

- g. For the Institutions approved by AICTE and later converted into a Private University/Institution Deemed to be University by appropriate State/ Central Act, the release of Security Deposit shall be subject to no pending Complaints or Disciplinary Proceedings against such Institutions in addition to the submission of the above documents.
- h. For the Institutions approved for Progressive Closure (Institutional/Program specific), Security Deposit (as applicable) shall be released upon the request from the Trust/ Society/ Company, subject to the submission of a Certificate from the affiliating University/Board stating that no students are studying in the Institution. Such a Certificate is not needed, if the Security Deposit is already matured.
- i. In case of grant of approval to the merger of Institutions, Security Deposit of the Child Institution(s) shall be released upon the request from the Trust/ Society/ Company, subject to the submission of a Certificate from the affiliating University/Board stating that no students are studying in the Institution.

SECTION B: ESSENTIAL AND DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS FOR TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS

The Technical Institutions shall follow the below mentioned Essential and Desirable requirements:

Essential Requirements for Technical Institution

- 6.47 Establishment of Anti Ragging Committee (As per All India Council for Technical Education notified Regulation for prevention and prohibition of ragging in AICTE approved Technical Institutions vide No. 37-3/ Legal/ AICTE/ 2009 dated 01.07.2009) and UGC Regulation issued in this regard.*
- a. Structure of Anti Ragging Committee: Every Institution/ University including Institution Deemed to be University imparting Technical Education shall constitute a Committee to be known as the Anti-Ragging Committee to be nominated and headed by the Head of the Institution, and consisting of representatives of Civil and Police Administration, Local Media, Non-Government Organizations involved in youth activities, representatives of Faculty members, representatives of parents, representatives of students belonging to the freshers' category as well as senior students, non-teaching staff and shall have a diverse mix of membership in term of Level as well as gender.
 - b. Prevention and Prohibition of Ragging: In view of the directions of the Honorable Supreme Court in SLP No. 24295 of 2006 dated 16-05-2007 and in Civil Appeal number 887 of 2009, dated 08-05-2009, to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 23 read with Section 10 (b), (g), (p) and (g) of AICTE Act, 1987, the All India Council for Technical Education has notified Regulations for prevention and prohibition of ragging in AICTE approved Technical Institutions vide No. 37-3/ Legal/ AICTE/ 2009 dated 01.07.2009 available on AICTE Web-Portal <http://www.aicte-india.org/anti.htm> > download. All AICTE approved Technical Institutions have to comply with the provisions made in the above Regulations. Any violation of above AICTE Regulations for the prevention and prohibition of ragging, shall call for punitive action against erring Institutions as per the provisions made in the above said Regulations.

The Institutions shall have to step up Anti-Ragging mechanism by way of adequate publicity through various mediums:

- i Constitution of Anti-Ragging Committee and Anti Ragging Squad;
- ii Setting up of Anti-Ragging Cell;
- iii Installing of CCTV cameras at vital points;
- iv Anti-Ragging Workshops;
- v Updating all Web sites with Nodal Officers complete details, alarm bells etc.;
- vi Regular interaction and counselling with the students;
- vii Identification of trouble-triggers;

- viii Mention of Anti-Ragging warning in the Institution's prospectus and information Booklets/ Brochures shall be ensured; and
 - ix Surprise inspection of hostels, student accommodation, canteens, rest cum recreational rooms, toilets, bus-stands and any other measures which would augur well in preventing/ quelling ragging and any uncalled-for behavior / incident shall be undertaken.
- c. Students in distress due to ragging related incidents can call the National Anti-Ragging Helpline No. 1800-180- 5522 (24x7 Toll Free) or e-mail: helpline@antiragging.in.
 - d. The Institution approved by AICTE may be requested to hold Workshops and Seminars on eradication of ragging in higher Educational Institutions. They may be requested to display Anti Ragging posters at all prominent places such as Admission Centre, Departments, Library, Canteen, Hostel, Common facilities etc. The size of posters should be 8'x6'.
 - e. The Institution may be requested to submit an online compliance of Anti-Ragging Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in the Technical Institutions, 2009 at www.antiragging.in.
 - f. Institutions may be requested to make it compulsory for each student and every parent to submit an online undertaking every academic year at www.antiragging.in and www.amanmovement.org.
 - g. Further, the attention of all the Institutions may also be invited to the Third amendment to UGC Regulations dated 29th June, 2016 expanding the definition of ragging by including the following:

"3 (i) Any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (fresher or otherwise) on the ground of color, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional origins, linguistic, identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background".

