

# STATE OF RAGGING IN INDIA, 2022-24



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The "State of Ragging in India 2022-24" report, published by the Society Against Violence in Education (SAVE), provides a comprehensive analysis of ragging incidents reported across Indian educational institutions during the period 2022-2024. Based on 3,156 complaints registered at the National Anti-Ragging Helpline from 1,946 colleges, the report identifies key trends, high-risk institutions, and the severity of ragging-related cases.

## Key Findings:

- **Medical Colleges** as Hotspots: Medical colleges account for 38.6% of total complaints, 35.4% of serious complaints, and **45.1%** of ragging-related **deaths**, despite making up **only 1.1%** of total students in India.
- **Ragging-Related Deaths**: A total of **51 deaths** occurred between 2022 and 2024, with 20 deaths in 2024 alone, surpassing student suicides in Kota for that year. The lack of media attention and public discourse on ragging deaths underscores the urgent need for action.
- **Top Institutions** with Complaints: The report lists the Top Colleges and Universities from where most number of ragging complaints were received at the National Anti-Ragging Helpline, during the period 2022 to 2024. It also provides the lists of Top Medical and Technical Institutions where ragging remained prevalent in the same period.

## Key Recommendations:

The report gives several key recommendations to effectively curb the menace of ragging in India. The foremost being that The National Anti-Ragging Helpline should accept **anonymous complaints** to protect victims' identities. Also, the colleges must establish Anti-Ragging Squads with **dedicated security guards**, whose contact details should be shared with freshers. **CCTV** surveillance in hostels should be monitored by security personnel, anti-ragging committees, and **parents**. Moreover, the freshers should be accommodated in **separate hostels** as per UGC and NMC regulations, and the institutions must file **Police Complaints** within 24 hours for serious ragging cases. The Health Ministry should also organize **Annual Anti-Ragging Conventions** inviting Anti-Ragging Committee heads from all the 700+ medical colleges. Lastly, freshers and their parents should have access to **seniors' parents' contact details**, given that the report suggests this as a **panacea for the problem**.

# About Society Against Violence in Education (S.A.V.E.)

**SAVE is an independent, non-profit organisation working since 2006 to eradicate ragging in educational institutions across India.**



SAVE was invited to the show Satyamev Jayate by Aamir Khan

The SAVE team consists of 200+ individuals from diverse academic and professional backgrounds across India, including IIT-ians and other Engineers, Lawyers, Doctors, Entrepreneurs, Freelancers, Filmmakers, Sportspersons and Students from various professional and general courses.

SAVE has achieved significant milestones since its inception. Its active engagement with national and regional print and electronic media has helped sensitize an estimated 10 million people. It has filed more than 2,000 Right to Information (RTI) applications<sup>1</sup> with numerous educational institutions and government authorities to safeguard student safety and dignity. It has also provided crucial support to over 1000 victims and their families through a team led by Supreme/High Court advocates. Furthermore, it has raised awareness through over 100 sensitization events held at institutions across India since 2007, apart from sending 30,000 emails to colleges to spread awareness about effective implementation of measures to fight the menace.

## **10 Million+**

People sensitised through print, electronic and social media.

## **2000+**

RTI applications filed with colleges and authorities to ensure Anti-Ragging Measures.

## **1000+**

Victims helped directly led by a team of reputed lawyers.

## **200+**

Volunteer force across India to help the students and spread awareness.

# STATE OF RAGGING IN INDIA

This report analyses the ragging cases registered at the National Anti-Ragging Helpline through phone calls and emails during the period 2022 to 2024. A total of 3,156 complaints were registered from 1,946 colleges.<sup>2</sup>

It is not to say that the entire India registered just 3,156 ragging complaints in 3 years, these are just the complaints registered at the National Anti-Ragging Helpline. There is a huge number of complaints that are registered directly to the colleges, and also directly to the police if the case is serious. All such cases fail to get reflected in the numbers available at the Anti-Ragging Helpline, and hence in this report. And to top it all, the actual incidents of serious ragging will still be much higher in educational institutions as a small number of victims only in general muster courage to come forward and report, others just silently suffer for fear of their safety after making any complaint.

