

17. Meghalaya Issues: ILP

Massive rally in Shillong backs ILP 1 December 2013

- Thousands gather at students' field to support cause

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Shillong, Nov. 30: Thousands of people turned out at Students' Field, Jaiaw here today to extend support to pressure groups in their agitation for implementation of inner-line permit (ILP) in Meghalaya.

The mammoth rally was held amid heavy deployment of security forces in various parts of the city, including Motphran, a commercial hub, nearly 1km from the venue.

Slogans like "No ILP, no rest" and "We demand ILP" resonated at the ground as leaders of 13 pressure groups, including the Garo Students' Union (GSU) and other organisations from Garo hills, reiterated the need for the permit to safeguard the interests of the indigenous people. The crowd shouting slogans against the government

and a section set fire to the effigy of chief minister Mukul Sangma.

Meghalaya's oldest legislator Hoping Stone Lyngdoh of the Hill State People's Democratic Party, also attended the rally.

The writing on the wall was that the government's proposed bill to regulate landlords and verify tenants, as a mechanism to check illegal immigration, would not be accepted.

Addressing the congregation, Khasi Students' Union (KSU) president Daniel Khyriem said the answer to those who had "doubted" people's support to the demand for implementation of the ILP was the gathering itself. When he asked the crowd if the agitation should be suspended and the demand for ILP dropped, a resounding "no" rose from the crowd.

"I think even the deaf would hear the voices emanating from here, and our powerful voice will surely vibrate the pillars of the secretariat till we get our demand," the KSU chief said.

He said the fight for ILP in Meghalaya had also awakened Assam, which has faced the brunt of illegal immigration.

Voices for implementation of ILP are being raised in the neighbouring state now.

He said the stand taken by the groups was "clear and transparent" that the ILP should be implemented to protect the indigenous people and that the demand was not illegal. He sought continued support and inspiration from the people until the demand is met.

Hynñiewtrep National Youth Front (HNYF) general secretary Sadon K. Blah said the indigenous people of the state were facing a "silent war and invasion" and if "we don't wake up now", a time will come when even the political rights of the local populace would be snatched.

He alleged that the government's reluctance to implement the permit regime rose from the fear of corrosion of "vote bank".

"The more we talk about development, be it setting up of industries or educational institutions, the more we need ILP to protect the indigenous people," he said.

He slammed the government for claiming that the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873 (which paved the way for ILP) had been repealed in Garo hills.

He said no authentic document to prove the claim had been put up in the public domain.

Announcing that the agitation would henceforth be intensified, he said a number of notices had been served to the leaders of the pressure groups but the government need not arrest them, as they themselves would surrender after the ILP was implemented.

"We did not seek stars from the government, but a law which can be implemented to suit human beings," he said. The president of Federation of Khasi Jaintia and Garo People (FKJGP), Joe Marwein, said Meghalaya had registered the highest decadal growth (27.82 per cent) among all the states in the Northeast between 2001 and 2011 whereas the national decadal growth was only 17.64 per cent.

Garo Students' Union (GSU) president Tengsak G. Momin said the ILP movement was not of pressure groups but of the people. "We do not need a mouse like the tenancy bill, but the ILP, which is like a lion," Momin said.

The rally, which started with a prayer, ended on a peaceful note.

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18.Mizoram Issues: Tribal People (Advasaris) election boycott

MIZORAM 21 July 2014

Shops and business houses downed shutters in Aizawl on Thursday due to a 12-hour protest called by Mizoram Merchant Association opposing Licensing Regulations, 2012 of Aizawl Municipal Corporation. The traders are opposing the Licensing Regulations apprehending it would allow non-tribals to engage in business resulting in economic assimilation of the Mizos.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-in-school/mizoram/article6231714.ece>

Chakmas boycott bypoll in Mizoram 4 June 2014

The Chakma community members did not cast a single vote during the bye-election to the member of the Chakma Autonomous District Council in the Boranpansury-II seat on Wednesday after a boycott call by the NGOs and political parties.

No ballot was cast in any of the three polling stations.

The NGOs including the Young Chakma Association (YCA) and political parties boycotted the bypoll after the Mizo Zirlai Pawl (MZP) or the Mizo Students Federation displayed a signboard in Borapansury-I village where the student body has proposed to construct 'Zofate Khualbuk' or the 'Mizos Inn'.

The Chakma community members protested the allotment of government land to the MZP inside the area of the CADC.

Reports from the election authorities at Borapansury-II said that while all the official polling parties were in the polling stations, not a single election agent or voter turned up to exercise franchise.

The bypoll in the Borapansury-II seat of the CADC was necessitated after the seat was vacated by the former Chief Executive Member of the CADC Dr B D Chakma who was elected to the Mizoram legislature in the 2013 state assembly polls and later became a minister of state.

Other bypolls held in two seats in Lai autonomous district council (LADC) and one seat in Mara autonomous district council (MADC) were held smoothly.

Keywords: [Mizoram](#), [Chakma Autonomous District Council](#), [Bypoll](#), [Boycott](#), [Young Chakma Association](#)

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/chakmas-boycott-bypoll-in-mizoram/article6082444.ece>

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19.Nagaland Issues: Border disputes

Assam-Nagaland spat: vehicles banned 19 August 2014

Emboldened by the targeting of the entourage of the Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi at Golaghat along Assam-Nagaland border on Monday, all vehicular movement along the highway leading to Nagaland and Manipur has been banned by protesters, students in particular.

The escorts of the Chief Minister had a tough time in protecting Mr. Gogoi despite firings in the air and baton charging of refugees who say that border areas are neglected by the government

The Nagaland government has issued an advisory to the Nagas not to travel through Golaghat. Fourteen persons were gunned down by Naga extremists and four others are missing. Nine paramilitary personnel of Nagaland were abducted by villagers of Golaghat.

Mr. Gogoi and Nagaland Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang have urged the Centre for intervention. Meanwhile official level talks on the border dispute scheduled on Monday are not expected to be fruitful.

Over 100 buses and trucks bound for Imphal have been stranded in Golaghat district since trouble started five days ago.

The Manipur government has not done anything to escort the stranded vehicles to Imphal. However vehicles originating from Imphal, Guwahati and Shillong have been stopped.

This highway has been the lifeline of Manipur. During this period, nothing can be brought to Imphal.

Naga forums organise rally to speed up talks 11 August 2014

A rally was organised on Monday in the district headquarters of Ukhrul by some Naga organisations demanding speeding up the pace of talks between the Indian government and the National Socialist Council of Nagalim (Isak-Muivah). Talks have been carried on slow speed for the last 14 years.

The hitch is the demand for the unification of the "Nagas areas" of the northeast with Nagaland. The states of Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh object to the demand.

On the other hand all educational institutes in the district were also closed down indefinitely from Monday protesting against the deployment of state forces and clamping of the prohibitory orders following the assassination of an elected member of Autonomous District Council on July 11.

Keywords: [Manipur](#), [Naga groups](#), [Peace talks](#), [North East](#)

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/naga-forums-organise-rally-to-speed-up-talks/article6304450.ece>

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20.Odisha

Hartal (Strike Stay away)

BJD MLAs ask Governor to intervene on Polavaram issue Day-long protests in undivided Koraput district JULY 15, 2014

BJD leaders marching towards Raj Bhawan to submit a memorandum against the Polavaram project to the Governor in Bhubaneswar on Monday.—Photo: Lingaraj Panda

Even as the party observed a day-long hartal in four districts in undivided Koraput district against the Polavaram multi-purpose project, the Biju Janata Dal legislators disrupted the proceedings of the State Assembly here on Monday over the issue.

As soon as Speaker Niranjan Pujari adjourned the proceedings of the Assembly, the BJD legislators staged a dharna in front of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in the Assembly premises to register their protest against passage of the Polavaram Bill.

They blamed both Bharatiya Janata Party and Congress for supporting the Polavaram Bill in Parliament.

The ruling party legislators then marched down to Raj Bhavan and submitted a memorandum to Governor S. C. Jamir seeking his intervention in the matter.

The legislators urged the Governor to impress upon the Central government to consider the grievance of the State of Odisha for a re-look on the project design in order to avoid submergence of large areas of the State by the Polavaram project.

The disruption of Assembly proceedings by the ruling BJD legislators was criticised by opposition Congress and BJP.

The BJD has expressed apprehension that a large number of tribal people in Malkangiri district will be affected by the construction of the Polavaram project in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh. The BJD leaders as well as several environmental activists of Odisha have claimed that if the Polavaram project comes up as per its present plans of increased height of the dam, it would lead to submergence of villages in Malkangiri district of Odisha.

The revenue districts where the 12 hour long hartal call had been given were Malkangiri, Koraput, Nabarangpur and Rayagada. Vehicular traffic was completely disrupted in these four districts during this hartal, as the Odisha State Road Transport Corporation (OSRTC) had preferred to keep its buses off road as precautionary measure and the private bus operators of all these districts had preferred to support the agitation.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/bjd-mlas-ask-governor-to-intervene-on-polavaram-issue/article6211258.ece>

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21.Punjab

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Punjab_\(India\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Punjab_(India))

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/>

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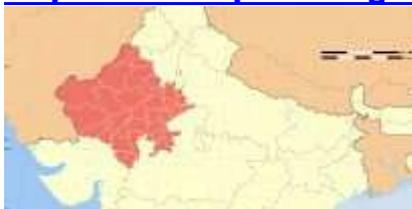
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22.Rajasthan

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rajasthan>



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23.Sikkim X



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sikkim>

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24.Tamil Nadu

Arrested for burning Karnataka CM in effigy
Tirupur, 24 November 2014

Members of Aathithamizhar Jananayaka Peravai burnt Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in effigy here on Sunday to protest the proposed move to construct two new dams across River Cauvery.

