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# 2nd ragging plaint from JU in a month, this time in the science union room

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Kolkata: A second-year undergraduate science student at Jadavpur University, who has been consistently protesting against ragging, was allegedly targeted and ragged inside the science faculty union room by a group of former as well as current senior students on Aug 21.

Sharing the details, he wrote to the university authorities on Wednesday, saying he was a victim of ragging and also mentioned his apprehension that he might be targeted again. The student on Aug 23 had lodged an anonymous complaint on the UGC helpline. This complaint was later forwarded to the university.

This complaint came within weeks of another JU student—a second-year engineering boy—claimed he was ragged inside the engineering union room on Aug 2 by seniors, who had just graduated.

The science victim told TOI: “When I tried to enter the union room in the afternoon, the group of current senior students and former students targeted me, without any reason, taking advantage of me being alone there. They ganged up on me, verbally abused me and hurled multiple questions at me. They did not let me speak, putting me under tremendous mental pressure. They wanted to assert that they were the authorities of the union room and shouted at me, telling me to leave the union room. They said I was not worthy of entering the union room and forced me out.”

According to him, this could be a fallout of his protests against ragging on the campus. "I think they are angry with me as I had objected to them trying to justify ragging on the campus, saying it was 'an old culture at the university'," the science student said, adding the day before the incident, he had argued with them about the central placement coordinator. Many others on the campus pointed out that members of a particular students' organization would often target and threaten those who opposed them.

After the victim had complained anonymously on the UGC helpline that was forwarded to the university, JU issued a notice on Aug 28, requesting the complainant or anyone else aware of the incident to provide them with the information latest by Sept 4. The victim, who wrote to the university on Wednesday, said, "I was not confident that my direct complaint to the university would be proactively looked into. So, I first lodged my complaint with UGC. When the university acknowledged receiving my complaint, I submitted a letter on Wednesday. I also expressed that they may rag me again."

An official said, "An anti-rag squad meeting will probably be held this week."