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Ragging Ruins

“Universities and campuses prepare their grave

In the guise of Education they put front bea
But on ground of mortality they wave in,

Line drawn clear but education thin
Great fall in standard and knowledge lagging

More effort on fashion and thrust on ragging
From a distance some movement I saw

Senior hitting junior with his fist on jaw
Not knowing junior bowed and beg

Senior was pouring the liquor from beg
All students shouted and danced with joy

Entrant was unaware and cried like a boy
This was great fun as in playing with toy
Humility at loss and disgrace they enjoy”

3) Undertaking to be taken from senior students and their parents too

4) Notices to be issued indicating where to approach for redressal in case of Ragging

5) Management Principles and the Teaching staff to have personal interaction with Freshman

6) Praxorial communities to set up

7) Ragging prone zones to be identified and carefully guarded

8) Failure to prevent Ragging as an act of negligence

9) Withdrawal of financial Assistance to institutes where ragging incident reported

10) Student to first approach their colleges

11) Police not to follow a Retributive approach while dealing with ragging culprits.

To deal with ragging there have been 2 landmark judgements. These are:-

Ragging of freshers in Thiruvananthapuram Government Engineering College vs state of Kerala

Vishwa Jagruti Mission through President vs Central Government through Cabinet Secretary

The judgement in case of Vishwa Jagruti Mission through President vs Central Government, through Cabinet Secretary is particularly significant as the Hon'ble Supreme Court, while exercising its jurisdiction under Article 32 and 142 of the constitution of India has laid down guidelines for the colleges and educational institutions to prevent ragging. Very briefly these guidelines are

1) Anti ragging movements to be initiated by All Colleges and Educational Institutes

2) Undertaking to be taken from both freshmen and their Parent / Guardians

Introduction:-

It has been rightly said that end may not always justify the means. Behind the facade of welcoming new student to college, ragging is actually a malicious practice wherein the senior students get an excuse to harass their junior counterpart, and more often than not, make them easy target to satiate their own perverse sadistic pleasure. Apart from sustaining grievous physical injuries these unfortunate students who succumb to ragging either develop a fear psychosis that hurt and haunt them throughout their lives or worse quit their college education before it begins. For any student who logs day and night to secure admission into prestigious college, ragging could be his or her worst nightmare come true. It would be an exaggeration to say that today ragging has taken the shape of serious human right violation with even the most respected and disciplined educational institutions falling prey to it.

Meaning of Ragging:-

In common parlance ragging means playing practical jokes on somebody or teaching someone a lesson. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of

India perhaps has given a more comprehensive meaning of ragging as under

“Ragging is any disorderly conduct, whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any student, indulging in indisciplined activities which cause or likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to cause fear or apprehension there of in fresher or a junior student and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment or as to adversely affect the psyche of a fresher or junior student.”

Effect of Ragging on a student / junior

Psychological impact - Ragging can lead to severe psychological distress of victims. They may experience anxiety, depression, low self esteem and feeling of worthlessness. The constant fear of being targeted or humiliated can significantly impact their mental health leading to emotional trauma.

Academic performance - students who have been subjected to ragging may find it challenging to concentrate

humiliation can make them doubt their abilities and talents affecting their self confidence in various aspect of life

Disrupted learning experience- For newcomers ragging can disrupt the smooth transition into academic environment. Instead of focusing on their studies and personal growth they may be preoccupied with fear and anxiety leading to an adverse impact on their overall learning experience.

long term trauma- Victims of severe ragging may experience long term trauma leading to post traumatic stress disorder. This trauma can have lasting effect on their mental health and emotional well being.

Dropout and attrition- In some unfortunate cases students subjected to severe ragging may choose to drop out of their educational institution altogether. The fear and trauma associated with ragging can lead to a decision to discontinue their studies affecting their future prospects and career opportunities.

can their studies, leading to decline in academic performance. The stress and anxiety caused by ragging can disrupt their ability to focus, leading to poor grades and academic setbacks.

Social Isolation: Ragging often creates a hostile environment for the victims, making them feel isolated and disconnected from peers. This isolation can hinder their ability to form friendships and participate in social activities, further exacerbating their emotional distress.

Physical Health: In severe cases, ragging can result in physical harm to the victims. Physical assault or injuries inflicted during the hazing process can have long-term health consequences and may require medical attention.

Fear and Avoidance: Students who have experienced ragging may develop a fear of certain places or individuals associated with the incidents. This fear can cause them to avoid specific areas of the campus.

Decline in Confidence: Ragging can shatter a student's confidence and belief in themselves. The constant

Conclusion: → In conclusion we can say that ragging is a harmful practice that tarnishes the essence of education and hampers the personal growth and well-being of student. It perpetuates a culture of fear, intimidation and humiliation, creating a toxic environment that inhibits learning and development. To combat ragging effectively educational institutions, students, parents and society at large must come together and take proactive measures.