Riparian rights

The agitators said that the new dams, that have the capacity to store more than 40 thousand million cubic feet of water, could affect the riparian rights of many farmers in the Delta region in Tamil Nadu and hence, the project should not be executed. Moreover, necessary environmental clearances were not obtained for the planned project, they said.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/arrested-for-burning-karnataka-cm-in-effigy/article6628778.ece>

AAP cadre condemn Mayor for poor roads

CHENNAI, 21 November 2014

The Aam Aadmi Party, Tamil Nadu, protested the poor condition of roads in the city by 'planting' tree saplings in pot holes on Egmore High Road on Thursday.

Raising slogans and displaying placards on 85 per cent of the roads being of poor quality, the members of the party slammed the Mayor and councillors for the prevailing situation.

Charging that the nexus between contractors and councillors was the prime reason for the poor quality of roads, the party members cited statistics indicating the State topped the list in number of road accidents for the past 10 years in the country.

The members also condemned the State government's move to transfer Pingale Vijay Maruthi for having taken steps to check the quality of the roads and penalising contractors of roads that did not measure up to standards.

A signature campaign was also launched by the party cadre at the protest meeting.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/aap-cadre-condemn-mayor-for-poor-roads/article6619958.ece>

Protest by union

PUDUKOTTAI, November 19, 2014

Members of the Tamil Nadu Rural Development Officials Association staged a demonstration at the Collectorate here on Tuesday to press for their six-point charter of demands. They demanded introduction of promotion policy for the post of Block Development Officer, Deputy BDOs, and assistants and wanted discrepancy in the pay scales for senior and junior deputy BDOs.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/protest-by-union/article6613258.ece>

Farmers plan road and rail roko

THANJAVUR, 17 November 2014

Farmers' organizations in the delta have planned a road and rail roko at 500 places across Thanjavur, Tiruvarur and Nagapattinam districts on November 29 to protest the Karnataka government's plan to establish two hydel projects at Mekedathu.

Resolving to organise the stir at a meeting attended, among others, by representatives from the Tamilaga Vivasayigal Sangam, the Tamil Nadu Vivasayigal Sangam, farmers' wing of the Congress, Sugarcane Growers' Association, the leaders said that if Karnataka went ahead with its plan to construct two reservoirs across the Cauvery at Mekedathu, then the Cauvery delta would be reduced to a desert and lakhs of farmers and farm workers would lose their livelihood.

A resolution passed at the meet noted that Karnataka was flouting with impunity the orders of the Supreme Court and the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal even as the Centre was not making Karnataka fall in line with judicial directive. The delay in the formation of the Cauvery Management Board and the Regulatory Commission were proof of that State's intransigence.

A resolution called upon the State Government to facilitate all farmers' organisation representatives to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and impress upon him the need to prevent the construction of the two reservoirs across the Cauvery.

A resolution flayed the Centre for its ineffective attitude that has adversely affected the just cause of Tamil Nadu. Besides, the Mekedathu reservoir move would affect drinking water availability for 15 districts in Tamil Nadu.

To highlight their grievances and register their opposition to the Karnataka move and the lax attitude of the Centre, the farmers' organisation have given the call for a road roko and rail roko.

Those who participated in the meet included State general secretary of the CPI-affiliated Tamilaga Vivasyigal Sangam V. Durai Manikkam, CPI (M) affiliated Tamil Nadu Vivasyigal Sangam State general secretary P. Shanmugam, Congress Kisan Wing state secretary Neduvai Rajadurai and the Sugarcane Growers' Association president P. Ramasamy.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/farmers-plan-road-and-rail-roko/article6606290.ece>

Activists demand immediate release of arrested fishermen

PUDUCHERRY, November 13, 2014

Even as Sri Lankan President has expressed readiness to pardon the five Tamil Nadu fishermen who were sentenced to death by a Colombo court, fishermen and activists of civil society groups staged a protest on the arterial highway, East Coast Road, at Vennangupet, Kancheepuram district demanding the release of five fishermen immediately.

The protestors alleged that the Sri Lankan government had foisted the case of illegal possession of narcotic drug on the five fishermen even though Indian authorities had disproved the charge through chemical analysis.

In these circumstances, the sentencing was tantamount to threat to India's sovereignty, they claimed.

P. Chellappan, secretary of People's welfare forum said Union government should control the reckless acts of Sri Lankan forces such as slapping cases on Tamil Nadu fishermen, perpetration of attacks on them and damaging their fishing nets. A. Pandian, fisherman, Alamparaikuppam said, "The governments should work for a permanent solution."

A. Rajesh, fisherman, Vennangupet added that the Union government should take steps to release the boats seized from the Tamil Nadu fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy.

He felt that the retrieval of Katchateethivu will pave way for a permanent solution to the problem. Police personnel were deployed at the spot to avert any untoward incident.

'The government should work for a permanent solution to the problems faced by fishermen.'

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/activists-demand-immediate-release-of-arrested-fishermen/article6593051.ece>

CPI(M) to protest plan to dilute MGNREGS

ERODE, November 13, 2014

As part of its nationwide campaign, the CPI(M) will sensitise people in villages on November 26 to the Centre's plan to dilute the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, party State secretary G. Ramakrishnan said on Wednesday.

He said the Centre was attempting to reduce the number of rural districts under the programme from 645 to 200 from 2015-16. In Tamil Nadu, the reach of the scheme would come down to 198 panchayat unions from 384 at present. This meant there would be only two-three panchayat unions left under the scheme in each district. This would affect the situation in villages.

On November 29, the party would organise a conference to underscore the need for maintaining government schools, given the dwindling rate of enrolment. About 1,000 government schools were closed in recent years because of poor enrolment, what with no initiatives to enhance the quality of infrastructure and delivery mechanism. The conference would also call for quality English language teaching and education in Tamil Medium.

The plan to increase power tariff to compensate the Rs. 684-crore loss suffered by the Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation was unwarranted since it would cause the poor and the small and medium industries hardship. The loss could be cut by securing the sum spent on power subsidy for farmers from the State government, long-term planning for increasing production capacity, avoiding power purchase from private producers at high costs and curtailing concessions for corporate companies, and cutting down on line loss, he said.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/cpim-to-protest-plan-to-dilute-mgnregs/article6593047.ece>

Hartal (Strike Stay away) Gherao(Occupation)

Villagers' gherao Deputy Speaker's house: Demonstration held COIMBATORE, November 18, 2014

About 200 villagers of Rediyarur in S. Nallur Panchayat near Pollachi held a demonstration in front of the house of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Deputy Speaker Pollachi V. Jayaraman at Thippampatti on Monday. They wanted his intervention to allow construction of a wall to block rainwater from flooding their area.

Mr. Jayaraman was in Chennai.

They alleged that activists of a political party were trying to block the construction of the wall to build a party office.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/villagers-gherao-deputy-speakers-house/article6610031.ece>

Demonstration

Estate workers staged a demonstration at the number one division of the Tamil Nadu Tea Plantation Corporation (TANTEA) at Kolapalli near

Gudalur on Thursday. They also gheraoed a TANTEA official. Police sources said that it was in protest against the lack of efforts to deal with the wild elephant menace in the area.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/demonstration/article6572905.ece>

Bandh (General Strike Stay away)

Delta bandh today

THANJAVUR, November 22, 2014

Protesting Karnataka's move to construct reservoirs across the Cauvery at Mekedatu and Rasimanal, a clutch of major farmers' organisations has given a call for a 'delta bandh' on Saturday. They have planned to close shops and block trains and road traffic in the districts of Thanjavur, Tiruvarur and Nagapattinam.

The protesters also demand the immediate constitution of the Cauvery Management Board to protect the interests of Tamil Nadu as a follow-up to the final verdict of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal. MDMK general secretary Vaiko is likely to participate in the rail roko in Thanjavur. The Vanigar Sangam Peravai has extended support to the stir.

Vaiko's call

The AIADMK and the Left parties must support the bandh call to bolster the State's demand for preventing Karnataka from constructing the dams, Mr. Vaiko told reporters here on Friday.

He said the future of Tamil Nadu is in the protection of its rights over the Cauvery. Karnataka was not heeding any of the directives of the Supreme Court and was letting out only the excess flood waters, claiming that it was following the rulings.

Now, to prevent even that discharge, Karnataka had planned the dams at Mekedatu and was contemplating five more dams to curtail all the water being released to Tamil Nadu, Mr. Vaiko alleged.

Nedumaran plea

The Tamilar Desiya Iyakkam leader, P. Nedumaran, has called for a united effort to thwart Karnataka from going ahead with its plan of constructing reservoirs.

Speaking to reporters here on Friday, Mr. Nedumaran called upon all the political parties to unitedly oppose the plan instead of fighting isolated battles.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/delta-bandh-today/article6623866.ece>

Police step up vigil amid sporadic violence

Two persons committed immolation in Cuddalore and Madurai districts. In Palani, two private vehicles bearing Karnataka registration numbers were attacked

CHENNAI, 8 October 2014

Amid reports of sporadic violence, hundreds of police personnel were deployed to guard vital installations and areas of public gathering across the State. Buses and vehicles bearing Karnataka registration numbers were targeted at some places. Security was enhanced along the western districts bordering Karnataka. Shops remained closed in many places on Tuesday evening following the denial of bail to AIADMK supremo Jayalalithaa, police sources said.

While protests by AIADMK cadres demanding the release of Ms. Jayalalithaa continued, a farmer who resorted to self-immolation in support of the former Chief Minister on Monday night died of his burns. Venkatesan (42) of Paithambedi near Panruti in Cuddalore district was upset after Ms. Jayalalithaa was convicted and sent to jail. He took the extreme step after returning home from work.

In another instance of self-immolation, Suresh (38) of Vidathakulam near Usilampatti in Madurai district set himself ablaze demanding the release of Ms. Jayalalithaa. He was admitted to the Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai with serious burns.

In Nagercoil, two Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (TNSTC) buses were damaged when unidentified persons, who came on motorcycles, threw stones at the vehicles. A woman passenger was injured.

