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## Foreign students held for late-night party

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PUNE: Around 27 foreign students, including 13 girls, were arrested early on Sunday morning for partying with loud music and allegedly watching porn material on laptops on the terrace of a bungalow at Madhuban Society in Sangvi.

Most of the students, who were in an inebriated state, allegedly resisted the police who had reached the spot following a complaint. One girl student also allegedly bit the hand of a woman constable who was trying to arrest her.

The police have booked the students, who hail from different city colleges, under charges of unlawful assembly, possessing foreign liquor without a permit, disturbing the public peace and voluntarily causing hurt to deter a public servant from his/her duty.

Incidentally, the riot control police had to be summoned after the students allegedly threatened the police. The students also pelted stones at newspaper photographers outside the Sangvi police station.

The police swooped down on the two-storeyed bungalow at lane No. 5 in Madhuban Society shortly after midnight after a complaint from a local resident about the ruckus being created at the party.

According to police inspector Vijaykumar Savant, loud music was playing at the premises. He said the students were also viewing porn material. A few CDs and laptops, besides empty cans of beer and liquor bottles, were seized from the students.

The Sangvi police were recording the statements of the arrested students till noon on Sunday. Deputy commissioner of police Mahesh Patil supervised the police action.

According to James Haokip, brother of the bungalow owner, the place had been rented out to four students around two months ago. Haokip said he came to know about the party and the subsequent police action only on Sunday morning.

Madhuban society, which is more than 20 years old, has several rowhouses and bungalows. Residents in the locality said some bungalow owners had been renting out their properties to students. The general feeling was that the students staying here as tenants should behave themselves and not indulge in unlawful activities. The students were produced in the Pimpri court later on Sunday and released on bail.

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