



भारतीय समुद्री विश्वविद्यालय
INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY
(Central University, Govt. of India)

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Circular 1704

Sub: Revised Ordinance governing the Discipline of Students of IMU Campuses and Affiliated Institutes.

Ref: 1. Agenda Item No: AC 2016-16-20 of 16th AC Meeting dated 08-12-2016.

2. Agenda Item No: EC 2016-37-09 of 37th AC Meeting dated 22-12-2016.

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The Executive Council in its 37th Meeting dated 22-12-2016 vide Agenda Item No: EC 2016-37-09 resolved to approve the following Ordinance governing the Discipline of Students of IMU Campuses and Affiliated Institutes, as recommended by the Academic Council in its 16th meeting held on 08.12.2016 vide Agenda Item No. AC 2016-16-20:

"Ordinance governing the Discipline of Students of IMU Campuses and Affiliated Institutes"

1. All powers relating to discipline and disciplinary action in relation to students of the University shall vest in the Vice-Chancellor.
2. Without prejudice to the generality of the Vice Chancellor's powers, a Director of an IMU Campus shall have the power to suspend a student for a period not exceeding 30 days on grounds of indiscipline,

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misconduct or acts unbecoming of a student of the University under immediate intimation to the Registrar along with the reasons for suspension.

Provided that if the suspension of the student is to be extended beyond 30 days, the Director shall obtain the previous approval of the Vice Chancellor before the expiry of the 30-day period.

Provided further that the Vice Chancellor may revoke the suspension of a student if done wrongfully by the Director, or place a student under suspension if the Director has failed to do so in spite of the situation warranting the same.

3. A Director of an IMU Campus shall also have powers to levy fine not exceeding Rs.1,000/- for lesser offences committed by a student not warranting suspension.
4. All powers relating to the discipline and disciplinary action concerning students of a College or an Institution not maintained by the University shall vest in the Principal/Head of the Institution as the case may be.
5. A student of an Affiliated College/Institution would come within the disciplinary jurisdiction of the University at the time of conduct of University Examination or any other University activity, and he shall be subject to any punishment that may be imposed by the competent authority of the University for having committed such an act of indiscipline, misconduct or act unbecoming of a student of the University.
6. The Principal or the Head of the Affiliated College/Institution may inflict any of the following punishments:



- i) Suspension
- ii) Expulsion
- iii) Rustication for a specified period
- iv) Denial of admission to courses of study in the College/Institution concerned.
- v) Denial of admission to the hostel maintained by the College/Institution.
- vi) Withdrawal of scholarship or freeship.
- vii) Fine for an amount to be specified by order.

Provided that the Principal/Head of the Institution shall not inflict any such punishment before satisfying himself as to the necessity of the penalty after giving the student(s) concerned an adequate opportunity for being heard and considering such representation as may be made on behalf of the student(s).

7. Ragging:

- (i) 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 as the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness a fresher or any other student.
 - b) Indulging in rowdy or undisciplined 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 hereof in any fresher or any other student.

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- 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, tripping, 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.

For the purpose of this Ordinance, abetment to ragging whether by way of any act, practice or incitement of ragging will also amount to ragging.

- (ii) Ragging in any form constitutes gross indiscipline, and is strictly prohibited within the premises of the Indian Maritime University or any of its Affiliated Colleges/Institutions or outside.



- (iii) It shall be the duty of Hostel Wardens, Faculty, Heads of Departments, Directors of IMU Campuses and Principals of Affiliated Colleges/Institutions to take all steps necessary to curb the menace of ragging. Failure to do so will be treated as dereliction of duty.
- (iv) Directors of IMU Campuses and Principals of Affiliated Colleges/Institutions shall have the powers to issue such instructions and entrust such responsibilities to the Hostel Wardens, Faculty and Heads of Departments as may be necessary to curb the menace of ragging.
- (v) On receipt of any information of the occurrence of ragging, Hostel Wardens, Faculty, Heads of Departments of IMU Campuses or of Affiliated Colleges/Institutions shall take immediate action to submit a report to the Director of an IMU Campus or the Principal of an Affiliated College/Institution, as the case may be, of the identity of those who have engaged in ragging and the nature of the incident.

Provided further all such cases of ragging shall be reported immediately by the concerned Director of an IMU Campus or the Principal of an Affiliated College/Institution to the Registrar, IMU.

- (vi) The Director of an IMU Campus or the Principal of an Affiliated College/Institution, as the case may be, may also conduct a *suomotu* enquiry into any incident of ragging.
- (vii) A proven incident of ragging shall be a ground for suspension and award of other punishments contemplated in IMU's Statute 32(3) read with this Ordinance to the students found guilty."



This Ordinance shall come into force with immediate effect.


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**** The Existing Ordinance in Chapter XIII governing the discipline of students (other than discipline among the students in University Examinations which is covered by Chapter XV) is hereby repeated.*

To:

All Directors of IMU Campuses

The Principals of Affiliated Institutes