Still the report attempts to distill the trends based on whatever data is readily available in the public domain, that is from the Anti-Ragging Helpline, in expectation that meaningful insights can still be gained from this data also in absence of the actual data.

The report identifies the medical colleges of India as the hot-spots of ragging as these institutes report 30 times more ragging incidents in relation to the number of students in these courses compared to overall students.

The report also provides year wise details of the 51 deaths occurred due to ragging, and draws attention to a relative absence of adequate attention in our society towards these deaths.

Furthermore, the report lists India's top 5 colleges and universities from where most number of cases are reported. It also lists top 5 medical and technical institutions for the same. In the tables given at the later part of the report more such names of institutions are given, apart from the details of the calculations of the results cited.

In Lord Kelvin's words, ***"If you cannot measure it, you cannot improve it"***. This document is a humble attempt to measure, analyse and report various aspects of the menace of ragging occurring in Indian educational institutions, to alert and enable the authorities, regulators and policy makers for an urgent and effective action to eradicate it.



## 2024: Top **Colleges** with the Most Complaints



**Certain institutions have emerged as ragging hotspots, with the highest number of complaints reported from:**

- University of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh – 15 complaints
- MKCG Medical College, Odisha – 9 complaints
- Banaras Hindu University Campus, Uttar Pradesh – 8 complaints
- Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur – 8 complaints
- MGM Medical College & Hospital, Jharkhand – 7 complaints

## 2024: Top **Universities** with the Most Complaints

**Among universities, the highest number of complaints were recorded at:**

- Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical University, Uttar Pradesh – 34 complaints
- Bihar Engineering University, Bihar – 30 complaints
- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, West Bengal – 27 complaints
- Madhya Pradesh Medical Science University – 26 complaints
- University of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh – 23 complaints



## 2022-24: Top Colleges with the Most Complaints



**Over a three-year period, institutions with the highest ragging complaints include:**

- Banaras Hindu University Campus- 30 complaints
- MKCG Medical College, Odisha - 25 complaints
- Haldia Institute of Technology, West Bengal - 23 complaints
- University of Lucknow - 22 complaints
- Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal - 21 complaints

## 2022-24: Top Universities with the Most Complaints

**The universities with the highest complaints over the three-year period are:**

- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, West Bengal - 75 complaints
- Madhya Pradesh Medical Science University - 75 complaints
- Banaras Hindu University - 42 complaints
- University of Lucknow - 40 complaints
- Berhampur University, Odisha - 31 complaints



## 2022-24: Top **Medical** Colleges with the Most Complaints



**With Medical Colleges being in the spotlight for ragging in India, here are the top 5 colleges getting the most complaints at the National Anti-Ragging Helpline in the period mentioned:**

- MKCG Medical College And Hospital, Odisha – 25 Complaints
- Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru Memorial Medical College Raipur, Chhattisgarh – 15 complaints
- Vardhman Institute of Medical Sciences Pavapuri, Bihar – 14 complaints
- State Takmeel-Ut-Tib College & Hospital, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh – 12 complaints
- Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi – 11 complaints

## 2022-24: Top **Medical** Universities with the Most Complaints

**And here are Medical Universities that need to take the issue at utmost priority:**

- Madhya Pradesh Medical Science University, Jabalpur – 75 complaints
- Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh – 68 complaints
- Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik, Maharashtra – 61 complaints
- Rajasthan University of Health Sciences, Jaipur, Rajasthan – 52 complaints
- West Bengal University of Health Sciences, Kolkata, West Bengal – 39 complaints





## 2022-24: Top **Technical** (Engg+ Polytechnic) **Colleges** with the Most Complaints

- Haldia Institute of Technology, Haldia, West Bengal – 23 Complaints
- Indira Gandhi Institute Of Technology, Sarang, Odisha – 22 complaints
- Government Polytechnic, Darbhanga, Bihar – 21 complaints
- Netaji Subhash Engineering College, Kolkata, West Bengal – 12 complaints
- University Institute of Technology RGPV, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh – 12 complaints

