What is Ragging?

(As defined by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India)

Any disorderly conduct whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any junior student, indulging in rowdy or indisciplined activities which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or a junior student or asking the student (s) to do any act or perform something which the student will not do in an ordinary course and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the psyche and do a physical harm to a fresher or a junior student.

The cause of indulging in ragging is deriving a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by the seniors over their juniors or freshers.