

ABVP staged protest demanding opening of Manipur University



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It said due to the prolonged shut down of the University students are facing many problems. The main problems are that exams of various departments of MU are either stopped midway or are not yet started, all academic activities have been stopped affecting classes and research works, many files and documents that needs to be cleared are held up affecting thousands of students in applying for various courses or jobs, evaluation of semester exams of graduate courses are not even started yet which will delay the results and which will bar many students from admission in masters courses in other universities, a whole year will be lost for thousands of students and many sanctions and communications to be made with various departments like UGC are not done which will be a big loss for the university

and students.

The ABVP feels that any agitation or movement in colleges or university should be in democratic way and should never be a hindrance to the academic activities, it stated.

The statement also added that the ABVP has approached all the stakeholders including the Chief Minister and the Governor of Manipur and has requested to bring the ongoing tussle to an amicable end by dialogue. "But it is unfortunate that there has been no concrete step taken up from their end especially the Chief Minister who has to intervene and bring a way out", the ABVP said.

The ABVP statement also said that the agitation groups may take up other means like going to the court of law with concrete proofs of the allegations they are making which if proved right will definitely take its own course but keeping hostage of lacs of

students career and future to get their demands is completely wrong and should be condemned.

The statement further added that a thorough investigation is required in the allegation against the VC and the VC's claim that the agitation may be related to the unlawful demands made by certain outfits. The investigation should also bring in its preview the students, the teachers and other staffs of the university and most importantly the existing CBI enquiry against the alleged irregularity in purchase of items during the regime of the previous VC Prof. HNK Sharma's regime should also be looked into if it has any link with the agitation.

ABVP NE cell at Delhi along with its Delhi unit will also stage a protest simultaneously to draw the attention of the MRD Minister Prakash Javadekar and press for solving the issue at the earliest and savings the future of lacs of students.

2 held for rape-and-murder of women in Assam trains

Agency
Tinsukia, Jul 13

The prime accused and his accomplice in the rape-and-murder case of two women on board two trains in Assam have been arrested, the police said.

The main accused, Bikash Das, was held from Tinsukia Railway Station yesterday evening, while his accomplice Bipin Pandey was arrested from Dibrugarh-Bangalore Express at Banipur Station in the early hours today, the police said.

"Culprits of both the heinous crimes on running trains at Simaluguri and Mariani have been apprehended and incriminating evidence recovered.

"We are committed to ensuring justice for citizens and the rule of law," the Assam Police tweeted.

During interrogation, Das had

named Pandey as his accomplice in both crimes after the Railway Police Force apprehended him yesterday. Pandey, who hails from Bihar and is a rickshaw puller, was handed over to the police in Sivasagar district by the RPF, an officer said.

A student of the Assam Agricultural University in Jorhat was found dead in a toilet of the Kamakhya Express on July 10 while the body of an elderly woman was found in a toilet of the Avadh Assam Express on July 11 and both of them were found to have been killed in a similar manner.

Das had confessed before the RPF that he along with Pandey had strangled both their victims with a 'gamosa' (Assamese scarf) after raping them and dumping their body in the toilet of empty train coaches. RPF and police officials told

reporters here that Das was apprehended when a security man noticed him at the Tinsukia station with a 'gamosa', the kind of cloth he had used to strangle both victims.

Earlier Das used to run a tea-stall near the Tinsukia station and at present was selling clothes in trains.

He confessed that he was about to take a train to Furkating station to commit a similar crime but he was apprehended before he could do so, they said.

Mobile phones belonging to both the victims, the student's earrings and her train ticket and one of the anklets of the elderly woman were recovered from Das, the officers said.

Das had taken advantage of coaches meant for physically challenged people, which are normally empty and often boarded by women.

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Nawaz Sharif, Maryam may be held mid-air; Lahore shuts phone networks

Agency
Lahore, July 13

Former Prime Minister of Pakistan Nawaz Sharif and his daughter Maryam, sentenced to jail for corruption, are likely to be arrested mid-air, even before they land in Lahore on Friday evening, reports suggested.

Security has been tightened and over 10,000 police officers have been deployed at Lahore airport where Sharif's plane from London is scheduled to land.

According to reports, a team of Pakistan's National Accountability Bureau is trying to leave for Abu Dhabi to board the flight taken by the Sharifs, so they can be arrested as soon as the plane enters Pakistani airspace. Meanwhile, on-board flight to UAE's Abu Dhabi airport,

Nawaz Sharif said: "I'll be taken straight to jail. But I am doing this for people of Pakistan, sacrificing for generations to come. Such opportunity won't come again. Let's build destiny of Pakistan together."

Sharif and daughter Maryam landed at UAE's Abu Dhabi International Airport on Friday morning.

Thousands of supporters are expected to congregate at the Lahore airport for the dramatic home-coming for Nawaz Sharif, a three-time prime minister who wants to campaign for his party ahead of the July 25 general elections. Meanwhile, Pakistan's media regulator has ordered all the television channels to stop live telecast of briefings of political leaders containing 'defamatory and derogatory'

content.

The step has been taken to ensure that Nawaz Sharif doesn't turn public opinion in his favour for the upcoming elections.