In Palani, two private vehicles bearing Karnataka registration numbers were attacked. An omni bus of Karnataka was stoned by two motorcycle-borne persons near Ariyamangalam in Tiruchi. The front windshield of the bus was damaged and the driver a minor injury. Incidents of attack on buses were also reported from Ariyalur and Perambalur districts.

Apprehending violence, the crew of a Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation bus plying towards Chennai from Bangalore on the Chennai-Bangalore National Highway drove the into the premises of the Sriperumpudur Police Station around 4.30 p.m..

Seven passengers in the bus were requested to take TNSTC buses to reach Chennai, the sources said.

When contacted, a senior police officer said instructions were given to all commissionerates/districts to ensure normality. Adequate police personnel were deployed to prevent untoward incidents.

Night patrolling and vehicle checks were intensified. "Educational institutions, government and private establishments will function normally. There is no call for bandh or any major agitation that can affect normal life. Firm action is being taken against those indulging in violence," the officer said.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/police-step-up-vigil-amid-sporadic-violence/article6479572.ece>

NBA protests as work begins to raise dam's height October 17, 2014

People affected by Sardar Sarovar Dam and other projects in Narmada Valley marched to the Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's residence here on Thursday protesting the commencement of work on increasing the height of the dam.

The protestors sought an audience with the Chief Minister but despite squatting at the Polytechnic Square nearby throughout the day, they were unable to meet Mr. Chouhan. The dharna organised by the Narmada Bachao Andolan was lifted around 5 p.m.

In a letter submitted to the Chief Minister, the protestors emphasised that under the new law on land acquisition that has come into effect from January 1 this year all the land that had been acquired by the Government for the projects must be returned to the original owners as they were still under their physical possession and as proper compensation were yet to be paid fully.

Rehabilitation

“Any submergence activity would be totally illegal and criminal in the absence of proper rehabilitation of the project-affected people,” the letter noted.

The fresh bout of protest comes in the wake of the Gujarat Government recently starting the work to raise the height of Sardar Sarovar Dam from 121.92 metres to 138.68 metres and to install radial gates on the dam.

In June, the Central Government gave approval to the Gujarat’s proposal to raise the height of the dam and install gates on the condition that the gates would be kept open.

The affected people and NBA have, however, opposed it on the ground that raising the height of the dam would lead to submergence of the lands of hundreds of families in the valley, most of them in Madhya Pradesh and these families have not yet been rehabilitated or compensated properly.

NBA leader Medha Patkar complained that even as Madhya Pradesh stood to face maximum losses because of increase in the dam’s height, the Chief Minister was not willing to hold any discussion on the matter.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/nba-protests-as-work-begins-to-raise-dams-height/article6508849.ece>

Protest against opening of sand quarries 31 July 2014

District administration and Water Resources Organisation authorities in a fix

Farmers and members of the public staging a demonstration in Thottalam in Ambur taluk on Wednesday.- Photo: Special Arrangement

The Vellore district administration and the authorities of the Water Resources Organisation (WRO) are in a fix following the mounting public agitations against the opening of government sand quarries in different areas in the Palar River bed.

The government has opened a sand quarry in Thottalam in Ambur taluk. It also decided to open quarries in nine places in the district. This was followed by a fasting agitation by the bullock cart owners affected by the closure of sand quarries in V.C. Mottur early this month.

Approval

In the wake of the agitation by the bullock cart owners in Gudiyatham, Ambur, Vaniyambadi, Walajapet and Kaveripakkam areas demanding the reopening of the sand quarries closed on the orders of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), culminating in a fasting agitation on the Palar River bed in V.C. Mottur in the first week of this month, the government approved the setting up of sand quarries in four places.

They will be located in Arapakkam (Walajapet taluk), and Parvathanpattadai, Veerankuppam and Minnur (Ambur).

But proposals for approval of sand quarries in Kavanur and Vadavirinjipuram (Katpadi), Kilambadi (Arcot), Marapattu (Vaniyambadi) and V.C. Mottur (Walajapet) were pending.

It may be recalled that quarrying activities by bullock carts in 20 quarries were stopped in August 2013 following an order of the NGT that quarries should not be allowed without the approval of the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA).

Following repeated representations from bullock cart owners to the Collector, the WRO sent proposals to the Collector for setting up official quarries after obtaining the approval of SEIAA.

But the opening of the quarry in Thottalam and the proposal to open a quarry in V.C. Mottur have led to demonstrations by the public in the respective places. The public feel that the indiscriminate quarrying of sand (legal as well as illegal) would lead to the depletion of the groundwater table in the Palar River bed aggravating the acute water scarcity in the district.

Protests by public, auto drivers, traders

While members of the public and farmers staged a demonstration by squatting on the Palar River bed in Thottalam in Ambur taluk and Chinna Thottalam in Gudiyatham taluk protesting against the opening of a sand quarry in Thottalam, traders observed a bandh in Walajapet.

The auto drivers too went on a strike in Walajapet protesting against the proposed opening of an official sand quarry in V.C. Mottur on the grounds that it would affect water supply to the Walajapet Municipality.

The traders, auto drivers, farmers and other members of the public went in a procession under the leadership of former Ranipet MLA J. Hassain from Walajapet to Ranipet and submitted a memorandum to the RDO Dr. Priyadharshini demanding the dropping of the proposal to open a sand quarry in V.C. Mottur.

Government officials are afraid that it would be difficult to totally stop sand quarrying in view of the requirement of sand for construction activities.

Manufactured sand

However, R. Velmurugan, a farmer of Kavasambattu and activist of the Tamil Nadu Science Forum said that the government should encourage the use of manufactured sand for construction activities as done in Kerala and Andhra Pradesh.

This will help to protect the sand and groundwater resources and also encourage the setting up of small scale units making manufactured sand.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/protest-against-opening-of-sand-quarries/article6266312.ece>

Dharna (fast occupation)

Left parties flay “anti-people” policies 2 September 2014

Condemning “anti-people and anti-worker policies” of the Union and the State Governments, members of Communist parties observed a fast at Palayamkottai on Monday.

After distributing pamphlets explaining the “anti-people and anti-worker policies” of the Union and the State Governments to one lakh families in the district between August 25 and 31, the Communist Party of India and Communist Party of India (Marxist) had announced that they would observe a fast at Palayamkottai on September 1.

Speakers at the protest venue said Bharatiya Janata Party government, after returning to power at the Centre with the support of over 16 crore voters, had decided to allow foreign direct investments in defence, insurance and railway sectors while divestment of public sector undertakings had been going on actively for the past three months. The decision to reduce subsidies, particularly grant for fertilizer, would seriously affect the farmers, which had already been seriously affected by inflation, drought-like situation or flood in several parts of the country, they said.

“While direct taxes had been reduced, indirect taxes had been hiked.”

In Tamil Nadu, “corruption” at all levels had made the common man’s life miserable, the speakers said.

The speakers said, “In Tirunelveli, the government, which had allowed the Coke to set up its plant and draw several lakhs liters of water every day from the Tamirabharani, was pushing the people towards wall as the Pepsi, another multinational beverage maker, had been allowed to have its manufacturing unit at Gangaikondan, which was also going to take several lakh litres of water from the perennial river.”

Instead, the State Government should have allowed investments in the Special Economic Zones at Nanguneri and Gangaikondan to create new employment opportunities, the speakers said.

District secretaries R. Shanmugavel of CPI and K.G. Bhaskaran of CPI (M) presided over the agitation.

Nagercoil

The CPI (M) and the CPI observed a fast in Nagercoil and Marthandam after a week-long door-to-door campaign.

Speaking at the fast near Anna Stadium, former MP A.V. Bellarmin came down heavily on the BJP Government at Centre.

Other leaders who spoke accused the BJP government of pursuing the very policies of the former UPA government, which was voted out of power for its “anti-people” policies.

“The fishermen here could not have the right to dry their nets in Kachatheevu islet was unacceptable. The AIADMK government too had not questioned the Centre on its stand.”

The State Government “failed” to stop sand smuggling and acted against those who questioned its policies and criticised its programmes, the speakers said.

The agitation here was led by CPI (M) district secretary N. Murugesan and the district executive committee member R. Sellaswamy presided over the one near Marthandam Gandhi Maidhan.

S. Isakkimuthu, district vice-president, CPI, and S. Sasidharan Nair, union secretary, CPI, among others participated.

Tuticorin

U. Vasuki, central committee member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), said the Bharatiya Janata Party did nothing for people except showing favouritism to Hindutva policies of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and also to corporate sectors. She presided over the hunger strike staged here on Monday.

Expressing discontent over the recent launch of financial inclusion programme under the banner of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana across India, she said there was no point in opening bank accounts for all households without ensuring their employability.

Though banking accounts were opened for the unbanked people, they had not been empowered to earn and save money in their accounts, she said.

Law and order scenario was deteriorating in Uttar Pradesh, where more than 30 cases of religious conflicts had been reported since the BJP came to power at Centre, she said.

Coming down to Tamil Nadu, she said women were unsafe. Even after 20 months, the trial in a rape and murder case of minor girl of Kilakulam in Srivaikuntam taluk had not begun.

V. Alagirisamy, former MP of Communist Party of India, K.S. Arjunan, district secretary of CPI (M) and others took part.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/left-parties-flay-antipeople-policies/article6371551.ece>

Raasta roko (Blokade)

High drama at Thanjavur railway station Protesters pull emergency chain of a train

Thanjavur, 22 November 2014

A drama was enacted at the Thanjavur Railway junction when MDMK general secretary Vaiko led a group of cadres owing allegiance to various political affiliations staged a rail roko in support of farmers’ protest against Karnataka constructing reservoirs across the Cauvery.

A strong police posse prevented Mr. Vaiko and surging protesters from entering the junction premises by erecting barricades. The protesters' plan was to picket the Tiruchi-Chennai Egmore Cholan Express but police thwarted them and the train quietly left the junction unhindered.

While the push and pull play was being enacted outside the junction, around 20 cadres belonging to the People's Art and Literature Association (PALA), masquerading as passengers, pulled the emergency chain of the Nagore-Thanjavur-Tiruchi Passenger as it began to leave, catching the police and railway authorities off guard.