## 2022-24: Top **Technical** (Engg+ Polytechnic) **Universities** with the Most Complaints

- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, Kolkata, West Bengal – 74 complaints
- Bihar Engineering University, Patna, Bihar – 61 complaints
- Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh – 40 complaints
- Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Rourkela, Odisha – 28 complaints
- Rajiv Gandhi Proudyogiki Vishwavidyalaya Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh – 28 complaints



# Ragging Deaths

Every year the print and electronic media report numerous cases of deaths due to inhuman ragging. The data we present here is from the Anti-Ragging Helpline Database, and the actual figures will be still higher since not all the ragging related deaths are reported at the Anti-Ragging Helpline.

## 45.1%

of the total ragging deaths in the last 3 years have been reported from the medical colleges.

- Total ragging-related deaths from 2022 to 2024: 51
- Ragging deaths in 2024: 20
- Ragging deaths in 2023: 17
- Ragging deaths in 2022: 14
- Medical colleges accounted for 23 out of 51 deaths (45.1%).

## A comparison with Kota Suicides

- Total Kota student suicides (2022-2024): 57
- Total ragging-related deaths (2022-2024): 51

Every life is precious and graceful and we here make an unfortunate comparison. Ragging-related deaths are nearly as high as student suicides in Kota. While there is ample debate in the entire country over the Kota student suicides, there is a relative absence of equal attention by the civil society, media, educational institutions and the government over the deaths caused by ragging.

# Medical Colleges: An Area of Shocking Concern

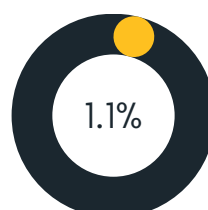


## Call for an Emergency

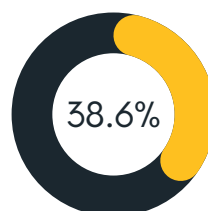
The data shows that Medical Colleges experience **30 times more ragging** than other colleges. This calls for addressing the issue at an emergency level with medical colleges by the Health Ministry.

## 30 Times More Ragging

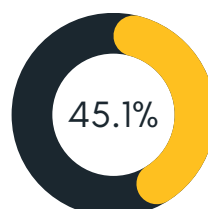
- Medical students make up only **1.1 %** of total students in **India**, yet report disproportionate ragging incidents.
- **Ragging deaths** in medical colleges account for **45.1%** of total ragging-related deaths.
- Medical colleges account for **38.6% of total complaints**, making them the most affected institutions.
- **Serious** complaints from medical colleges form **35.4%** of all serious complaints, further indicating the severity of cases in these institutions.



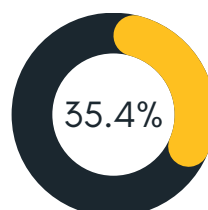
Expected Cases %



Actual Cases %



Ragging Deaths %



Serious Complaints %

# Suggestions to Curb Ragging

- **Anonymous Complaints:** Anti-Ragging Helpline should not refuse to register anonymous complaints. In recent years it has come to the notice of our NGO that the National Anti-Ragging Helpline remains reluctant to register anonymous complaints from the students. It asks for the identity of the complainant, which makes it difficult for the victim to file a complaint anonymously due to safety concerns.. Anti-Ragging Helpline should be made more sensitive in its approach in this area.
- **Special Security Guards:** Apart from the Anti-Ragging Committee, the colleges should have properly constituted Anti-Ragging Squads also. Apart from the faculty members in it, there should be specifically designated security guards for this and their phone numbers should be shared with all the freshers, to make a call in any situation of distress.
- **CCTV cameras:** CCTV cameras should be installed at all the common places at the hostels and their video feed should be made available 24x7 to the security guards, the anti-ragging committee and the squad, and all the parents.
- **Separate Hostels:** UGC and NMC's Anti-Ragging Regulations mandate that wherever possible, freshers should be lodged in a separate hostel from the seniors. In a significant number of academic institutions across India, this is not being followed, and the concerned regulatory bodies like UGC and NMC also do not have any data or updates about this. This needs to be ensured strictly by these bodies.

