

# Society Against Violence in Education

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Let's make a Ragging-free India!

## RAGGING, Violations of human rights & Our struggle against it

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### What is RAGGING?

“Ragging” means the doing of any act which causes, or is likely to cause any physical, psychological or physiological harm of apprehension or shame or embarrassment to a student, and includes—

- (a) teasing or abusing or playing Practical joke on, or causing hurt to any student. or
- (b) asking any student to do any act, or perform any thing, which he/she would not, in the ordinary course, be willing to do or perform.

### RAGGING in India...

**31 deaths reported in media between 2000-07,**

**Many more have been seriously injured and/or crippled for their lives.**

**The number of the physically & sexually abused appears to be virtually countless...**

### Exceptions or Routine ???

Serious physical & sexual abuses in the name of Ragging are no longer “Exceptions”...

Rather these are now the routine, while “mild” ones may be exceptions...  
... exceptions that prove the deadly rule.

### Common effects...

- Serious psychological trauma, may lead to depression and then to suicide.
- Even if the victim overcomes, he/she may suffer long term consequences
- Serious physical injuries and/or disabilities.
- Death.

### Glimpses from the Hell (Hostel)

**September, 2002, Lucknow** A 19-year-old, first year engineering student reportedly committed suicide following serious sexual harassment and mental torture by his seniors.

**Gorakhpur, September 2003** A boy who allegedly committed suicide was said to have been forcibly taken to his seniors' hostel and stripped. Depressed over the vulgar behaviour of his seniors, he committed suicide.

**Sambalpur, Oct, 2006** – HT reports that a Orissa student suffered serious spinal injuries and broke both his legs after allegedly being pushed from a hostel terrace by his senior students.

**Cooch Behar,** A student claimed in the FIR that he was subjected to severe ragging by the seniors in the hostel. He alleged that the seniors had compelled him to write a suicide note and even asked him to drink acid.

### Was there any need for a civil movement or for an NGO ?

Ragging has been taking a huge toll on innocent lives. The forms of torture that are now well known from the *Abu Ghraib* of Iraq or the *Guantanamo Bay* of Cuba, have long been prevalent in the Indian hostels... and millions have been mentally, physically and sexually abused.

Many Indian states had their own laws, so was the country-wide ban... but ragging Grew, not curbed as may appear due to conscious efforts by most concerned institutions to hush up even the tips of the icebergs that surface.

There had been several websites and online groups, but there was scarcity of some platform in the real world, beyond the Internet, only.

Therefore a civil movement has been initiated by the youths in the banner of this NGO, *Society Against Violence in Education*.

**In 2007 alone, at least 7 Ragging deaths have been reported from across the country (in various medias).**

*For details please visit our blog or write to us.*

*“This is the last day of my life...  
...neither could I be a good son, nor a good boy...  
...I love you Babuji ”*

- Parmeshwar, a 1st year student committed suicide unable to bear severe Ragging.

## Is Ragging Necessary ?

**NO.** And no doubt in it. Many experts have proved it several times. Great interactions may be done in healthy ways, and that may form nice rapport between the seniors & juniors.

We have published a booklet containing information in more detail. Please feel free to contact us for a copy.

Hopefully you will agree after going through this paper, prepared after much research in the fields.

## What does SAVE do?



SAVE spreads the **awareness** through various programmes, like seminars, workshops etc.

We often arrange for the **counseling & treatment** of the victims. We have plan to provide legal supports soon. We create & promote our **Campus Units** to prevent Ragging within the campuses. Etc..

## Our Principles

SAVE is against any kind of ragging.

We are open to healthy and humane interactions between the seniors and their juniors.

We believe it is our moral duty to protest the human rights violations & to try our best to ensure better futures for innocent newcomers.

## Our Objectives...

**C**reate a strong public mandate against ragging.

**D**evise alternative but healthy and humane modes of interaction between seniors & juniors.

**U**nite the isolated protests against ragging under the umbrella of a strong, united movement.

**I**nvolve the authorities, faculties, students and others in the anti ragging drives.

**Paying tribute to the brothers & sisters, we have lost just because of Ragging...**

*“Ye saal 3-degree torture hai,  
jise Ragging kehte hai”*

**...11th Oct, 2005 - Amit jumped in front of a running train.**

What may I do?

- Join as a Volunteer / Patron.
- Spread the awareness.
- Support our movement / projects.
- Anything else you think would benefit the purpose.

**Any more delay may turn more disastrous...**

SAVE is a platform for...

- 1. Victims** - to share their pain or to seek help.
- 2. Anti Ragging Activists** - to join hands to abolish ragging.
- 3. Any responsible citizen** of any country - to try his/ her bit for the great benefit of millions of innocent youths.

## INFORMATION

SAVE would like to try its best to support any victim in every possible means. Please let us know if you know a victim in need. Let's act before it is too late...

## TAKE ACTION NOW

### Feedback / Contact

Website – [www.no2ragging.Org](http://www.no2ragging.Org)

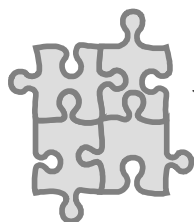
Email – [save@no2ragging.Org](mailto:save@no2ragging.Org)

### Talk to the Organization



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SAVE invites volunteers to join the movement against Ragging. We are a registered NGO, and we hope that you will enjoy working with us, for this unique movement against Ragging.

**Society Against Violence in Education is trying to publish a book on Ragging very soon. This book is expected to provide a much deeper insight into the menace of Ragging.**

To the best of our knowledge till the 27<sup>th</sup> of January, 2008, **Society Against Violence in Education (SAVE)** is possibly the **First registered non profit organization (NGO)** in India that is solely dedicated against **Ragging**. **SAVE** is trying its best to put an end to the **violations of human rights** in the name of **Ragging**, by way of a unified organized civil movement.

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