The activists addressed the fellow passengers of their intention to detain the train, jumped out and climbed the locomotive engine raising slogans denouncing Karnataka and the Centre. The train was detained for about 30 minutes.

By then, Mr. Vaiko and other protesters broke through the police cordon, entered the junction premises and found that there was no train to force a halt. Standing on the track, Mr. Vaiko hit out at the Karnataka government, terming it sectarian. He also criticised the Centre for "ignoring" Karnataka's excesses. If rivers were not nationalised, then the present inter State rivers might become international rivers, he said.

Earlier, Naam Tamizhar Katchi leaders eulogised slain LTTE supremo V. Prabhakaran and promised a separate Tamil Eelam.

Keywords: [Mekedatu reservoir project](#), [anti-Mekedatu protests](#), [Cauvery delta](#), [Tamil Nadu-Karnataka water dispute](#), [Cauvery dispute](#)

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/vaiko-leads-protests-in-cauvery-delta-against-karnatakas-mekedatu-project/article6624842.ece>

25.Telangana

BACKGROUND TO ANDRA PRADESH TELANGANA CONFLICT

<http://www.socialism.in/index.php/telangana-the-history-the-course-and-the-implications/>

Hartal (Strike Stay away)

Gherao(Occupation)

Bandh (General Strike Stay away)

Help will be extended to 'our people': Deputy CM 14 November 2014

Bowing to pressure from the Opposition, the Telangana government changed its stand on the merger of seven mandals of Khammam district with Andhra Pradesh.

Deputy Chief Minister Mehmood Ali, in his written reply, informed the Assembly on Thursday that the government had no plans to rehabilitate the people of these mandals. But later, he said all help would be extended to 'our people'. The TRS government had put up a stiff opposition to the merger and even observed a bandh. But after the Bill was passed in Parliament, nothing could be done. Finance Minister Eatala Rajender said that on humanitarian grounds, the Telangana government was providing electricity, rice and salaries to employees of these seven mandals.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/help-will-be-extended-to-our-people-deputy-cm/article6597436.ece>

Power' struggle takes a bitter turn Irate TRS activists set ablaze TDP office in Nalgonda. October 22, 2014

Contentious sharing of water and electricity between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh turned murkier on Tuesday with major political parties getting into an agitation mode.

The day saw TRS workers led by local leader Dubbaka Narasimha Reddy burning the effigy of AP Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu in Nalgonda protesting Naidu's move of writing a letter to the Krishna River Water Board requesting it to suspend power generation at Srisailem Project. Later, they took out a rally that culminated at the TDP office, poured petrol on the floor and set the office on fire.

On hearing the news, the police rushed to the spot and took the TRS activists into custody.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Narasimha Reddy alleged that the Andhra Pradesh government deliberately reduced power generation in a majority of thermal projects in AP with an intention to create hurdles for the Telangana government in supplying power.

"The Telangana government was generating hydro power from Srisailem and the AP government has nothing to do with it," he said.

TRS activists in Warangal district also burnt the effigy of Naidu and organised various protest programmes.

In Hyderabad, the TRS legislators staged a dharna at Ambedkar statue on Tank Bund. They blamed Mr. Naidu with conspiring to deprive people of Telangana of their rightful share of electricity. They pointed out that G.O. No. 69 that was issued when Mr. Naidu was Chief Minister of erstwhile AP stipulated that up to 834 feet level at the dam, power generation was possible and only when the level dipped further could the need to provide for drinking water applied. The current level in the reservoir was about 860 feet, they said.

On Tuesday, the Bharatiya Janata Party stepped up its attack on the TRS Government's failure to tackle the power crisis by holding demonstrations across Telangana. BJP State

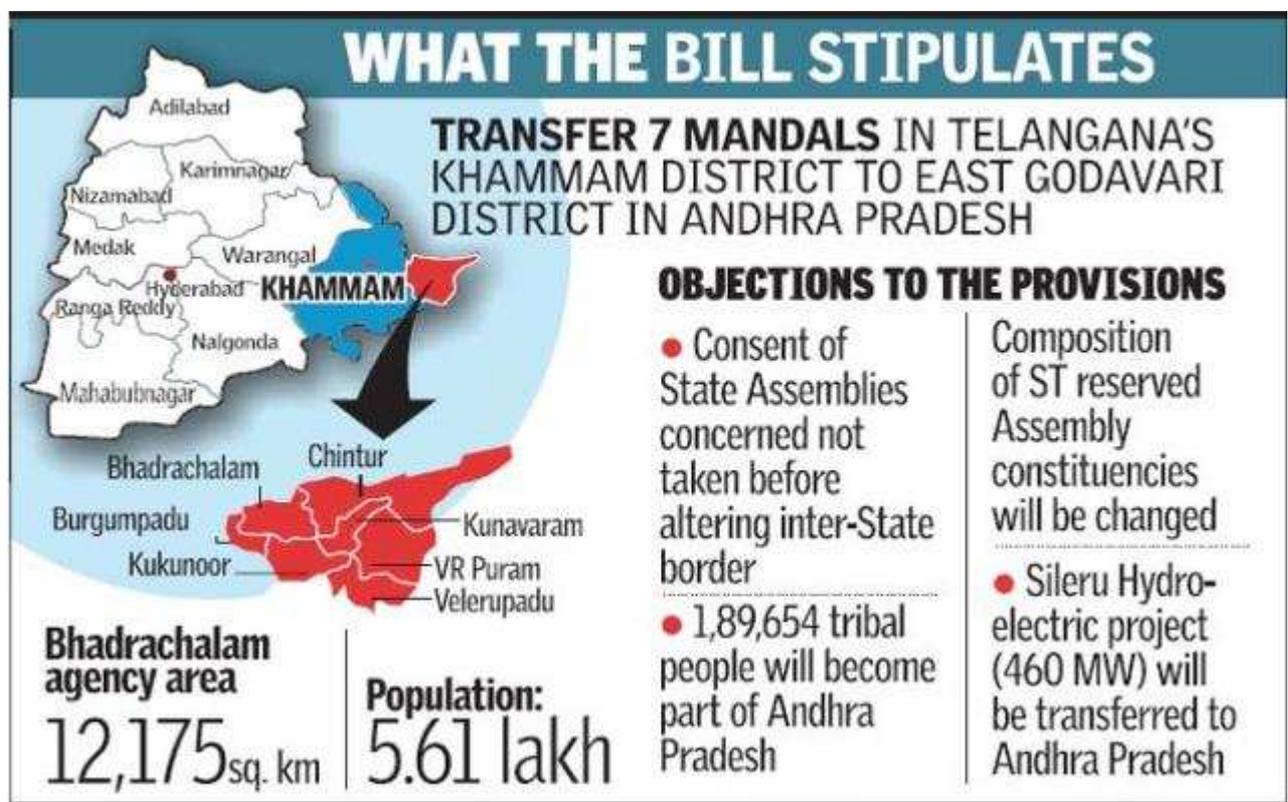
President G. Kishan Reddy and other leaders were arrested while staging a dharna before the Ranga Reddy collectorate here.

TDP calls for bandh

Meanwhile, TDP leaders led by Nalgonda district president K. Bilya Nayak burnt the effigy of Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao holding him responsible for the attack on TDP office. They have also called for Nalgonda bandh on Wednesday.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/irate-trs-activists-set-ablaze-tdp-office-in-nalgonda/article6524357.ece>

Polavaram: bandh hits life in Telangana 13 July 2014



Political parties in the new State of Telangana, mainly the Left, have recorded a strong protest against the passage of a Bill in the Lok Sabha to transfer 205 villages in the submergence zone of the Polavaram project to Andhra Pradesh.

The Left parties [organised a bandh](#) in the State on Saturday, crippling normal life.

The transfer of 324 revenue villages, including 545 habitations with an estimated 1.89 lakh people, of Khammam district for hassle-free construction of the Polavaram project is poised to reduce the tribal sub-plan (TSP) area drastically.

The Bhadrachalam Agency, with a population of over 5.61 lakh spread across a vast area of 12,175 sq.km in 29 TSP mandals, will undergo extensive changes in its geographical area and demographic profile.

The composition of three Assembly constituencies reserved for the Scheduled Tribes too will drastically change. The merger of seven TSP mandals — V.R. Puram, Kunavaram, Chintur, Velerupadu, Kukunoor, Bhadrachalam (excluding the revenue village of Bhadrachalam) and Burgumpadu (barring 12 revenue villages) — with Andhra Pradesh will alter the demographic composition of the Agency.

The Telangana bandh was peaceful, but caused inconvenience to people. Passengers were stranded as State Road Transport Corporation buses remained in the depots.

The bus stations in all 10 districts of Telangana wore a deserted look. The leaders of the Communist Party of India (CPI), the CPI(M), the CPI(ML-New Democracy), the Telangana Rashtra Samithi and the Telangana joint action committee staged demonstrations at RTC crossroads.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/polavaram-bandh-hits-life-in-telangana/article6204816.ece>

‘Project will benefit corporate forces’ 13 July 2014

Normal life was paralysed as a near total bandh was observed across the district on Saturday in response to a dawn to dusk bandh called by the Left parties and JACs of employees, students and other sections in protest against the passage of the bill on Polavaram project in Parliament.

Dharnas, burning of effigies and other modes of protests marked the day all over the district.

APSRTC buses were confined to the bus depots as the protesters picketed bus depots in Khammam, Bhadrachalam, Kothagudem and other parts of the district.

Bus services paralysed

The bus services from all the six depots limits in the district were paralysed.

Boat services from various places in Bhadrachalam Agency to Papikondalu tourist destination were also affected as the private boat owners suspended the services.

Activists of the CPI (M), AIDWA and other organisations hanged the effigy of the Centre in Bhadrachalam as a mark of protest against the merger of seven mandals of Polavaram submergence zone in the district with the residuary Andhra Pradesh. Bhadrachalam legislator Sunnam Rajaiah and others participated in a demonstration held near the bus station.