6.48 Establishment of Internal Committee (IC) (As per Section 4 All India Council for Technical Education (Gender Sensitization, Prevention and Prohibition of Sexual Harassment of Women Employees and Students and Redressal of Grievances in Technical Institutions) Regulations, 2016 vide No. F.AICTE/ WH/2016/01 dated 10th June, 2016 *

- a. Every Technical Institution shall Publicly notify the provisions against sexual harassment and ensure their wide- dissemination.
- b. Mention about the penalty and consequences of sexual harassment on Institution's Website, prospectus and display prominently and make all sections of the institutional community aware of the information on the mechanism put in place for Redressal of complaints pertaining to sexual harassment, contact details of members of Internal Complaints Committee, complaints procedure and so on.
- c. Organise Training Programmes or as the case may be, workshops for the officers, functionaries, faculty and students, to sensitize them and ensure knowledge and awareness of the rights, entitlements and responsibilities enshrined in the Act and under these regulations.
- d. Organise regular orientation or training Programs for the members of the IC to deal with complaints, steer the process of settlement or conciliation, etc., with sensitivity.
- e. Act decisively against all gender based violence perpetrated against employees and students of all sexes recognising that primarily women employees and students and some male students and students of the third gender are vulnerable to many forms of sexual harassment and humiliation and exploitation.
- f. Every Technical Institution shall constitute an Internal Committee (IC) with an inbuilt mechanism for gender sensitization against sexual harassment. The IC shall have the following composition:
 - i. A Presiding Officer who shall be a woman Faculty member employed at a senior Level (not below a Professor in case of a University, and not below an Associate Professor in case of an Institution) at the Educational Institution, nominated by the Executive Authority.

- ii. Two Faculty members and two non-teaching employees, preferably committed to the cause of women or who have had experience in social work or have legal knowledge, nominated by the Executive Authority.
 - iii. Three students (comprising of at least one girl student) of Pre-Final/Final year at Undergraduate/ Diploma Level Institution, as the case may be One member from amongst Non-government Organisation or Associations committed to the cause of women or a person familiar with the issues relating to sexual harassment, nominated by the Executive Authority
 - iv. At least one-half of the total members of the IC shall be women.
 - v. Persons in senior positions such as Chairperson/ Secretary of the Society, Principal/ Director of the Institution, etc. shall not be the members of the ICs in order to ensure autonomy of their functioning.
 - vi. The term of office of the members of the IC shall be for a period of three years. Institutions may also employ a system whereby one-third of the members of the IC may change every year
- g. All Technical Institutions approved by AICTE shall upload the Annual Report containing the following details by 30th June of the Calendar Year:
- i. Number of complaints of sexual harassment received in the year
 - ii. Number of orientation or training Programmes carried out for the members of the IC to deal with complaints
 - iii. Number of complaints disposed of during the year
 - iv. Number of cases pending for more than 90 days
 - v. Number of workshops or awareness Programme carried out for the officers, functionaries, faculty and students to sensitize them against sexual harassment
 - vi. Nature of action taken by the Technical Institution against the perpetrator.

6.49 Establishment of Committee for SC/ ST (As per the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, No. 33 of 1989, dated 11.09.1989)*

- a. Committee shall consist of five members, out of which at least 2 members shall be SC/ST and one member shall be a woman.

6.50 Establishment of Online Grievance Redressal Mechanism as specified in the Approval Process Handbook* as well as the Grievance Redressal Committee in the Institution. Appointment of Om budsman by the University. (As per All India Council for Technical Education (Redressal of Grievance of Students) Regulation, 2019 vide F. No.1-101/PGRC/AICTE/Regulation/2019 dated 07.11.2019) *All India Council for Technical Education (Redressal of Grievance of Faculty/ Staff Member) Regulations, 2021 vide F.No.1- 103/ AICTE/PGRC/Regulation/2021dated 25.03.2021.

- a. Grievance Redressal Mechanism: In order to provide opportunities for redressal of certain grievances of students already enrolled in any institution, as well as for those seeking admission to such institutions, AICTE has notified All India Council for Technical Education (Redressal of Grievance of Students) Regulations, 2019 vide F. No. 1-101/PGRC/AICTE/ Regulation/2019 dated 07.11.2019 for establishment of grievance redressal mechanism for all AICTE approved Technical Institutions. Non-compliance of the above Regulations shall call for punitive action.
- b. Redressal Cell (GRC) for Faculty/Staff: Implementation of the above shall be in line with norms prescribed in All India Council for Technical Education (Redressal of Grievance of Students) Regulations, 2019 vide F. No. 1-101/PGRC/AICTE/Regulation/2019 dated 07.11.2019 available on AICTE website.