The media regulator also banned live telecast of speeches by leaders against judiciary, armed forces, is seen as an effort to block out Sharif when he lands in Pakistan on Friday evening.

According to reports, Pakistan's Punjab government has ordered to shut mobile networks in Lahore from 3 pm to 12 midnight today.

Nawaz Sharif, 68, has been sentenced to 10 years in prison by a Pakistan accountability court for corrupt practices linked to his family's purchase of London flats. The former prime minister also faces two more

cases following Panama Paper scandal.

Sharif is accompanied by his daughter Maryam Nawaz who is also convicted and sentenced to seven years of prison.

Before leaving for Pakistan from London, Maryam, said: "It is the most difficult decision of our lives because my mother is on the ventilator and we don't know what happens next, their is no pain like that of leaving your mother behind in such situation but there's a national duty and we must make this important journey."

This dramatic return of the former PM comes ahead of Pakistan's general elections which will pit PML-N against its main political rival, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, led by Imran Khan.

Attempt to create split in PDP will have 'extremely dangerous' results: Mehbooba

Agency
Srinagar, Jul 13

In her first public appearance after resigning as Jammu and Kashmir chief minister, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti today said any attempt by the

Centre to "engineer" a split in her party will have "extremely dangerous" consequences.

Mehbooba resigned as chief minister on June 19 after the BJP pulled out of the coalition with the PDP in the state and withdrew support to her government.

"My party is strong, there are differences which can be resolved. However, if there are any attempts to engineer a split in the PDP like it was done in 1987 to commit robbery on people's vote and to crush the MUF (Muslim United Front), the results will be extremely dangerous," she told reporters here.

Mehbooba also recalled that the events post the 1987 Assembly elections had "created" Syed Salahuddin, the supreme of the banned Hizbul Mujahideen, and

Mohammad Yasin Malik, the pro-Independence JKLF chief.

Salahuddin is now based in Pakistan.

"There are differences in every party like there are differences in every family and these can be addressed..."

"There can be no splits without Delhi's involvement.

In 1987, the robbery on people's vote created one Salahuddin and one Yasin Malik," the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief said.

Mehbooba was talking to reporters at the Martyrs' Graveyard at Naqshband Sahib after paying tributes to those killed in firing by soldiers of Dogra Maharaja Hari Singh on this day in 1931 during protests against his autocratic rule.

This was her first public appearance in the state after she resigned as chief minister.

After the government fell, several PDP legislators raised a banner of revolt against Mehbooba's leadership and accused her of nepotism and favouritism during her tenure as chief minister.

Reacting to Mehbooba's statement, National Conference leader Omar Abdullah said it would not matter to Kashmiris if the PDP breaks up.

"Let me put this out here for all to remember NOT ONE NEW MILITANT WILL BE CREATED WITH THE BREAK UP OF THE PDP. People will not mourn the demise of a party created in Delhi only to divide the votes of Kashmiris," he tweeted.

Coal scam: Court orders framing of additional charge against Naveen Jindal

Agency
New Delhi, Jul 13

A special court today ordered framing of an additional charge of abetment of bribery against Congress leader and industrialist Naveen Jindal and others in a case pertaining to irregularities in the allocation of a Jharkhand coal block.

Special judge Bharat Parashar said the charge will formally be framed against the accused on August 16. The court had in April, 2016 ordered framing of charges against Jindal, former MoS

for Coal Dasari Narayan Rao (since deceased), former Jharkhand Chief Minister Madhu Koda, former Coal Secretary H C Gupta and 11 others for the alleged offences of criminal conspiracy, cheating, criminal breach of trust under the IPC and sections of Prevention of Corruption Act in the case. However, the bribery charge was not framed then.

The case pertains to allocation of the Amarkonda Murgadangal coal block in Jharkhand.

In today's order, the court said the charge of bribery

(punishable under section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act) is made out against Rao, but since he was deceased, the charge will not be framed against him.

The court also ordered framing of section 120B (criminal conspiracy) against Jindal Steel's then adviser Anand Goel, Nihar Stocks Ltd Director BSN Suryanarayan and Mumbai's Essar Power Ltd Executive Vice-Chairman Sushil Kumar Maroo.

The three were named in an additional charge sheet filed by the agency in the case.

Former Andhra CM Kiran Kumar Reddy rejoins Congress

Agency
New Delhi, Jul 13

Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Kiran Kumar Reddy returned to the Congress fold today, four years after quitting the party.

Congress' communications in-charge Randeep Surjewala announced Reddy's return to the party after the former chief minister met party president

Rahul Gandhi at his residence today.

Reddy joined the party in the presence of AICC Andhra Pradesh in-charge Oomen Chandy, Surjewala and APCC chief N Raghuveera Reddy at the AICC headquarters here.

Reddy had quit as chief minister and the Congress in February 2014, protesting against the bifurcation of

Andhra Pradesh. His meeting with the Congress chief came following talks with the party's leaders over two months.

Reddy, the last chief minister of united Andhra Pradesh, had floated the Jai Samaiya Andhra party after quitting the Congress. He fought the 2014 elections, but failed to make a mark.

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