In Khammam, the protesters owing allegiance to the CPI (M), the CPI (ML-ND), the CPI and several other parties blocked the movement of the buses in front of the bus stand here.

Addressing the demonstrators, CPI (ML-ND) district secretary P Ranga Rao alleged that the BJP led Central government ensured passage of the controversial bill on Polavaram project without allowing a debate in Parliament by using its brute majority.

It is hell-bent on constructing the project to benefit the corporate forces and contractors at the cost of lakhs of hapless Adivasis and rich ecosystem, he charged.

- *Boat services from Bhadrachalam Agency to Papikondalu hitn*
- *'BJP ensured passage of the bill by using its brute majority'*

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/project-will-benefit-corporate-forces/article6205537.ece>

Bandh against Polavaram project evokes good response APSRTC buses remain off the roads in seven tribal sub-plan mandals 4 June 2014

Normal life was paralysed in the Polavaram submergence areas in the seven tribal sub-plan mandals, those merged with the residuary Andhra Pradesh, following a bandh observed by the CPI (M) in protest against the transfer of the seven mandals to the successor State of AP.

The bandh evoked good response in Bhadrachalam town, which has been retained in Telangana State.

CPI (M) State committee member M. Venkateshwarlu, district secretariat member A.J. Ramesh and others staged a demonstration in the temple town demanding revocation of the Centre's ordinance shifting seven Polavaram submergence mandals from Bhadrachalam and Palvancha divisions to the residuary AP.

The APSRTC buses remained off the roads till afternoon in the seven tribal sub-plan mandals on account of the bandh. Bus services from Bhadrachalam division to various destinations in Chhattisgarh and residuary AP were disrupted for some time in the morning.

According to sources, Adivasi Sankshema Parishad and several other organisations extended their support to the bandh. The ASP activists staged a demonstration near Chidumuru in Chintur mandal in support of the bandh.

Protest demonstrations and rallies by the Adivasis marked the bandh in V R Puram, Kunavaram and five other mandals, which have been merged with the successor State of AP.

Sources said that the boat services to the Papikondalu tourist destination were also hit by the bandh.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/bandh-against-polavaram-project-evokes-good-response/article6079476.ece>

Dharna (fast occupation)

Congress blames TRS for farmers' woes TPCC organised a maha dharna 12 November 2014

The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee on Tuesday held the State government responsible for the crisis in agrarian sector which has seen scores of farmers committing suicide in the recent months.

The party also blamed the Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) for failing to implement its promises made in the election manifesto which has deprived farmers of the crop loan waiver benefits.

The TPCC organised a maha dharna at Kotapally mandal head quarter village which is part of the Chennur (SC) Assembly constituency. The protest programme to highlight the problems faced by the farming community was attended by District Congress Committee president C. Ramchander Reddy, MP Gutta Sukhender Reddy and former Union Minister of State Balram Naik, former Minister G. Vinod, former MPs G. Vivekanand and Ponnam Prabhakar, former MLAs A. Maheshwar Reddy and Atram Sakku and TPCC secretary Naresh Jadhav.

On the power sector, the leaders accused Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao of not spending enough to purchase power to tide over the crisis.

“Our government had spent Rs. 3,000 crore to purchase power mainly for the farming sector but the present government has not even spent Rs. 600 crore towards this,” the leaders pointed out.

The integrated household survey also came in for criticism from the opposition party leaders who said it was a wasted exercise.

The TPCC handed over cheques worth Rs. 25,000 each to families of 20 farmers who had committed suicide in recent months.

KCR must wake up to farmers' sufferings: Ponnala 28 October 2014

Senior Telangana Congress leaders on Monday squarely blamed Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao for the alarming power situation in the State. They lambasted him for his callousness towards the sufferings of farmers and demanded that he take immediate steps to make electricity available.

The entire top leadership of the Telangana Congress on Monday converged on this district headquarters town in a ‘maha dharna’ outside the offices of the Superintendent Engineer-Operations, to showcase the alarming power shortage across the State and increasing instances of farmers committing suicides. It was organised chiefly by MLA D.K. Aruna and the District Congress Committee, led by president Obaidullah Kotwal.

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee president Ponnala Lakshmaiah asked the Chief Minister to wake up from his ‘deep slumber’ to the realities of 323 farmers who had taken the extreme step since June 2, displaying a list of the names. He also displayed a First Information Report filed by the police on farmers who agitated earlier demanding power.

“When the media asked him at a recent press conference, Mr. Rao said he did not have the information with him, into the 5 month of the Telangana Rashtra Samithi ruling the new State,” the Congress leader said, adding that Mr. Rao had the responsibility of explaining why suicides were on the rise. Before June 2, when there was President’s rule, the situation was not alarming and neither was it earlier, when the Congress government was in place, he pointed out.

Former Union Minister S. Jaipal Reddy said it was high time that the Telangana Chief Minister got out of his victory mode and started looking at the harsh realities of administration. He wanted Mr. Rao to call for an all-party meeting and take the help of Opposition leaders in tackling such a situation, reminding him that the TRS had only got 37 per cent votes, which meant that all other political parties together represented the voice of 63 per cent of the State’s population.

Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council D. Srinivas and several others said that unless the TRS government sorted out the issue before the start of the next Assembly session on November 5, they would have a people’s riot on their hands.

Keywords: [Farmers' suicides](#), [KCR must wake up](#), [Congress Rally in Mahboobnagar](#), [power supply loan waiver](#),

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Hyderabad/kcr-must-wake-up-to-farmers-sufferings-ponnala/article6538790.ece>

Power crisis is result of Andhra rulers’ negligence: Etala: ‘AP Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu failed to honour Centre’s decision’ 18 October 2014

The present crisis in the power sector is the result of the negligence of Andhra rulers in setting up power stations in united AP, alleged Minister for Finance and Civil Supplies Etala Rajender.

The then rulers of Andhra Pradesh had set up power stations in Seemandhra region where no coal is available. In Telangana, coal is in abundance, but no power stations were built by the successive governments to meet the power demand, he charged.

The Minister was in Ibrahimpatnam mandal in the district on Friday to participate in various development works worth Rs. 16.50 crore. He was accompanied by Nizamabad MP K. Kavitha, Korutla legislator K. Vidyasagar Rao and others.

Speaking on the occasion, he said the Union Government had allocated 54 per cent power share to Telangana State after the bifurcation. But Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu failed to honour the decision and snatched away the power share allocated to the State, he alleged.

Flaying the Opposition Congress leaders for staging dharnas regarding power crisis, Mr. Rajender suggested them to stage dharnas in front of the residence of Mr. Naidu to pressurise him to honour the Centre’s decision and allocate power to the State.

Stating that the State government was taking all measures to mitigate power crisis, he said the Jaipore thermal power station in Adilabad and Bhupalapalli power station would start power generation very soon and he assured farmers of continuous power supply from June 2015 onwards.

He also said that they would provide assured power to industries from 2016 onwards and 24-hour power supply to the entire Telangana State from 2017 onwards. He said the State government was taking all measures for all round development of the State, which was neglected during the last six decades.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tehrangana/power-crisis-is-result-of-andhra-rulers-negligence-etala/article6512208.ece>

Telangana obliges but AP indifferent! October 1, 2014

Students of Government Homeopathy Medical College, Ramanthapur, who were on strike since a fortnight, received a respite with Deputy Chief Minister Dr. K. Rajaiah sanctioning Rs. 44 lakh out of Rs. 1 crore pending stipends.

The medicos, however, have continued their protest and boycott of medical duties seeking release of the balance arrears from Andhra Pradesh Government.

Dharna staged

On Tuesday, junior doctors held a dharna in front of AP Ayush Commissioner's office and raised slogans for not responding to their repeated requests. "We don't understand why the AP Government is not responding to our plight when Telangana health officials have sanctioned their share of the amount," homeopathy medicos maintained.

The State-run homeopathic medical college at Ramanthapur is the only college that offers PG courses in homeopathy in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The medicos and house surgeons have gone on strike demanding release of stipends pending from February, 2013 to June 1, 2014. Arrears over Rs. 1 crore were to be released to the PG students and house surgeons.

With the stipends pending before bifurcation, initially, neither officials from AP nor Telangana were willing to pick up the tab. "We will continue to hold protests and boycott our duties till AP government releases the rest of Rs. 58 lakh to us. We are requesting health authorities of AP to respond to our plight," medicos said.

Services hit hard

Meanwhile, boycott of medical duties in hospital has hit services hard in the outpatient and inpatient wings. On a daily basis, close to 500 patients visit the outpatient facilities of the hospital. At any point of time in a day, close to 100 patients are admitted to the hospitals' inpatient wings.

While Telangana has released funds towards pending stipends to Students of Government Homeopathy Medical College, AP is yet to follow suit

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/telangana-obliges-but-ap-indifferent/article6463442.ece>

Physically challenged cry for justice 23 September 2014

Endless wait: Physically challenged persons staging demonstration in Hyderabad on Monday demanding immediate release of pension. -Photo: Mohammed Yousuf

Pensions pending since six months as their bank accounts are yet to seeded with Aadhar

Scores of physically challenged, the old and infirm on Monday made a plaintive appeal to the authorities, asking for payment of their pensions that were kept pending for the past six months for the simple reason that their bank accounts were not linked with their Aadhar numbers.

The beneficiaries numbered about 60,000 in Greater Hyderabad limits, comprising those eligible for physically challenged and old age pensions, who get Rs. 500 and Rs. 200 respectively, a month. All those falling under the jurisdiction of the nine municipalities that were attached to Greater Hyderabad, have been running from pillar to post for their pensions.

Leading a dharna outside the offices of the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP) here on Monday, Telangana State president Narasimha and secretary T. Rajender and the secretary of the Greater Hyderabad Unit, R. Venkatesh said earlier, the beneficiaries got it credited to their bank accounts.

