

RAGGING RUINS

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" He sits alone throughout the darkness
Became silent & felt worthless
He cried from dusk till dawn
Those ugly laughter scared him &
None left him alone "

Ragging is that evil who has always haunted students entering a new institution with big dreams & high hopes by turning those dreams into a nightmare. Supreme court define ragging as any disorderly conduct or activity of seniors that has the effect of teasing, torture or violence on the new comers.

It is when the humanity dies and humans are treated inhumanly. They attack the new minds & weaken their soul. Seniors consider themselves strong by weakening their juniors mentally & physically. They injure their mind, body and heart and scar them for life. Seniors bully their juniors in the name of fun and introduction. They take away the dignity & pride of the students by bossing around degrading them and bullying them.

India has witnessed an increase in the cases of ragging in higher education institutes more than thousands of cases of ragging are reported every year. Many students have committed suicide as they became so tired of the re-teasing & torture. Many went in depression & many came back home injured both mentally & emotionally.

A report from 2007 highlights 42 instances of injury, 10-15 deaths every year. In addition, a number of freshmen were severely traumatized to the extent that they were admitted to mental institution. Official data shows that a total of 2790 complaints of ragging had been received from students Uo 2018-21.

Although, many rules & regulations have been made by the government against ragging. Measures have been undertaken at institutional level, state level & national level. Many anti-ragging programmes have been implemented. Anti-ragging squad has been constituted, security has been strengthened and under section 4 penalty for ragging whosoever is directly or indirectly participates in or propagates ragging within or outside any educational institutions shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 2 years or with fine which may extend to Rs 10,000 or with ~~both~~ ~~or~~ both & will be suspended from the institution.

Though these rules are implemented but it should be in the mindset of the youth that ragging is not a fun act. Ragging assaults young minds. It not only kills lives; it destroys families. "Be a Buddy, not a Bully" and one needs to be that instead of being a victim, be a voice for all those who has gone through this. Don't be a mute witness, speak up, if not for others, atleast for Yourself.

'Ragging is Crime, Reward is Prison'