

Ragging : The “*Abu Ghraib*” near you!



A victim (name withheld) who lost his limbs due to ragging.
Photo and news courtesy : **BBC News**.

Oct 14, **2005** : *The Times of India* - Amit jumped in front of a running train, unable to bear severe “ragging”.

Nov 21, **2008** : *Samay Live* - Bhaskar jumped in front of a running train, unable to bear severe “ragging”.

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The Problem

“Ragging”, often perceived by many as mere college prank or as a friendly interaction between the senior students and the newcomers, is actually a serious menace that has already ruined **countless** of young and innocent lives and careers.

In India, only a few states have formed their own laws against ragging. The hon’ble Supreme Court has banned ragging countrywide. The apex court, accepting the recommendations made by the *Dr. Raghavan Committee*, has ordered to deal strictly with ragging.

However, ragging is rampant in India. Every year nearly 10 ragging deaths are reported in the media. Hundreds of youths suffer serious injuries and/or disablements. Countless of innocent teenagers suffer from extreme forms of physical and sexual abuses in the hands of some of their seniors.

Ragging is widely prevalent in most of the institutions of higher education in India, esp. those with hostels, and **even in many schools**. The common forms of ragging have escalated from singing, dancing to extreme physical and sexual abuses, and even like the tales from the now-infamous “*Abu Ghraib*” of Iraq.

Freshers are **regularly beaten, burnt, stripped, made to perform menial tasks, stunts or perverse sexual acts in the name of “introducing” them to college life.**

These torments often carry on for months. The institutions often turn blind eyes. In some institutions, the victims cannot even inform their families about their torments.

Hundreds of students suffer injuries, trauma and depression, and many end their lives as the last resort. A large number of students develop long term psychological problems.

Ragging, is nothing but **gross violations of human rights** on helpless teenage students who enroll with dreams of higher education.

About SAVE

Society Against Violence in Education (SAVE) was conceptualized by a group of youths, students and young professionals from various academic fields (e.g., medicine, engineering, law, architecture, general courses, etc.). These youths, who didn’t know each other before, met at online forums and started working against ragging in 2005-06.

SAVE was born out of this and is possibly the **first registered NGO in India dedicated to this issue.**

Our vision

A “ragging-free” society.

Our missions

- ✓ To promote healthy and positive learning environment in educational institutions.
- ✓ To provide medical, legal and counseling supports to students who are victims of ragging.
- ✓ To proactively promote measures to eliminate ragging, through the formation of anti ragging campus units.

'RAGGING Eradication Mission' : We Need YOU !!!



A SAVE seminar



A volunteer in campaign



Campaign near Medical Counseling Venue



Campaign near the Engineering Counseling

- ***“...recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world ”***
 - Preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948.*
- ***“All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood. ”***
 - Article 1 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).*
- ***“Media and the Civil Society should be involved in this exercise”***
 - Recommendation by the Dr. Raghavan Committee (*construed by the MHRD, Govt. of India, on the orders of the hon'ble Supreme Court*) suggesting measures to curb the menace of ragging in Indian educational institutions.*

“You call it ragging, but it is humiliation...” #

Amit, a teenager, joined a reputed institution with a bright record and big dreams...

One night, he jumped in front of a running train . . .

His “suicide note” revealed that he had suffered severe physical and sexual abuses at the hands of some senior students. The letter said –

“You call it ragging, but it is humiliation and should be banned. It is, but every day, students are ragged in the college. They are made naked and ordered to do bad things. This all has brought me to this point. I can't tell it even to my parents. It is not justified but I can't bear it any more.” #

(# Ref. - 'We were told to do bad things' - 14 Oct 2005, 0335 hrs IST, IP Singh, Times News Network. <http://www1.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/1261982.cms>)

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