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SUB: Is there a link between ragging and campus violence?

I would like to bring to your notice the recent spate of ragging incidents *reported* in the last two months from all across the nation, which indicate an emergency like situation warranting immediate attention.

August 2006

- Akhilesh Shukla – BJ Medical College (Pune) – Physically abused (Hospitalised)
- Golam Zakaria – Bankura (District) – Physically abused (Hospitalised)
- B. Chung – Imphal – Committed Suicide
- Ankur Gautam – SPA (Delhi) – Physically abused
- Swapnil Sharma – Durgapur – Physically abused
- Sonia Singh – Dehradun – Sexually harassed
- Patna Science College – Ragging leads to firing and rioting
- IHM (Vidyanagar, AP) – Two students killed

July 2006

- Shantiniketan (West Bengal) – Girl student sexually abused
- Gujarat Vidyapeeth (Ahmedabad) – Students sexually harassed
- NIFT (Mumbai) – Students physically abused

The development of the youth of the country has taken a scary freaky path under the guise of ragging. Looking at the increasing incidents of campus violence, one is compelled to ask the question whether these find their roots in the phenomenon of ragging? Whether ragging is a training ground for increasing the mentality of violence among today's youth?