

News and Incidents: From Media Reports

Read some earlier ragging incidents reported in the media. This list is in no way exhaustive...
 Student commits suicide after ragging
 Chennai, December 05, 2005

Student

A first year Biotechnology student of an engineering college near here committed suicide on Monday night, allegedly owing to ragging by his seniors. The deceased, Sridhar, 18, son of Ramakrishna Reddy of Tirupathy in Andhra Pradesh, had hung himself on the fan hook in his hostel room using his bedspread, police said. His parents told police that about a month ago their son had complained of ragging by seniors.

Student's body found on rail track
 Jalandhar, October 11, 2005

"You call it ragging but it is humiliation and should be banned. It is, but everyday students are ragged in the college. They are made naked and ordered to do bad things. This all has brought me to this point. I can't tell it even to my parents. It is not justified but I can't bear it any more." Body of Amit Kumar Sahai, a first year student of the NIT Baba Ambedkar Institute of Engineering, here was found on rail tracks in Bidhipur area, near the institute in the morning.

Ragging leads to student's suicide
 Nadia, July 2005

A first-year student of hotel management of a private institute in Kalyani in Nadia district allegedly committed suicide in his Chaita residence in North 24 Parganas. Family members of the deceased insist that Kamlesh was a victim of ragging in the institute.

Student forced to bathe in his own urine, commits suicide
 Chennai, December 19, 2004

A first year engineering student of S K R Engineering College at Poonamalle committed suicide on Sunday evening after he was humiliated by his seniors, who allegedly made him bathe in his own urine.

Manipal fresher pushed into sea, dies
 Manipal, August 17, 2004

Saba, a student of first year computer engineering in the Manipal Engineering College, died early this week when some senior students allegedly pushed him into the sea after he refused to jump in while being ragged. He said his son's leg was broken in three places and his hand was also broken. "How could the bones break if he died of drowning in the sea? It appears that he was beaten during the ragging after he refused to jump into the water and his body was thrown in later to hush up matters," Sabahuddin said.

MBBS student hangs himself after ragging
 Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh), January 7, 2004

A first year MBBS student, Lokesh Yadav of the Bilaspur Medical College committed suicide by hanging himself from a ceiling fan after being allegedly ragged by senior students. Junior students confirmed ragging (on condition of anonymity) and one of them reportedly informed that, "Just a few days ago, seniors forced Lokesh to dance on one foot and sing lewd film songs. Lokesh was a really sensitive boy. I think he was unable to bear the humiliation any more, and chose the easy way out".

Girls ragged out of Campus
 Shadnagar (Mahbubnagar DT.), December 2003

On December 17, three second year students and two outsiders, allegedly ragged three girls some distance away from the campus. Students passing by interfered and with the help of some locals, beat up the youngsters and handed them over to the probationary SI, Rama Devi, at the Shadnagar police station. The students belonged to the Noor College of Engineering and Technology in Kammadanam.

Engg. student flees campus after being asked to walk naked.
 Asansol, November 8, 2003

Reuben Thoudam of Imphal, a first year student of Dhadka Polytechnic College here, fled the college because he was beaten and forced to walk naked in name of ragging. He has lodged an FIR against five third-year students who ragged him.

Death of fresher might be due to ragging
Nagpur, October 2003

Pranali Dhanvijay, a speech therapy student at Topiwala Medical College of Nair Hospital, Mumbai was found dead in her hostel room. Pranali had committed suicide by hanging herself from a tubelight. Her uncle, Dhanvijay reportedly said that, "just five days after she joined the course, she called up from Mumbai and told her mother that her seniors had made her life miserable." He feels that ragging is the cause for the death.

Ragging claims another life
Gorakhpur, September 2003

A first year B. Tech student, Sushil Kumar Pandey of Madan Mohan Engineering College committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling fan following severe ragging. A college teacher, on condition of anonymity, confirmed that the deceased was forcibly taken to his seniors' hostel and stripped. Depressed over the vulgar behaviour of his seniors, he committed suicide. Suicide at BITs due to ragging

Ranchi, September 2003

Parmeshwar, a student of BITs, Ranchi committed suicide by hanging himself to the ceiling fan. Though it is not confirmed, students claim that Parmeshwar was depressed due to ragging. Most of the students believe Parmeshwar, in the first semester of his Bachelor of Computer Applications course, was driven to it by harassment at the hands of seniors.

