

PHYSICAL ATTACKS ON STUDENTS AND FACULTY

This table ranges from killing (MM Kalburgi, HS Saberwal) to a variety of physical attacks on both students and faculty members, mostly carried out by the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP). In some cases, students from other groups have retaliated. The police have conspicuously sided with the ABVP.

Physical Attacks on Faculty

S. No.	Date	University/college	Name of Faculty or Event	Nature of Action beating, harassment, threat	Source
1.	August 2006	Madhav College, Ujjain	H S Sabarwal	Professor died a day after being assaulted by 25-30 ABVP students angry at cancellation of the student union poll. Three years later all the students were acquitted. Madhya Pradesh is run by the BJP.	https://www.hindustantimes.com/india/chronology-of-sabharwal-case/story-icL8BUnvHMm1IW44d7Mi3N.html https://www.hindustantimes.com/india/all-accused-in-prof-sabharwal-murder-case-acquitted/story-oLVQovj6zQC5t8czTZa5AO.html
2.	November 2008	DU	S A R Geelani	ABVP member spat on him at a seminar on Communalism, Fascism and Democracy: Rhetoric and Reality	http://twocircles.net/2008nov09/students_teachers_condemn_abvp_activists_vandalism_du.html
3.	March 2011	BRM Agriculture College, MP	Sunder Singh Thakur	Dies after witnessing members of ABVP beating a fellow teacher. The teacher who was beaten had been charge of sexual harassment by ABVP. No official complaint registered	https://www.indiatoday.in/india/north/story/wb-prof-dies-of-shock-seeing-fellow-member-beaten-by-abvp-130271-2011-03-13
4.	March 2011	Khandwa, MP	Ashok Chaudhary	Prof thrashed ABVP alleged that he sexually exploited students and thrashed him.	https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/bjp-youth-workers-thrash-professor-with-sandals-449482
5.	February 2013	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College of Social Work, Dhule	Pramod Sukhdev Bhumbe	The Dalit professor was attacked and assaulted by six men - all belonging to Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal- for allegedly hurting their religious sentiment while delivering a lecture. The attack happened even after Bhumbe had submitted an apology for comments made during the lecture; was attacked inside the college library and was pushed	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/aurangabad/dhule-college-lecturer-beaten-up-6-arrested/articleshow/18281268.cms https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/dalit-professor-beaten-up-in-dhule/article4366231.ece

				from a staircase.	
6.	August 2015	Dharwad	MM Kalburgi	Shot dead by Suspected right wing Hindu extremists	https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-34105187
7.	February 2016	Lucknow Univ	Rajesh Kumar	Effigy burnt, attacked by ABVP Shared article of a DU prof on FB, on the subject of JNU students being attacked	https://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/jnu-agitation-lucknow-university-professor-shares-piece-on-umar-khalid-abvp-burns-effigy-blocks-class/
8.	August 2018	MGCU, Motihari	Sanjay Kumar	Beaten up by RSS fronts for Facebook post against A B Vajpayee	https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/bihar-professor-beaten-up-after-sharing-facebook-post-critical-of-ab-vajpayee/story-YdOJ04WNBwwqzFjHUpYmL.html
9.	September 2018	Prof. Dinesh Gupta	Gov PG Studies, Mandsaur, MP	Threatened. The ABVP was sloganeering somewhere outside his class interrupting the class. Following this the ABVP alleged that the prof was stopping them from chanting Vande Mataram and Bharat Mata ki Jai. They also declared him anti-national. Prof apologized by falling at their feet.	https://thelogicalindian.com/news/abvp-professor-apologize/
10.	June 2019	Kutch Univ	Girin Baxi	They blackened the face, paraded and thrashed him. AVBP accused him of selectively rejecting voter registration forms.	https://www.newselick.in/abvp-goons-blacken-face-professor-parade-him-through-campus-gujarat-varsity
11.	July 2019	Government Brennen College, Thalassery	K. Falgunan	The principal allegedly received death threats from ABVP activists after he removed a flagpole planted by them on campus. Falgunan recorded what he called a 'dying statement' and posted it online after receiving these threats.	https://www.telegraphindia.com/india/government-brennen-college-principal-in-abvp-flagpole-storm/cid/1694917
12.	November 2019	BHU	Feroz Khan	Students boycotted Prof because he was Muslim; said Muslims could not teach Sanskrit. He transferred to a different faculty. No action taken against students.	https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-50557616
13.	December 2019	BHU	Shantilal Salvi	Hit by students using casteist slurs	https://thewirehindi.com/103786/bhu-dalit-prof-says-chased-by-students-for-bac

