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SOPs to be framed for Code of Conduct in classrooms by teachers.

Corporal Punishment: An Inhuman Act In Our Classrooms

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1. According to Madras High Court judgement (March this year) corporal punishment is shameful for us that such inhuman, barbarian, cruel, uncivilized, undemocratic, feudal, and criminal activities are practiced in temples of education.
 2. In many colleges and universities across India, teachers consider themselves above law, guidelines, the judgment of the court, and the constitution of the country and justify committing violence and criminal acts in the classroom. It makes school or college a kind of jail, teachers as a jailer, students as criminals.
 3. If a child learns violence is legitimate from childhood then we see a kind of violent society where abuse, violence are considered legitimate. School should be a place where children should learn the constitutional values, respect for the law of the state but if the education system is such where their teachers are committing a crime, violence then it's an alarming situation for our society.
 4. Any kind of fear of punishment results in suppression of creativity and peaceful learning. It violates Article 21 which guarantees a life with dignity, free from fear, harassment, threat, abuse, violence, torture, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment, and misbehavior.
 5. Even animals are protected against cruelty... Our children surely cannot be worse off than animals," said Justice N Anand Venkatesh of the Madras High Court as he recently ruled in S. Jai Singh and Ors. vs State and Anr in March
 6. Physical punishment scars the body and mind of a student, robbing them of dignity. Allowing teachers to lose control over their behaviour while teaching restraint to a child creates a paradoxical situation! It needs to be addressed by the law and measures beyond the law.
 7. students in this country are till date being subjected to the sadist and inhuman 'culture' of corporal punishment in both school and colleges across india.
- Conclusion--Please direct all affiliated colleges to strictly follow all rules and regulation regarding ban on corporal punishment in education institutions.