Ragging victim commits suicide in Lucknow
September, 2002, Lucknow

Anup Kapoor, a 19-year-old first year engineering student committed suicide by hanging himself from a ceiling fan at his house here. He had returned home from his institute in Lucknow following sexual harassment and mental torture by his seniors. Ragging victim commits suicide in AP

December 5, 2001, Hyderabad

An 18-year-old student of the Agricultural College at Mahanandi in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh committed suicide on Monday at his native town in Anantapur district after being sodomised by his seniors in a ragging incident. In a suicide note, Govardhan wrote that on November 30, some senior students had organised a get-together in the hostel. Some students, in an inebriated condition, forced him to strip and perform dirty acts, he said, adding that he was even sodomised. Five medical students arrested for sex oriented ragging of freshers

Hyderabad, November 22, 2001

According to police sources, the seniors of the Gandhi Medical College allegedly forced the 1st year girls to undress at the Necklace Road and blow kisses to them while the boys were asked for oral sex. The five students were picked up by the police following the complaint but released following pressure by the parents and college management. The ragging, according to some students, is carried out on city outskirts to avoid detection. Another report added, senior students allegedly forced some freshers to strip, dragged one boy to a flat in the outskirts of the city and tried to sodomise him. The boy is now a mental wreck. Stripped by seniors, girl quits college

Raipur, August 30, 2001

Sujata Tiwari, a student of the Women's Polytechnic College in Raipur has been forced to leave the city just three days after she enrolled for a computer science course. Her seniors in the hostel allegedly stripped and forced her to pose upside down for more than two hours, resulting in severe bleeding from her nose. Principal denies ragging.

Victim of ragging does not cooperate with police

Delhi, August 4, 2001

The police are in a fix over the case of ragging of Shailender Agarwal in a hotel management institute by his seniors, 4 boys and 2 girls. He fled the institute and is staying with his parents in the Capital. He has refused to cooperate with them in identifying the culprits. Superintendent of Police Davesh Srivastav says, "The boy, we are told, is still in trauma."

33 students of medical college rusticated for ragging freshers

Shimla, 2 May 2001:

All 33 third year students of a medical college in Kangra district, Himachal were rusticated for allegedly ragging and assaulting 12 freshers on recommendation by the disciplinary committee. The disciplinary committee (situated at Tanda, about 260 km from the college) received complaints from freshers' parents regarding alleged "inhuman and torturous" treatment by seniors. It inquired into the matter and recommended collective action against the seniors. The 33 seniors were rustigated following the report of the disciplinary committee. The students, who were allegedly ragged, were given adequate opportunity to name the culprits but all of them denied the allegations and expressed ignorance about the incident. Sex oriented ragging at Karnataka medical college

January 27, 2001 (The date is not clear but this is most probably the date)

A girl and a boy were made to strip by senior students and locked up in one room for three days without food or water when they refused to have sex at a medical college in Bijapur, Karnataka. Bijapur superintendent of police reportedly denied the incident. Government acted promptly against the incident. MBBS student flees campus after being ragged

3 September 2000, Delhi Honhar Singh Meena, a first year MBBS student was severely ragged in the undergraduate students hostel of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). As a consequence he fled the campus. He was beaten up, forced to drink alcohol and harrassed by the seniors. Girl commits suicide following ragging

16 August 2000, Tamil Nadu Deepa (aged 18 years), a first year student of microbiology at the Sri Krishna Arts and Science College at Keezhambi, near Kancheepuram committed suicide by self-immolation. In her dying declaration, Deepa named three seniors (one girl), as forcing her to sing lewd songs. When she sulked and protested, the seniors asked her to dance nude. A picture of the Delhi University on reopening after vacations

17 July 2000, New Delhi Ragging in colleges under the Delhi University was somewhat mild in the campus. Though much can't be said about what happened in hostels. People were asked to sing songs, enact actors and animals, marry, describe body parts, etc. Govt circular merely a sheet of paper

29 October 1998, Bangalore

Despite the government circular against ragging in Bangalore, there is no respite for the juniors. In engineering colleges, seniors asked freshers to either sing or dance and entertain them. Some were asked to recite all the alphabets from A to Z, with an example for each alphabet. The Government, in a circular to all engineering colleges in the state, had warned principals and lecturers to check ragging otherwise their colleges may lose their affiliations. The circular states that persons held for ragging will, on conviction, face jail term to the extent of one year and fine upto Rs 2,000. If a student held for ragging could not be dismissed in view of his being in the final year, his or her degree certificates will be embossed indicating his or her involvement in a ragging incident. The transfer certificate too will give those details. The Government had asked the colleges to display the warnings on their notice boards. The colleges were required to lodge a complaint with the police if such incidents are reported and to allocate separate portions of hostels to accommodate first-year students. Denial by fresher costs him more

3-7 November 1998, Mangalore Five juniors of the Institute of Nursing, Mangalore, were stripped and sexually harrassed and asked to shave from neck downwards. Later the seniors used cigarette butts to singe visible traces of hair. A junior who disobeyed was made to run around with a rope tied to his genitals. Fresher stripped in hostel

5 September 1998, Pune After just 2 days of arrival, Mr. A, a fresher at D.Y. Patil College of Engineering in Pune, begged his parents to let him home. The 17 year old boy was not only stripped, but the act was followed by many more unspeakable things. He soon fled to his relative's house. Ragging leads to suicide

4 August 1998, Mumbai Indu Anto, a 17-year-old, a class XI hosteller at Sophia College, Mumbai committed suicide following ragging. She jumped from the top of the hostel building. Though the college authorities deny, Indu's father maintains that his daughter was driven to death by relentless ragging.