				Supported another Prof Feroz Khan.	king-firoze-complains-to-professor/
14.	August 2021	Lakshmbai College, Delhi University	Neelam	Teacher-in-charge, Ranjit Kaur, allegedly slapped the Dalit professor in presence of staff members after she requested to go through the minutes of the meeting. Neelam alleges that Ranjit also used casteist slurs against her.	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/slapped-by-colleague-says-du-professor-she-denies-charge-7458733/
15.	April 2022	Lucknow University	Ravikant Chandan	Was allegedly assaulted twice, first by the ABVP and then by a student leader of Samajwadi Chatra Sabha over alleged comments on the Kashi Vishwanath temple and Gyanvapi masjid during an online debate. The attackers allegedly also made casteist slurs.	https://news.abplive.com/states/up-uk/lucknow-university-professor-assaulted-on-campus-over-remark-on-kashi-vishwanath-temple-1532353 https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/lucknow/uttar-pradesh-dalit-professor-once-again-assaulted-by-students-in-lucknow-university/articleshow/91646480.cms
16.	June 2022	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Sharad Baviskar	Baviskar said that he was abducted, physically assaulted and financially extorted after an apparent traffic dispute; alleges that the culprits called him 'anti-national', expressed their dislike for JNU and claimed to be 'Modi supporters'.	https://thewire.in/rights/jnu-faculty-member-abducted-and-assaulted-after-traffic-dispute-forced-to-pay-cash

Physical Attacks on Students

S. No.	Date	University/college	Name of Student or Event	Nature of Action beating, harassment, threat	Source
1.	August 2011	St Joseph's School at Dumka, Jharkhand	In solidarity with the Anna Hazare protest against corruption ABVP demanded a one day closing of all institutions to which the college didn't abide.	ABVP cadres broke chairs and tables in the principal's office. According to the students, the ABVP workers also attempted to disrupt the classes by toppling benches	https://www.indiatoday.in/india/east/story/ranchi-students-boycott-classes-to-support-anna-abvp-cadres-ransack-missionary-school-139590-2011-08-19

2.	September 2014	Jadavpur University	Undisclosed	A women student was dragged to men's hostel and sexually assaulted. This led to a movement "Hokkoloro" translated 'Let there be Uprising'. Protest turned violent. Ruling TMC and police were involved in thrashing the students	https://www.outlookindia.com/blog/story/jadavpur-university-kolkata-midnight-police-brutality-leads-to-hokkolorob-c/3391
3.	November 2015	Delhi	Students from JNU, DU and many other universities	Occupy UGC movement against withdrawal of fellowships. Protesting students were beaten by the police	https://www.thequint.com/news/india/watch-the-media-collective-explain-the-occupy-ugc-movement
4.	January 2016	HCU	Rohith Vemula	Suicide. Dalit students (ASA) were suspended from hostel facilities. Casteism & Institutional killing. The protest continued for a long time. Students were beaten and arrested along with a few HCU professors.	https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/Ancient-prejudice-modern-inequality/article14007054.ece https://thewire.in/education/the-chain-of-events-lead-ing-to-rohith-vemulas-suicide
5.	March 2016	Sundraiah Vignan Kendram, Hyderabad	Kanhaiya Kumar	Goraksha Samiti's Pawan Kumar threw a shoe at JNU student leader Kanhaiya Kumar at a Seminar on Constitutional Rights. He was also denied permission to speak at HCU	http://twocircles.net/2016-mar24/1458826083.html
6.	October 2016	Delhi University	'The idea of a university' organized by AISA	Students were allegedly assaulted by ABVP members for participating in the public meeting; a journalist was also injured during the attack.	https://thewire.in/uncategorized/abvp-allegedly-attacks-delhi-university-students-journalist-public-meeting
7.	February 2017	Ramjas, DU	Students	ABVP beat up students for organizing a seminar at which JNU student leader Umar Khalid was invited.	https://thewire.in/politics/delhi-university-ramjas-abvp
8.	February 2017	DU	Students and Faculty	A day after the Ramjas attack when DU students & faculty protested against ABVP, they were beaten by ABVP, detained by police	https://thewire.in/politics/delhi-university-ramjas-abvp https://thewire.in/education/reality-ramjas-student-testimony-vs-police-fir