“Consequent to a SERP circular that the beneficiaries needed to furnish their details like particulars of their ration cards and Aadhar numbers and link it up to their pension accounts, the payment has been kept on hold. Of the estimated 60,000 beneficiaries, only about 8,000 have been added so far and all we are asking is for at least their pensions to be released,” said Mr. Venkatesh.

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation is apparently responsible for the job of linking up the said details and it was the failure of the officials, the agitators rued. Interestingly, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Governments have announced that from October, the pensions would be increased to Rs. 1,500 and Rs. 1,000 respectively, for the physically challenged and the aged. The agitators urged that until the increase was effected, the arrears at least be paid to them.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/physically-challenged-cry-for-justice/article6435897.ece>

TPCC dharna on September 12

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee has given a call to party cadres and farmers to participate in the day-long dharna at all the Collectorates in Telangana.

TPCC president Ponnala Lakshmaiah said on Wednesday that farmers were still suffering in the new State despite the TRS government completing 100 days. He flayed the TRS government for taking farmers for a ride and promising crop loan waiver.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/tpcc-dharna-on-september-12/article6399548.ece>

Bandh over Polavaram near total in Telangana In the coal belt of Godavarikhani, miners attend duties wearing black badges 13 July 2014

A busy road in Mayuri Centre wears a deserted look during the bandhin Khammam on Saturday.– PHOTO: G.N. RAO

Telangana bandh, which was observed on Saturday, in protest against the passage of the ordinance in Lok Sabha transferring seven mandals in Khammam district to Andhra Pradesh to facilitate the construction of Polavaram project, was peaceful and near total in the district.

A fleet of 650 RTC buses remained confined to six bus depots, while autos were off the road. Private transportation was also hit. Fuel stations, banks, Government and private offices and cinema halls were closed. Schools and educational institutions declared holiday voluntarily.

Activists from TRS, Congress, CPI, CPI (M) and CPI (ML)-New Democracy staged sit-in dharna in front of the RTC bus depot. Journalists and student organisations expressed solidarity by joining them. The protesters described the enactment of the Ordinance on Polavaram as “undemocratic” and detrimental to the existence of tribal life in Bhadrachalam Agency area.

The T-JAC members went round the town supervising the bandh.

Nalgonda Staff Reporter adds: The bandh called by TJAC, Communist Parties, TRS was complete and peaceful in Nalgonda district.

Private and government educational Institutions remained closed across the district. Hundreds of buses have remained in depots paralysing the normal life. TJAC, Left parties have taken out a rally together in Nalgonda town.

Speaking on the occasion, TJAC convenor G. Venkateshwarlu said: The Centre has turned a blind eye towards the concerns raised by Telangana people and went ahead passing the bill despite strong opposition from Telangana. He said that they would intensify the stir till the government withdraws the ordinance.

The ‘effigies’ of the Centre were burnt across the district by protesters. However, no untoward incident was reported so far.

Karimnagar Staff Reporter adds: All educational institutions declared holiday in view of the bandh call. All shops, business establishments, hotels, petrol filling stations, cinema halls, banks, post offices, ATMs remained closed. The RTC confined buses to depots.

TRS activists led by its district president Eda Shankar Reddy, Choppadandi legislator B. Shoba and others participated in the dharna in front of RTC bus station in the town.

In the coal belt Godavari khani region, the bandh was total and peaceful. However, the coal miners attended their duties by wearing black badges. Bandh was total and complete in all the mandal headquarters in the district.

Adilabad Special Correspondent adds: Bandh was partial in Adilabad as life returned to normalcy in the afternoon in all towns. Business centres and other places of public activity like petrol bunks, cinema houses were closed in the morning. The RTC too withdrew its services and ran skeletal services at some places in the evening.

Sangareddy Staff Reporter adds: Bandh was observed across Medak district on Saturday.

At several places, TRS leaders and Left party activists held dharna before bus depots and did not allow buses to come out of the depots till the afternoon.

A rally was held at Peddashankarampet.

Warangal Special Correspondent adds: Bandh passed off peacefully in the district on Saturday.

Shops and establishments and schools remained closed for the day while the RTC suspended many of its rural services.

About 960 buses of nine depots in the district were held back.

The activists of Telangana JAC, TRS, Communist Party of India, CPI (ML) New Democracy and others staged demonstrations at the bus depots in the wee hours blocking the services.

Protest rallies were taken out across the district by the agitating workers and leaders.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/bandh-over-polavaram-near-total-in-telangana/article6205541.ece>

Raasta roko (Blokade)

Polavaram row: call for 72-hour bus roko: Buses from Andhra Pradesh to be stopped from entering into Bhadrachalam agency area 4 July 2014

Around 67 APSRTC buses, which ply daily to various destinations in Andhra Pradesh and Bhadrachalam in Telangana State, are likely to come to a halt in the next three days owing to the 72-hour 'bus roko' stir called by the 'anti-Polavaram struggle committee'.

The all-party divisional committees of Bhadrachalam and Palvancha divisions have also extended their support to the agitation to press for revocation of the Centre's ordinance on Polavaram project and retention of the seven Polavaram submergence-prone mandals in Khammam district.

The anti-Polavaram struggle committee consisting of various Adivasi organisations as well as the all-party divisional committees exempted APSRTC buses belonging to the bus depots in Telangana State from the 'bus roko' agitation.

The organisers of the 'bus roko' stir have already submitted memoranda to the RTC officials concerned to ensure stoppage of the operation of buses those belonging to the RTC depots of Andhra Pradesh in the next 72 hours starting from Saturday.

Of the total 67 buses, which ply daily from various bus depots in AP to Bhadrachalam, more than half of them ply on Bhadrachalam-Vijayawada sector.

Five buses of Rajahmundry depot and three buses of Tadepalligudem depot besides, several buses belonging to Eluru, Bhimavaram, Amalapuram, Razole, Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam and other depots travel daily between various destinations in AP and Bhadrachalam.

The 72-hour stir is likely to affect the operation of these bus services in the next three days, APSRTC sources said.

“We have given a call to organise a 72-hour 'bus roko' to stop the RTC buses of Andhra Pradesh from entering into Bhadrachalam Agency in a symbolic protest against the Centre's ordinance transferring seven tribal sub-plan mandals to the neighbouring State, said Vattam Narayana, convener, anti-Polavaram struggle committee.

“A public meeting will be organised in Bhadrachalam on July 7 as part of the ongoing agitation to exert pressure on the Centre to revoke the most detrimental ordinance,” he said.

The APSRTC officials of the bus depots in the neighbouring State were apprised of the 72 hour 'bus roko' call given by the anti-Polavaram struggle committee, said Ajay Kumar, Regional Manager, APSRTC, Khammam.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/polavaram-row-call-for-72hour-bus-roko/article6177856.ece>

Protesters raise pitch against ordinance on Polavaram 8 June 2014



Activists owing allegiance to various political parties and Adivasi organisations staged road blockades at different places in Bhadrachalam Agency as well as several remote villages along the inter-State border on Saturday to press for scrapping of the ordinance on Polavaram project. Adivasis laid a siege to the main road at Chidumuru, considered the tri-junction point on the inter-State border between Telangana, successor State of AP and Chhattisgarh in Chintur mandal.

According to sources, Sode Murali, secretary, Adivasi Sankshema Parishad, Nehru, coordinator, People Against Polavaram Project (PAPP), an inter-State forum consisting of Adivasi organisations, the local cadres of the CPI (M), YSRC, Congress, TDP and TRS took part in the stir.

Braving the scorching Sun, the protesters squatted on the main road for more than two hours. They raised slogans demanding cancellation of Polavaram, revocation of the Centre's ordinance on the project and retention of the seven tribal sub-plan mandals in the district.

Vehicular movement on the inter-State border roads was disrupted for several hours on account of the road blockade. Adivasis also organised road blockades at Tulugonda and Tulasipaka villages in Chintur mandal later in the day. Meanwhile, the cadres of the CPI (M), CPI (ML-ND), TRS, Congress and other parties laid a siege to the bridge across the Godavari in Bhadrachalam town demanding scrapping of the ordinance on the Polavaram project.

Addressing the demonstrators, the speakers, including CPI (M) district secretary P. Sudarshan and CPI (ML-ND) district secretary P. Ranga Rao, reiterated that the ongoing stir would continue until the Centre withdraws the controversial ordinance.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/protesters-raise-pitch-against-ordinance-on-polavaram/article6093036.ece>

26.Tripura Issues: Refugees

Sixth phase repatriation of Mizoram tribe refugees stalled 18 June 2014

The sixth phase repatriation of standard Reang refugees to Mizoram failed to kick off on Tuesday. Despite persuasion by Tripura government officials the refugees housed in makeshift camps refused to return unless Mizoram government fulfils their demands.

A senior government official in Agartala claimed 25 families managed to return on the day, but they took a different route to evade opposition from the camp mates. Some 35 thousand Reang or Bru displaced tribe people are lodged in six camps in Kanchanpur since they left Mizoram in 1997 amid scale of ethnic violence.

About 459 families were expected to get back home in the sixth phase repatriation schedule which was to take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mizoram government opened a base camp to receive returnees prelude to their rehabilitation in their original villages under a union home ministry aided rehabilitation package.

Refugees staged protests since morning outside their camps against the repatriation without conceding demands some of which are political in nature. The repatriation in the past five phases had also faced hurdles and only few hundred returned home so far.

The leaders of Reang refugees have also objected to the presence of Mizo student leaders in Zomuantlang and Kanhmun facilitation centres to verify repatriated Brus. Mizo student groups and social forums have warned Mizoram government against providing free access to Reangs without proper authentication.