**If it be necessary to change any social custom the necessity (root cause) underlying it should be found out first of all, and by altering it, the custom will die of itself.**

**-Swami Vivekanand**

**Anonymous Complaints**

**Special Security Guards**

**CCTV cameras**

# Suggestions to Curb Ragging

- **Police Complaint in 24 hours:** While it is mandatory to file a police complaint within 24 hours upon receiving any ragging complaint of a serious nature as per the anti-ragging regulations by the UGC and NMC, academic institutions do not file the police complaint apparently in a bid to cover up the reality. The Education and Health Ministries should ensure that relevant regulations in this regard are followed by institutions, preventing India from being perceived as a lawless state in cases of ragging.
- **All India Convention against Ragging:** Health Ministry should host yearly conventions asking all the 700 **medical colleges** to send their heads of Anti-Ragging Committees to train them about various measures to be implemented, and sensitise them towards the menace of ragging and consequent deaths.
- **Awareness Campaigns and Videos:** The UGC should every year release videos by celebrities discouraging ragging. It should also advertise in print and electronic media about the ill effects of ragging.
- **Access to Parents' emails, phone numbers etc.:** Ragging occurs because in most cases the tormentor remains 100% confident that his or her parents will never ever get to know about their misdeeds. Freshers and their parents should have an easy access to the email ids, and if possible the phone numbers of the parents of the seniors. **This single step** will wipe out 90% ragging and related deaths in India in just 1 year, dare we say.

Separate Hostels

Police  
Complaint in  
24 hours

All India  
Convention  
against  
Ragging

Awareness  
campaigns  
and Videos

Access to  
Parents'  
emails, phone  
numbers etc



# Table 1: 2024: Top Colleges with the Most Complaints

2024 Top Colleges	City, State	No. of Complaints
University of Lucknow Campus	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	15
MKCG Medical College And Hospital	Brahmapur, Odisha	9
Banaras Hindu University Campus	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	8
Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur	Kharagpur, West Bengal	8
MGM Medical College & Hospital Jamshedpur	Jamshedpur, Jharkhand	7
The University of Burdwan Campus	Bardhaman, West Bengal	7
University of Allahabad Campus	Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh	7
Aligarh Muslim University Campus	Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh	6
Government Polytechnic Darbhanga	Darbhanga, Bihar	6
University Institute of Technology RGPV	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	6



## Table 2: 2024: Top Universities with the Most Complaints

2024 Top Universities	City, State	No. of Complaints
Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical University	Kajehra, Uttar Pradesh	34
Bihar Engineering University	Patna, Bihar	30
Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology	Kolkata, West Bengal	27
Madhya Pradesh Medical Science University	Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh	26
University of Lucknow, Overall	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	23
Rajasthan University of Health Sciences	Jaipur, Rajasthan	22
University of Delhi	New Delhi, Delhi	16
The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	15
Berhampur University	Brahmapur, Odisha	13



# Table 3: 2022-24: Top Colleges with the Most Complaints

2022-24 Top Colleges	City, State	No. of Complaints
Banaras Hindu University Campus	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	30
MKCG Medical College And Hospital	Brahmapur, Odisha	25
Haldia Institute of Technology	Haldia, West Bengal	23
University of Lucknow Campus	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	22
Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology Bhopal	Bhopal, MAdhya Pradesh	21
University of Allahabad Campus	Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh	20
Indira Gandhi Institute of Technology, Sarang	sarang, Odisha	16
Gauhati University	Gauhati, Assam	13
Government Polytechnic Darbhanga	Darbhanga, Bihar	13
Netaji Subhash Engineering College	Kolkata, West Bengal	12
State Takmeel-Ut-Tib College & Hospital	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	12

# Table 4: 2022-24: Top Universities with the Most Complaints

2022-24 Top Universities	City, State	No. of Complaints
Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology	Kolkata, West Bengal	75
Madhya Pradesh Medical Science University	Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh	75
Banaras Hindu University, Overall	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	42
University of Lucknow, Overall	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	40
Berhampur University	Brahmapur, Odisha	31
University of Allahabad, Overall	Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh	21
Jadavpur University	Kolkata, West Bengal	16
Gauhati University	Gauhati, Assam	15