9.	April 2017	Jadavpur University	Protest against seminar titled 'International Seminar on Persecution of Religious Minorities in Bangladesh'	Students were thrashed and molested by a mob allegedly comprising RSS members while silently protesting against the seminar.	https://www.youthkiawaaz.com/2017/04/jadavpur-university-scuffle-bjp-rss/
10.	April 2017	Pulwama Degree College	Students	54 students injured Clash between Security forces and Students. The protest continued injuring 74 + many more students. Sparked by graffiti on a wall at Pulwama Degree College in support of Burhan Wani, a killed militant.	https://scroll.in/article/834990/why-kashmir-students-are-facing-off-against-the-security-forces
11.	September 2017	BHU	Students	Police lathi charged women students protesting the inaction of admin in a student molestation case	https://thewire.in/education/banaras-hindu-university-lathi-charge
12.	September 2017	National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata	Resisting against eviction of settlers	Six students were allegedly locked up in a room and thrashed. Female students were threatened with rape and some of them had their clothes torn. The attack was allegedly carried out by supporters of the local TMC councilor Pabitra Biswas.	https://www.telegraphindia.com/india/attack-on-city-law-students/cid/1330890
13.	November 2017	MG Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi	Student's poll won by independent candidate Rahul Dubey	ABVP thrashed the supporters of the winning candidate in the hostel	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/varanasi/abvp-loses-student-union-poll-on-pm-modi-turf/articleshow/61514187.cms
14.	November 2017	Narayana Junior College, Hyderabad	Jayasimha Reddy, the manager of Narayana Group	Charges of sexual harassment ABVP vandalized the office. They also hurled stones at a police patrolling car. Barged into college leading to destruction of property	https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-karnataka/Stone-throwing-during-protest-by-ABVP-in-Hubli-20-arrested/article14763604.ece
15.	March 2018	JNU	Professors and Students of JNU	Police lathi charged students protesting against JNU Prof Atul Johri who was accused of sexual harassment	https://thewire.in/education/jnu-lathicharge-long-march
16.	March 2018	Kota	Sudipta Hazarika	All-women patrolling squads set up by the local police around coaching institutes in Kota, Rajasthan, reportedly	https://thewire.in/gender/women-patrolling-squad-in-kota-thrashes-assam-girl-twomen-jailed-for-intervening

				harassing students, especially girls.	Note: The police thrashed her and the shop owner where she was charging her mobile
17.	July 2018	LU, Lucknow	Pooja Shukla and others	Beaten and detained by police for protesting against the arbitrary decision of LU for not showing entrance result	http://twocircles.net/2018jul05/424087.html
18.	August 2018	Constitution Club of India, Delhi	Umar Khalid	JNU Student leader Umar Khalid was shot at by gunmen who had been radicalized by the anti-JNU rhetoric	https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/jnus-umar-khalid-shot-at-escapes-unhurt/article24677378.ece
19.	September 2018	Zakir Hussain College, DU	Students	ABVP Vandalized property and assaulted students and staff	https://sabrangindia.in/tags/abvp?page=1
20.	October 2018	Allahabad Univ, UP	AUSU and other students	ABVP torched hostel rooms and threw crude bombs after losing the student union elections	https://sabrangindia.in/tags/abvp?page=1
21.	September 2019	St. John Berchmans Inter College, Mundli Tinpahar, Jharkhand	Students	<p>A mob of nearly 500 right wing extremists allegedly stormed and damaged the college, terrifying students and faculty in the process. The mob gathered with sticks, chains, iron bars, knives and pistols, and beat up tribal inmates of the Loyola Adivasi Hostel. While two boys were seriously injured, the rest were saved due to the timely intervention of sisters (nuns). Although an ambulance was called the mob allegedly did not allow it to go through until the police arrived. Fr. Kuzhively told that the police then took the boys to hospital.</p> <p>Another priest Fr. Nobor Bilung who tried to talk to the mob was also physically assaulted and sustained a head injury. The mob also allegedly sexually harassed female students and staff. They also allegedly broke pipes, furnishing, electric</p>	https://www.sabrangindia.in/article/right-wing-goons-vandalize-jesuit-college-jharkhand

				and audio systems. The mob vandalised the place and stole cash and three cell phones from the office	
22.	September 2019	Jadavpur University, West Bengal	JU students protesting against BJP MP Babul Supriyo	The ABVP invited the minister for their fresher's program, which the other students protested against. Members of Durga Vahini (RSS women's wing) also joined ABVP. ABVP burnt a tea stall outside the campus & ransacked the Arts union room near gate No. 4, the ground-floor corridor of the UG Arts building, set fire to at least six cycles and blocked the road for an hour. Also hit an amateur photographer and at least one student.	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/abvp-supporters-commit-arson-at-ju-gate-ransack-rooms-on-campus/articleshow/71209836.cms
23.	December, 2019	Aligarh Muslim University	Students	Brutally Beaten by police for anti-CAA protests. Two students had their hands blown off by police stun grenades; others had head injuries. Allahabad High Court ordered the NHRC to probe	https://thewire.in/communism/60-amu-students-injured-in-police-violence-university-closed-till-january-5 https://theleaflet.in/allahabad-hc-asks-nhrc-to-probe-into-police-action-against-amu-students-amidst-anti-CAA-agitation/
24.	December 2019	Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), AMU	Students	Students were thrashed by the police; library vandalized – students were protesting against the CAA	https://thewire.in/government/jamia-police-attack-report https://thewire.in/government/amu-CAA-protests-up-poll
25.	December 2019	Vadodara, Gujarat	5 students	Booked for anti CAA graffiti	https://www.deccanherald.com/national/west/gujarat-5-students-arrested-for-graffiti-on-CAA-786325.html
26.	January 2020	JNU	JNU Student Union president Aishe Ghosh and many more	Allegedly ABVP thrashed students inside the campus	https://thewire.in/government/delhi-police-jnu-violence-aishe-ghosh
27.	January 2020	Ahmedabad	NSUI students	NSUI students were protesting at the attack on JNU when they were beaten by the ABVP	https://thewire.in/rights/ahmedabad-nsui-abvp-attack