Keywords: [Mizo tribe](#), [Reang refugees](#), [ethnic violence](#)

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Hartal (Strike Stay away)

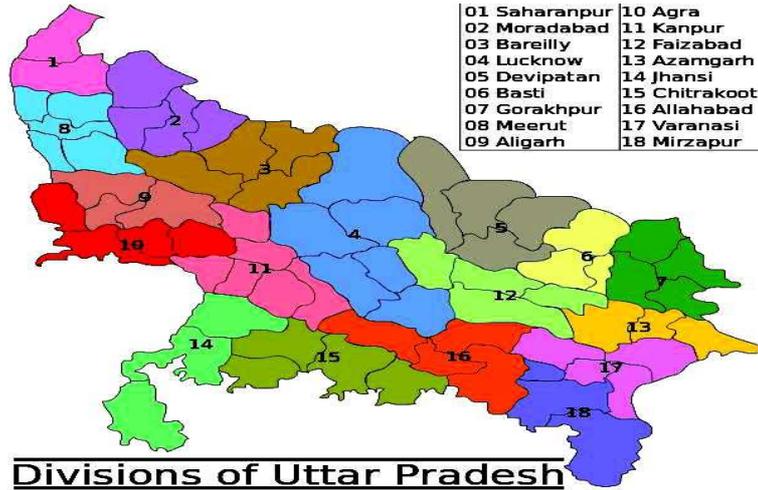
Gherao(Occupation)

Bandh (General Strike Stay away)

Dharna (fast occupation)

Raasta roko (Blokade)

27.Uttar Pradesh Issues Sugar cane farmers, land disputes, crime, Conflict in Parliament, Electricity



Divisions of Uttar Pradesh

Largest State in India Population 199,581,477 Similar to Brazil and 4 times that of South Africa.

Hartal (Strike Stay away) Gherao(Occupation)

Kidnap and murder of sisters spark outrage in U.P. village: 6 October 2014

The alleged kidnapping and murder of two sisters in Jalaun district in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh spawned protests from their kin and family members that forced the police to use force on Sunday. With the police action being condemned by the Opposition, the State government swung into action and ordered the transfer of Jalaun SP Rakesh Shankar.

According to an official spokesman, Mr. Shankar has been attached to the office of the Director General of Police at Lucknow. He has been replaced by SP (Railways) Sunil Kumar Saxena, the spokesman added.

The bodies of the two girls — aged between 14 and 20 years — were found, in an advanced stage of decomposition, wrapped in a gunny bag from the Mangal *nullah* (rivulet) in Atrakala village under the Churkhi police station area on Saturday. The bodies were sent for post mortem examination by the police.

The two sisters were identified by their mother late on Saturday by the clothes found on the bodies, a police spokesman said.

Reported missing

Incidentally, a missing persons report was lodged at the Kotwali police station in Orai town (the headquarters of Jalaun district) in the intervening night of September 22 and 23. The First Information Report said the two daughters of Raju Shukla left for an unknown destination after serving food mixed with some intoxicating substance to their family members, the spokesperson said.

It was later alleged that the two girls had eloped with two youths. No headway has been made in the case, with the police reportedly being hesitant in pursuing the investigation till the

decomposed bodies of the two sisters were recovered. Police said the hunt was on to nab the two boys who are suspected to have committed the heinous crime.

On Sunday, the family members of the deceased placed their bodies on the road near the district headquarters and staged a “chakka jam”, condemning police inaction and demanding the immediate arrest of the accused. As the protest turned violent, the police used force and resorted to lathicharge to disperse the mob.

Condemning the police action, the Bharatiya Janata Party State unit spokesperson Manoj Mishra deplored the use of police force.

He said the police should have been focussed on ensuring justice to the family members of the two sisters, but, instead, they had resorted to lathicharge and bursting teargas shells.

Jalaun police on the lookout for two youths with whom the girls had reportedly eloped

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/kidnap-and-murder-of-sisters-spark-outrage-in-up-village/article6474454.ece>

Privatisation of electricity opposed 21 September 2014

A body of engineers of the state-run Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL) has opposed the ongoing privatisation of electricity in three districts of the State and will observe a day of protest on September 22. The Federation of Engineers of the UPPCL has opposed the privatisation in Ghaziabad, Meerut and Varansi. Protests will be staged at the Chief Engineers Offices at these three district headquarters. – PTI

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-newdelhi/privatisation-of-electricity-opposed/article6431001.ece>

BJP's mahapanchayat against 'love jihad' 9 September 2014

Ahead of the Assembly by-elections in Uttar Pradesh, Bharatiya Janata Party leaders are busy building up their politics around the issue of “love jihad.” Party MLA Sangeet Singh Som on Monday announced a ‘mahapanchayat’ in protest against “love jihad” in his constituency of Sardhana in Meerut.

The by-election is being held to 11 Assembly seats, including four in the sensitive western areas of the State.

“We are concerned at the fact that youths of a particular community are being trained, with the involvement of terror groups, to lure Hindu girls and then marry them in order to convert them. To discuss ‘love jihad,’ which is growing at a fast pace in this region, we are planning to call a mahapanchayat,” the MLA told *The Hindu*.

Mr. Som, an accused in the Muzaffarnagar communal riots last year, said dates had not been fixed for the event. He had called a meeting of his supporters to decide on the date.

Mr. Som said he had data to substantiate his claims on the issue. “More than hundreds of families have approached me about how their daughters are ‘eve-teased’ and the local administration did not take the issue seriously. In fact, we have to take up the issue because the local administration and the police are not acting on those complaints,” he added.

Mr. Som is not the only BJP leader to raise the issue. Last week, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh put ‘love jihad’ on the covers of its Hindi and English mouthpieces — *Panchjanya* and *Organiser*.

Keywords: [mahapanchayat](#), [BJP](#), [love jihad](#)

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/bjps-mahapanchayat-against-love-jihad/article6391992.ece>

AAP protest crimes against women in U.P. 24 August 2014

The Aam Aadmi Party organised a protest here against rising crime against women in Uttar Pradesh under the Samajwadi Party Government.

Memorandum submitted

Aam Aadmi Party district secretary Prashant Tomar, accompanied by party volunteers, submitted a memorandum, addressed to the Governor, the District Magistrate in which the AAP leaders demanded the governor to intervene in crime cases related to women.

Record number

It claimed crime against women has increased under the Samajwadi Party rule, and the total number of cases of crime against women have reached a record of 32,546.

Communal clash

Regarding communal violence, the AAP alleged that over 600 communal clashes took place during Samajwadi Party Government in the State in which hundreds of innocent people lost their lives and communal harmony was disturbed in the State. —IANS

The party alleged that during the Samajwadi Party rule, 3,050 rape cases were recorded in 2013, while this figure was at 1,963 in 2012

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-newdelhi/aap-protest-crimes-against-women-in-up/article6345998.ece>

U.P. Budget session is off to a stormy start June 20, 2014

The opening day of the Budget session of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly on Thursday witnessed chaos and disorder following a combined Opposition onslaught on the Samajwadi Party. The ruling government was slammed for the poor law and order situation and power crisis. As pandemonium prevailed, the Bahujan Samaj Party, BJP, Congress and Rashtriya Lok Dal MLAs shouted slogans, and stormed the well of the House holding banners and placards. Due to the commotion Question Hour could not be taken up.

As the BJP continued with its protests and the BSP staged a walkout, Zero Hour lasted for barely 30 minutes before the House was adjourned for the day.

The Opposition parties had come prepared to target the Government on the spurt in crime, particularly increasing incident of rape, and the poor law and order situation in the State. This was clear from the start as BSP, Congress and RLD members entered the well of the House as soon as the House convened while the BJP members entered the Assembly after the Speaker, Mata Prasad Pandey took his seat. They went straight to the well of the House.

Amid the din, the Speaker expressed displeasure at the BJP members staging a dharna at the entrance of the Assembly, and preventing him (Mr. Pandey) entering the Vidhan Sabha. The Speaker said their conduct was against democratic conventions. But the Opposition members refused to relent.

Some of the banners and placards held by Opposition parties, referred to the deaths of young girls – *Laashein latakti daal mein, Akhilesh tere raaj mein* (Bodies hang from the trees in Akhilesh's rule) – and “ *saari vyavastha ho gayi dher Akhilesh sarkar ho gayi fail* ” (the system has collapsed and Akhilesh Government has failed).

As the BSP and BJP members demanded dismissal of the Government, the Speaker's plea to restore order went unheeded. The ruckus created continued for 30 minutes before Mr. Pandey adjourned the House. On Friday the Chief Minister, who also holds the finance portfolio, will submit the Budget for 2014-2015.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/up-budget-session-is-off-to-a-stormy-start/article6131934.ece>

Police foil BJP, VHP protest plan in Moradabad The protests were over removal of loudspeaker from temple 27 July 2014

An attempt by the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Vishwa Hindu Parishad to mobilise public on Saturday over the issue of alleged removal of a loudspeaker from a temple in Nayagaon Akbarpur, a village in Kanth town of Moradabad, failed due to prohibitory measures of the local administration. Senior BJP leaders in western Uttar Pradesh told *The Hindu* that for now the party may turn its focus on the “more urgent issue” of communal tension in Saharanpur.

Meanwhile, communities in the Akbarpur village continue to live under the shadow of heavy police deployment and simmering tension.

Members of the Dalit community, who take care of the Shiva temple in Akbarpur village, expressed their disappointment with the BJP for the party's “failure to keep up its promise of getting a loudspeaker sanctioned for the temple.”

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/police-foil-bjp-vhp-protest-plan-in-moradabad/article6253401.ece>

Curfew imposed in Saharanpur as violence claims two lives 26 July 2014

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Vehicles burnt down at Ambala Bus Station, Saharanpur, on Saturday during a communal violence in the area. Photo: Kavita Upadhyay

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Some shops were also burnt in the violence. Photo Kavita Upadhyay

Two persons were on Saturday killed and at least 12 others injured as violent clashes broke out between two communities over a land dispute in the western Uttar Pradesh district of Saharanpur with mobs indulging in stone-pelting and arson, prompting authorities to clamp a curfew.

“Harish Kochar, a trader leader, and an unidentified person have been killed in the clashes. A policeman has sustained bullet injury in the clashes and has been referred to the PGI in a serious condition,” Saharanpur Commissioner Tanveer Zafar Ali said.

