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No Respite from Ragging...

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We would like to draw the attention of the media to the phenomenal spate of ragging incidents reported from across the country in the last four months. This smacks in the face of the much publicised work of the Raghavan committee. The hopes of freshers to get some respite from the archaic 'tradition' of ragging seem to be dying reality now.

CURE research has revealed *52 cases of ragging incidents* reported in the online editions of national English media since May 21, 2007 till date. Contrast this with only 15 cases in the same period last year – indicating that reporting levels have remarkably improved. However, from the severity of the situation, it is also clear that the recommendations of the Raghavan committee have been unable to act as any deterrent to prevent senior students from breaking the law. Preliminary analysis of the cases reveal *6 suicides, another 3 attempted suicides, 17 cases of reported physical abuse, and several other cases involving sexual, verbal and drug abuse.*

It is clear that the Supreme Court interim judgement has not been implemented in letter and spirit by the law enforcement agencies and other stakeholders. CURE also observes that despite the Supreme Court emphasising the need for educating the society and spreading awareness on this issue, not much seems to have been done at the national level.

CURE continues to maintain the firm stand that ragging cannot be combated by deterrence alone. The psycho-social aspects of ragging need to be understood thoroughly and ragging needs to be tackled through a three-pronged approach involving education and awareness, providing alternate means of interaction along with strict implementation of deterring laws.

About CURE

Coalition to Uproot Ragging from Education (CURE), founded in 2001, is a non-profit organisation dedicated solely towards the elimination of ragging and promotion of more positive ways of interaction among seniors and freshers in Indian universities.

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Ragging Cases (since May 2007)

A list of English media reported cases

- *These cases have been taken from online archives of leading newspapers*
- *CURE is not responsible for the authenticity of these incidents*
- *The dates are those of the news reports and may not be the same as that of the incident*
- *Details can be found at <http://www.noragging.blogspot.com>*

1	25-May-2007	Mallabum Inst. Of Technology	A first year engineering student with a private engineering college here has allegedly been forced to consume narcotics like marijuana, brown sugar and hashish over the past four days.
2	27-May-2007	Ahilyabai Legal Studies	Indore-based Devi Ahilyabai University's School of Legal Studies has imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 each on seven students for ragging and brutally beating up a junior student, Atrabhavan Singh
3	2-Jun-2007	Agartala Medical College	After they came to know about the complaint in March this year, senior students Santanu Das, Benoy Debnath, Rajesh Nath and Niladri Debbarma dragged Arijit to a desolate place and asked him to kneel down. They then used safety pins to pierce his fingers. He was also kicked and beaten up. When Arijit lay unconscious, the four, identified by Arijit's father, left the spot
4	14-Jun-2007	Calicut Institute of Engineering	A group of SFI activists on Tuesday attacked the office of Veda Vyasa Trust and its industrial training institute at Chalappuram in the city
5	29-Jun-2007	Medical College	Police arrested three medicos for ragging dental college students
6	6-Jul-2007	Kurnool Medical College	They had summoned three first year students to their hostel room on August 30 last year and made them to strip, in the name of ragging. Later they took the pictures of the stripped students using their cell phone cameras



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7	10-Jul-2007	IHM Kolkatta	Matters came to a head on June 25, when senior students tried to force Ashumendra to consume alcohol and non-vegetarian food. When he refused, he was thrashed black and blue. "He sustained serious injuries on head, legs and abdomen," she said. The miscreants then took the youth and left him on the railway tracks near Sealdah railway station.
8	16-Jul--2007	BIT Kolkatta	"We rushed out and overpowered him. He then began to shout that he was forced to lose a year at the polytechnic due to ragging. He claimed to have written several letters to the chief minister but to no avail. He said failure to receive justice had driven him to take this extreme step," police said.
9	17-Jul-2007	Narsing School, Ramanagram	The ragging menace resurfaced dramatically at a private nursing school in Ramanagram with a first year General Nursing and Midwifery student attempting suicide after he was allegedly ragged, beaten up and humiliated last Tuesday. Eventually, it was a providential escape from death for the hapless student. Shattered both mentally and physically, the victim is now ready to say goodbye to the school but not before putting the people behind his ordeal in the dock
10	18-Jul-2007	Hindu College, DU, Delhi	The principal of Hindu College has filed a police complaint against a student set to graduate this year for ragging a first-year BSC Applied Physical Science student. The victim has alleged, in his complaint, that he was forced to dance and the perpetrators abused him when he refused.
11	20-Jul_2007	Ramjas College, DU, Delhi	Six students at Ramjas College have been suspended till Thursday afternoon after they were caught ragging four freshers inside a classroom by the anti-ragging squad
12	23-Jul-2007	Nagarjuna University, Hyderabad	According to the victim's contention the three seniors, inmates of the women's hostel, had forcibly asked her to sing and dance in front of a large gathering in the hostel on July 18. Disturbed psychologically, she got treated in the Government General Hospital