# Table 5: 2022-24 Top Medical Colleges

2022-24 Top Medical Colleges	City, State	No. of Complaints
MKCG Medical College And Hospital	Brahmapur, Odisha	25
Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru Memorial Medical College	Raipur, Chhattisgarh	15
Vardhman Institute of Medical Sciences	Pavapuri, Bihar	14
State Takmeel-Ut-Tib College & Hospital	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	12
Maulana Azad Medical College	New Delhi, Delhi	11
Patna Medical College and Hospital	Patna, Bihar	11
Bundelkhand Medical College Sagar	Sagar, Madhya Pradesh	8
Autonomous State Medical College, Hardoi	Unouti, Uttar Pradesh	7
Bhagwan Mahavir institute of medical sciences Pawapuri	Pavapuri, Bihar	7
Institute of Medical Sciences BHU	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	7
State Ayurvedic College & Hospital	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	7
Maharani Laxmi Bai Medical College	hansi, Uttar Pradesh	6



## Table 6: 2022-24 Top Medical Universities

2022-24 Top Medical Universities	City, State	No. of Complaints
Madhya Pradesh Medical Science University	Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh	75
Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical University	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	68
Maharashtra University of Health Sciences	Nashik, Maharashtra	61
Rajasthan University of Health Sciences	Jaipur, Rajasthan	52
West Bengal University of Health Sciences	Kolkata, West Bengal	39
Aryabhatta Knowledge University	Patna, Bihar,	34
Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences	Bengaluru, Karnataka	31
Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences	Warangal, Telangana	25
Berhampur University	Brahmapur, Odisha	24
University of Delhi	New Delhi, Delhi	22

# Table 7: 2022-24 Top Technical (Engg + Polytechnic) Colleges

2022-24 Top Technical (Engg + Polytechnic) Colleges	City, State	No. of Complaints
Haldia Institute of Technology	Haldia, West Bengal	23
Indira Gandhi Institute Of Technology, Sarang	Sarang, Odisha	22
Government Polytechnic Darbhanga	Darbhanga , Bihar	21
Netaji Subhash Engineering College	Kolkata, West Bengal	12
University Institute of Technology RGPV	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	12
Bhagalpur College of Engineering	Bhagalpur, Bihar	10
Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology	Burla, Odisha	8
Motihari College of Engineering	Motihari, Bihar	7
Muzaffarpur Institute of Technology	Muzaffarpur, Bihar	7



# Table 8: 2022-24 Top Technical (Engg + Polytechnic) Universities

2022-24 Top (Engg + Polytechnic) Universities	City, State	No. of Complaints
Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology	Kolkata, West Bengal	74
Bihar Engineering University	Patna, Bihar	61
Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	40
Biju Patnaik University of Technology Rourkela	Rourkela, Odisha	28
Rajiv Gandhi Proudyogiki Vishwavidyalaya	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	28
Aryabhatta Knowledge University	Patna, Bihar	26
Government Polytechnic Darbhanga	Darbhanga , Bihar	21
Jharkhand University of Technology	Dumka, Jharkhand	17



# Table 9: Calculations

% Complaints from Medical Colleges	
Complaints from Medical Colleges <sup>2</sup>	1,219
Total Complaints <sup>2</sup>	3,160
Percentage	38.6

Percentage of Medical Students in India	
Number of Medical Students (MBBS + BHMS + BAMS) Enrolled <sup>3</sup>	4,50,119
Total Number of Students Enrolled in India <sup>3</sup>	4,21,57,115
Percentage of Medical Students out of Total Students in India	1.1

% Ragging Deaths in Medical Colleges	
Ragging Deaths from Medical Colleges <sup>2</sup>	23
Total Ragging Deaths 2022-24 <sup>2</sup>	51
Percentage	45.1

Percentage of Serious Complaints in Medical Colleges	
No. of Serious Complaints from Medical Colleges 2022-24 <sup>2</sup>	111
No. of Serious Complaints from all Colleges 2022-24 <sup>2</sup>	314
Percentage	35.4



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