student, particularly a fresher or junior. It may involve abusive language, physical assault, forced tasks, threats, or any act which violates personal dignity. Under these regulations and legal provisions, institutions are compelled to file an FIR within 24 hours of receiving a complaint. Once an FIR is lodged, it cannot be withdrawn, and the accused student will face the full course of legal prosecution.

Punishments at the institutional level may include suspension from classes, withdrawal of scholarships, cancellation of examination privileges, rustication for up to four semesters, expulsion, and debarment from admission to any other institution for a specified period. Additionally, a fine ranging from ₹25,000 to ₹1,00,000 may be imposed. **In cases where specific individuals cannot be identified, collective punishment may be enforced.** Beyond institutional action, students may be charged under multiple sections of the BNS, 2023 Assault, Causing hurt, Grievous hurt, Wrongful restraint, Criminal intimidation, and Criminal conspiracy or abetment. These offences are punishable with imprisonment, which may extend up to seven years, accompanied by fines and a permanent criminal record.

All students are strictly warned that ignorance of the rules will not be accepted as a defence. **Claims that the act was a “joke,” a “tradition,” or a “harmless prank” will not protect the offender from serious consequences.** If any student is subjected to ragging or witnesses

such behaviour, they are urged to report it immediately to the University's Anti-Ragging Committee, the Registrar, or through the National Anti-Ragging Helpline (1800-180-5522).

Let it be clearly understood that Chanakya National Law University shall not tolerate any form of ragging. Any such act shall be met with swift and uncompromising disciplinary and legal action.

By order of the Vice-Chancellor
Chanakya National Law University, Patna