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13	23-Jul-2007	Mangalore	Over thirty youth, believed to be supporters of a victim of ragging, ransacked Maaza Boys' Paying Guest House, located at Kodialbail, Mangalore on Sunday July 22 morning.
14	27-Jul-2007	UIET, PU, Chandigarh	Five third year students of University Institute of Engineering Technology (UIET), Panjab University, were expelled from their hostel and suspended from the institute for allegedly ragging two first year students
15	29-Jul-2007	MLN, Allahabad	Rakesh Mishra, Alankeswar's father, said over the phone from the family home in Kanpur that his son was a "victim of violent ragging". "He said he was scared of seniors when he left home on July 23 for his hostel. This is a case of murder but we don't know if it was intentional". Rupesh Jain, a friend and college-mate, said Alankeswar had been humiliated by seniors, mostly facing abuses, but said: "I am unaware of any violent attack on him."
16	1-Aug-2007	GMC, Sholapur	suicide by a post-graduate medical student, Digvijay Patil, of a government medical college in Solapur on July 25. The student had blamed four other students for his step in his suicide note. Nobody has been arrested
17	2-Aug-2007	BIT Ranchi	A fresher at the Birla Institute of Technology at Mesra consumed poison, apparently after going into a bout of depression brought on by ragging. Dharamdas Oraon, enrolled in a biotechnology course, is being treated at a private nursing home in Ranchi
18	3-Aug-2007	Larambha College Baragarh	Pratap reportedly consumed pesticides. Maintaining that his son was innocent, Kunja said either ragging or some derogatory remarks might have forced him to end his life. He has lodged an FIR with the Godbhaga police outpost.
19	3-Aug-2007	IMS Dhanbad	First-year student Piyush Kumar had lodged a complaint with ISMU authorities against the four for physically torturing him in the name of ragging on Thursday.



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20	7-Aug-2007	Dental College, Ahmedabad	An incident of harsh ragging rocked the government dental college and hospital here on Monday. The student's father informed the college authorities that his son had been subjected to physical abuse
21	7-Aug-2007	GSVM College Kanpur	Four MBBS students of Ganesh Shankar Vidhyarthi Medical College here were today suspended on charges of ragging, while authorities are probing similar allegations against 20 others.
22	7-Aug-2007	Sainik School Jamnagar	Fearing more assaults by their seniors, 43 Class X students ran away from the school on Sunday and spent the night on a nearby highway
23	8-Aug-2007	GMC Chandigarh	According to the freshers, they were asked to abuse each other verbally, propose in vulgar manner and act obscenely. Girls were asked to dance to pelvic thrusts and boys had to 'fly' while verbally abusing themselves. And all this happened inside the college premises during the interaction session, they claimed.
24	9-Aug-2007	GMC Chandigarh	A first year student of the Government Medical College in Chandigarh killed himself on Sunday. His parents say he was ragged by his seniors which led to his suicide. Manjot returned home the very next day and on Sunday his parents found him dead in his bed. They say that he had "ingested some poisonous substance"
25	10-Aug-2007	MIT Hoogly	Lying on the hospital bed with injuries in his head, neck, legs and chest, Suman, a resident of 5/34 Rajendra Prasad Colony near Golf Tower, said: "For two hours, around 40 students of the third and fourth year beat me up. When my father came to my rescue, they did not even spare him. He has suffered injuries on his right leg and head. No one from the college administration or teachers came forward to help us. Later, my father somehow managed to bring me out of the college with the help of Rajib Das, owner of the mess where I was supposed to stay."



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26	11-Aug-2007	Engineering, PU, Chandigarh	A Student of Department of Chemical Engineering and Technology, Panjab University, has been suspended for one week on charges of ragging.
27	13-Aug-2007	RGMC, Mumbai	Following the ragging incident, Hanumant Gujad (left) is left with scars on his neck and hands and suffers from a severe backache. But despite his sufferings, he has written to the college dean Dr D B Kulkarni (right) to forgive his oppressors and let them off "Parents of the student who complained of ragging came to the CEPT campus on Monday and took the student with them," said Vinay Tomar, city unit president of the National Students' Union of India (NSUI).
28	14-Aug-2007	CEPT, Ahmedabad	Tomar claimed that he along with other student leaders had spoken to the student, after the incident. "The student told us that he was ragged by his seniors and when he tried to complain about the incident to the authorities of the institute, they ignored him."
29	18-Aug-2007	GIMT, Noida	A first year MBA student at Galgotia Institute of Management and Technology was allegedly beaten up by his seniors and some goons outside the college gate when he reportedly protested on being ragged. Two security men who tried to help him also reportedly suffered injuries.
30	23-Aug-2007	BOSE, Cuttack	Manoj Mallick, a first semester student of Information Technology stream was asked to come over to the room of one of his seniors where he was asked vulgar questions. As he resisted, his seniors allegedly hurled abuses at Manoj and even assaulted him physically after which he lost consciousness.
31	24-Aug-2007	Hindu College, Guntur	The scourge of ragging raised its ugly head again in the city, when four final year degree students of Hindu College charged with ragging on Thursday by the Lalapet police.
32	27-Aug-2007	CSJM-IET, UP	THREE STUDENTS of Chatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj (CSJM) Institute of Engineering and Technology lodged a complaint of ragging at the Kalyanpur police station here on Saturday.