28.	January 2020	Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru	Students	BJP workers threatened and heckled students not to protest against CAA or else they will beat them in JNU style.	https://scroll.in/latest/949301/bengaluru-college-students-opposing-caa-allegedly-heckled-by-bjp-threatened-with-jnu-style-attack
29.	August 2021	Maharaja Bir Bikram University, Agartala	Solanki Sengupta	The TMC student activist was allegedly assaulted and confined in a room by ABVP activists while campaigning for the Trinamool foundation day on campus.	https://www.telegraphindia.com/north-east/trinamul-congress-student-activist-on-friday-lodged-a-police-complaint-against-few-abvp-members/cid/1828324
30.	September 2021	Bangalore	Student protest against the NEP	Around 300 students marching against NEP were lathi-charged by the police. Many students suffered injuries.	https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/karnataka/2021/sep/15/students-protesting-against-nep-caned-near-vidhana-soudha-2358872.html
31.	October 2021	Bhai Gurdas Institute of Engineering and Technology, Sangrur	Kashmiri students in the college hostel	Kashmiri students were allegedly attacked in their hostel rooms by students after India lost a cricket match to Pakistan. The attackers allegedly referred to them as Pakistanis. Sangrur's SSP stated that both sides have apologized to each other in the presence of the police.	https://scroll.in/latest/1008513/kashmiri-students-allegedly-attacked-in-punjab-college-after-india-pakistan-t20-match
32.	October 2021	Delhi University	AISA members and some other DU students	Students allege that they were beaten up by the police during their hunger strike demanding reopening of the university. Police denied the use of force but admitted to detaining 28 students.	https://www.ndtv.com/delhi-news/du-students-allege-assault-by-cops-during-hunger-strike-police-deny-charge-2589739
33.	November 2021	Anantapur	Student protesters	Several students protesting against the government's decision to merge aided schools and colleges in Anantapur were lathi charged by the police. A female student was severely injured.	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/amaravati/cops-use-mild-force-to-disperse-students-protesting-in-anantapur-against-merger-of-aided-schools-colleges/articleshow/87582769.cms
34.	February 2022	PES College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mandya	Bibi Muskan Khan	Muskan was heckled and harassed for wearing a hijab by a group of youngsters in saffron scarves. They started shouting 'Jai Shri Ram' while she was entering college.	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/karnataka-youth-in-saffron-scarves-heckle-mandya-girl-in-hijab/articleshow/89442357.cms

35.	February 2022	Aaliah University, Kolkata	Students protesting against the alleged murder of former student Anish Khan	Protesting students clashed with the police as they started marching against the barricades.	https://news.abplive.com/states/anish-khan-death-student-s-clash-with-police-during-protests-in-kolkata-1514830
36.	February 2022	Imphal	Students protesting against the non-conduct of classes	Protesting students were thrashed by the police; batons and tear gas were deployed. More than a dozen students were injured.	https://assamtribune.com/manu-injured-in-manipur-student-police-clash/
37.	February 2022	Jadavpur University	9 members of AISA	Arrested and allegedly severely beaten up by the Bengal police for protesting against the detainment and questioning of a Dalit activist.	https://thewire.in/rights/kolkata-9-ju-students-held-over-protest-severely-beaten-in-police-custody
38.	February 2022	Delhi University	Students protesting outside the VC's office for the resumption of offline classes in a demonstration organized by the SFI	The students alleged that they were detained and manhandled by the Delhi police; claims have been denied by the police.	https://thewire.in/education/du-protest-students-claim-they-were-manhandled-by-police-while-protesting-outside-vc-office
39.	April 2022	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Students	A 'clash' broke out among students after ABVP members demanded that non-veg items not be served in the Kaveri Hostel mess during Ram Navami.	https://www.deccanherald.com/national/north-and-central/jnu-students-clash-over-non-veg-food-on-ram-navami-cops-say-6-injured-1099580.html