

IAS Parliament

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Q. Ragging is a serious violation of Human Rights.
• in this context, examine the steps taken against Ragging in India? Also suggest measures to deal with the issue?

Ans. Recently, the group of 150 medical students were told to shave their head and salute their seniors, this case of Ragging took place in one of the university in UP.

Despite having so many provisions against Ragging, still it is happening.

According to the UGC Regulation on Curbing the Menace of Ragging, Ragging is defined as the, "Any disorderly conduct whether by words spoken or written by an act, teasing, or treating students with rudeness."

Consequences of Ragging :-

- ① It leaves a permanent scar in victim's head which might haunt him/her for years.
- ② Affects the Education, mental and social well being of an individual.
- ③ The victim might go into a shell; may feel Trauma, psychological stress & anxiety.
- ④ Reduction in self confidence.
- ⑤ May also lead to suicides in extreme cases,

Why Ragging is happening :-

- ① Ragger might gets a sense of Authority :
Infront of freshers, they might feel authoritative and which increases Ragger morale & confidence.
- ② Might be a pillow for their frustrations :
As when they were freshers, they also went through the same.
- ③ Peer pressure : Sometimes seniors have the to fear to be left out. Hence in peer pressure perform the crime of Ragging among with others.



(4) Ragging is also seen as a Fashion statement: Students think senior performing Ragging is very cool and authoritative. Hence building a 'prejudice' in student community.

WAY FORWARD :-

(1) Implementation of provisions regarding Ragging should be stringent.

(2) Parents / Guardians must be aware about the Ragging provisions. Hence undertakings must be taken.

(3) Public Area or Ragging prone area should be kept into full guidelines.

(4) Migration certificate should include whether the student was ever indulged in ragging or not.

(5) Financial Assistance should be withdrawn from the institutes involved in Ragging.

(6) Promoting Anti Ragging movements like CURE, Stop Ragging, No Ragging online groups and Awareness about SAVE C (Society against violence in Education) is the 1st NGO of India in Anti Ragging.

Hence, Ragging was started by students. Hence the solutions lies with the students itself.

Attitudinal Change need to be done. And student should be made mean to reach the end of Ragging in India, along with Govt interventions.