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33	29-Aug-2007	RTM, Nagpur	The RTM Nagpur university has appointed a three-member committee to probe the alleged ragging of a political science student residing in the varsity's hostel at Law College Square here.
34	1-Sep-2007	V S Hospital, Ahmedabad	In Ahmedabad, two postgraduate medical students at the V S Hospital have been suspended after they were accused of ragging a junior.
35	5-Sep-2007	BLC, Birbhum	Sagnik Chakraborty, a first year student of Bolpur Law College in Birbhum and resident of Raiganj, was allegedly subjected to physical assault in the name of ragging by Bijoy Kumar Dey, a third year student of Bengal Institute of Technology, and his associates at a rented house in Bolpur. An injured Sagnik, who returned home today, had to undergo treatment at the Raiganj district hospital. His father, Mr Chandan Chakraborty, a teacher by profession, today lodged a complaint against Bijoy and his friends with the Raiganj police station.
36	7-Sep-2007	NTR College, Gannvaram	Four students of NTR College of Veterinary Science at Gannvaram, who were arrested on charges of ragging, have been suspended from college for one month, according to college associate dean and in-charge principal Dr K Prabhakar.
37	8-Sep-2007	MEC, Bishnupur	Soumya had filed a petition in the High Court after being ragged and beaten up by his seniors. He had refused to take drugs, which the seniors had demanded.
38	8-Sep-2007	KM Modi Engg College, Ghaziabad	As many as 12 students of an engineering college in Modinagar were injured in a clash between the two groups over a ragging incident, the police said today.
39	11-Sep-2007	SPA, Delhi	Krishna K Jha, local guardian of two NRI students from Bangladesh, claims to have complained to director KT Ravindaran and hostel warden Rajprakash that some first-year students, including his wards and three other NRIs from UAE, Canada and South Africa have been ragged regularly since the start of



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			the session in the hostels on both the ITO and Maharani Bagh campuses.
40	11-Sep-2007	BMIT, Bishnupur	A student of an engineering college in this district of West Bengal was seriously injured when he was allegedly pushed from his hostel's second floor during ragging, a senior police official said today.
41	12-Sep-2007	KPT, Mangalore	Two students of Civil Engineering department Vasanth and Prashanth were suspended for ragging their juniors in the hostel premises on September 4.
42	13-Sep-2007	GSVM, Kanpur	Fifteen second year MBBS students have been expelled from a medical college hostel here after a disciplinary committee indicted them in an incident of ragging in August.
43	13-Sep-2007	GAC, Kumbakonam	A probe has been initiated after some students of the Government Arts and Crafts here lodged a complaint about ragging, police said.
44	15-Sep-2007	Doaba College, Jalandhar	Taking a serious note of the alleged ragging incident at Doaba College, principal Dr R.P. Bhardwaj has constituted an inquiry committee into the matter
45	14-Sep-2007	KRC, Behrampore	Fourteen first-year students, who had had enough of stripping in front of seniors, doing sit-ups and touching their feet, have filed a police complaint against them.
46	15-Sep-2007	BESU, West Bengal	A fourth year student of Bengal Engineering & Science University (Besu) was severely thrashed up by his own classmates, when he tried to resist them from ragging a junior, first year student.
47	16-Sep-2007	Sahara Arts and Management Academy, Lucknow	An MCA student slipped into the state of acute psychosis on Saturday after being brutally tortured by a group of Lucknow University students.

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48	17-Sep-2007	Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Hearing Handicapped (NIHH), Secunderabad	A shocking incident of a physically-challenged first year girl student of a premier learning institute for disabled being assaulted and also “punished” by her senior in the name of ragging came to light on Sunday. The victim, Kanika Pathak, a student of B.Sc (Audiology, Speech Language Pathology - ASLP), of the southern regional centre of the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Hearing Handicapped (NIHH), Secunderabad, was slapped and pinched by her immediate senior, K. Priyadarshini, a few days ago.
49	17-Sep-2007	Hari Singh Gaur Univ, Sagar	Vivek Rai, LLB (Hons) first year student staying in the hostel of Dr Hari Singh Gaur Vishwavidyalaya in Sagar in Madhya Pradesh, has complained to Superintendent of Police Mohammad Shahid Absar, that senior hostel-mates had ragged him by physically assaulting him.
50	19-Sep-2007	Pioneer Institute, Indore	An MCA student committed suicide by hanging himself in his room as he found it unbearable to face ragging by seniors on regular basis, Sahara Samay sources said.
51	19-Sep-2007	Govt Law College, Chengalpattu	The ragging of a fresher by the seniors at the Government law college here, snowballed into a law and order problem with students resorting to violence on the college campus.
52	21-Sep-2007	Mysore Medical College, Mysore	Chetan Raj, 18, was allegedly subjected to ragging by senior students and he took the extreme step by hanging himself from the ceiling of his lodge room.