Police used force and fired rubber bullets to control the situation as mobs went on a rampage setting ablaze a number of shops.

He said that prohibitory orders under section 144 of CrPC have been invoked in the district and curfew has been clamped in six areas.

Tension prevailed in the district and a large contingent of security personnel including those of police, Provincial Armed Constabulary and Rapid Action Force have been deployed in the area and paramilitary forces have also been called.

“As per the information received so far there was a dispute over land between two communities which escalated this morning,” Additional Director-General of Police (Law and Order) Mukul Goel told *PTI*.

The trouble started when members of one community started construction work at the site in Kutubsher area in the wee hours this morning, which was objected to by the other group.

Both the sides indulged in heavy brick batting, arson and opened fire and there were reports of several shops being gutted in the clash, police said.

Even as curfew has been clamped, sporadic incidents of clashes were reported.

The ADGP said senior officers were camping in the area.

Chief Secretary Alok Ranjan said in Lucknow that curfew has been clamped in three police station areas and no one would be allowed to disturb law and order situation.

He said the district administration has been directed not to allow breach of peace at any cost.

Moradabad tense

Situation is also tense in Moradabad where the BJP has announced a visit to Kanth area. The BJP alleged that its senior leaders were either detained or prevented from reaching Kanth.

Clashes had erupted between BJP workers and the police in Kanth on July 4, 2014 over holding of a mahapanchayat called by the party to protest removal of a loudspeaker from a temple in Akbarpur village, which led to communal tension in the area.

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- [Centre seeks report on Moradabad violence](#)

Akhilesh asks officials to monitor situation

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav directed senior Home Department officials to strictly handle the situation in Saharanpur and Moradabad.

“A continuous monitoring of the situation in Saharanpur and Moradabad is being done by senior police and government officials,” Principal Secretary (Information) Navneet Sehgal told *PTI*.

“The CM has directed Principal Secretary (Home) to deal with the Saharanpur situation strictly. He has directed that there must be no laxity at any level and law and order must be maintained at any cost,” he said.

Keywords: [Saharanpur violence](#), [Saharanpur curfew](#), [Uttar Pradesh violence](#), [Moradabad communal tension](#)

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BJP demands action against Moradabad SSP For alleged highhandedness against party workers during protests over the Kanth violence 19 July 2014

Senior State BJP leaders on Friday met Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav and demanded action against Moradabad Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) for his alleged highhandedness against the party workers in Moradabad during last month's protests over the Kanth violence issue in the district. Led by UP unit chief Laxmikant Bajpai, BJP legislators and leaders threatened to intensify their stir across the State and hold protest march in Moradabad on July 26 if action was not taken against SSP Dharamveer Singh Yadav. “We will not only lodge FIR against the SSP for inhuman treatment meted to BJP workers by police last month but also take legal recourse in the matter,” Mr. Bajpai told journalists after meeting the Chief Minister.

Stating that Mr. Yadav has assured the BJP that steps would be taken to ensure that democratic rights of people of state would be safeguarded, Mr. Bajpai said the Chief Minister has also assured of some “positive outcome” in the issue.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/bjp-demands-action-against-moradabad-ssp/article6226958.ece>

U.P. Assembly adjourns sine die amid pandemonium 8 July 2014

Women activists belonging to the BJP protesting in Lucknow on Monday against worsening of law and order situation, price rise and government apathy towards farming community in Uttar Pradesh. Photo: Arunangsu Roy Chowdhury

Pandemonium prevailed in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly on Monday as the Bahujan Samaj Party's protest over price rise and law and order situation, and the Bharatiya Janata Party's against the Moradabad SSP's comments on the Kanth violence rocked the House. With the entire Question Hour lost to disturbances and the House in disorder in the Zero Hour following the ruckus created by the BSP members, the Speaker, Mata Prasad Pandey rushed through the proceedings, which included getting the budgets of 60 departments passed in about an hour, and adjourned the House sine die. A supplementary agenda was also introduced for getting the Vote on Account passed. The Budget session of the UP House was earlier scheduled to end on July 18.

Both the BSP and BJP had come prepared to corner the Government on their respective agenda, but the lead was taken by the BSP whose members entered the Well even before the Speaker ascended his podium to take up Question Hour. Holding aloft banners against the price rise under the Modi Government and “jungle raj” and “goonda raj” in Uttar Pradesh, the BSP MLAs raised slogans and demanded the dismissal of the Samajwadi Party Government. The Leader of Opposition said a notice had been issued by the party and demanded a debate on the issue of price rise and hoarding.

Even as the BSP MLAs created a ruckus in the Well, the BJP members were on their feet with the Kanth issue raised by Mr. Mahana. The BJP's deputy leader, Satish Mahana accused the Moradabad SSP of acting as Samajwadi Party's spokesman.

As pandemonium prevailed, the Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Mohammad Azam Khan slammed the BJP for violence in Kanth. Mr. Khan said people belonging to other places were brought in trains and alleged that not only were the rail tracks damaged but passengers were also looted. Stating that an inquiry should be conducted as to how people trained in Naxalite activities were in the crowd, the Parliamentary Affairs Minister alleged that they wanted to set afire one of the bogeys.

Accusing the BJP of trying to harm the poor, the Parliamentary Affairs Minister said the party had gained in the Lok Sabha elections by dividing the society on the Muzaffarnagar communal violence issue. The BJP wants to repeat the same experiment in the Assembly by-elections, Mr. Khan said.

Significantly, even though the BSP members were protesting in the Well, not once did the Parliamentary Affairs Minister mention the BSP, preferring to attack the BJP instead.

The BJP MLAs stood on their seats to register their protest, but the Speaker adjourned the House for 15 minutes. It was extended till the end of the Question Hour at 12.20 PM.

With the BSP MLAs in the Well and raising slogans, the proceedings remained disrupted when the House assembled after the Question Hour. Amid the din, the Speaker took up the proceedings, which included the Vote on Account and the departmental budgets and adjourned the House sine die.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-newdelhi/up-assembly-adjourns-sine-die-amid-pandemonium/article6187594.ece>

Magistrate injured in Moradabad violence 5 July 2014

Moradabad District Magistrate Chandrakant, Senior Superintendent of Police Dharam Veer, Circle Officer Archana and four policemen were injured in heavy stone-throwing by a mob at the local railway station in connection with a “mahapanchayat” in Kaanth in Uttar Pradesh on Friday. In the wake of tough security measures, the mahapanchayat was not held.

Several BJP leaders, including Sambhal MP Satyapal Singh Saini, Rampur MP Naipal Singh, MLA from Sardhana (Meerut district) Sangeet Singh Som and Moradabad MP Sarvesh Singh, who were on their way to attend the meet, were arrested in Amroha and Thakurdwara.

IG (Law and Order) Amrendra Kumar Sengar said about 200 persons were arrested and later released.

Mr. Sengar told journalists that the Moradabad District Magistrate, who suffered an injury in the eye, had been referred to Delhi. Inspector Sudhir Tomar and three sub-inspectors were also injured.

According to reports, the mahapanchayat call was given by locals and the traders’ organisation of Kaanth in protest against the district administration’s decision to remove loudspeaker from a temple.

Keywords: [Moradabad District Magistrate](#), [Chandrakant](#), [Kaanth mahapanchayat](#)

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BJP youth wing workers cane charged in Lucknow 30 June 2014

Many BJP workers protesting here against power outages and failing law and order in Uttar Pradesh were injured in a cane charge by police Monday.

Workers of the party’s youth wing gathered outside the Vidhan Sabha where the budget session is on. They tried to break barricades, following which police used water canons and cane charged them to disperse them.

Incensed members of the Bharatiya Janata Party Yuva Morcha raised slogans against Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav after which the police intensified the cane charge and also used tear-gas shells to disperse them.

BJP leaders accused police personnel of targetting them without any provocation and termed the police action as “unlawful and unwarranted”.

The party also said at least 50 of its workers were injured.

However, BJP leaders said such protests would continue over the next two weeks.

“We are a responsible political party and have all rights to raise problems faced by the people. We are not going to be cowed down by such police action at the behest of the ruling Samajwadi Party,” state spokesman Vijay Bahadur Pathak said.

The BJP and Samajwadi Party fought a pitched battle at the same place last week, in which more than a dozen people were injured.

Senior BJP leaders led by the state unit chief Laxmikant Bajpayi staged a sit-in after which two officials were transferred and a probe was ordered.

High on the recent Lok Sabha victory, insiders say the BJP wants to maintain a momentum against the Akhilesh Yadav government.

Sources said the national leadership has approved its “proactive” stance on issues like law and order and power crisis and has asked the state unit to step up such protests.

The BJP won 71 out of the 80 seats in the state, while the Samajwadi Party managed just five, the Congress won two and the Bahujan Samaj Party drew a blank.

Keywords: [Akhilesh Yadav government](#), [U.P. power crisis](#), [U.P. law and order situation](#), [BJP youth wing protest](#), [BJP UP poll win](#)

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/bjp-youth-wing-workers-cane-charged-in-lucknow/article6163030.ece>

Police used water cannon to disperse the huge protest by the party’s Mahila Morcha 3 June 2014

The police on Monday used water cannons to disperse Bharatiya Janata Party Mahila Morcha (women’s wing) activists who staged a massive demonstration in front of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav’s office against the gang rape and murder of two minors at a village in Badaun district. In a memorandum submitted to the Principal Secretary (Home) Anil Kumar Gupta, the morchademand Mr. Yadav’s resignation as he had failed to curb such crimes. In a separate memorandum to Chief Secretary Alok Ranjan, the BJP demanded that show cause be served on Mr. Gupta and the Director General of Police, asking them to explain why they had failed to visit the village where the crime took place.

The absence of government control over law and order and patronage given to criminals and goons by the ruling establishment has led to a spurt in crimes against women, the BJP

alleged. The alleged rape of two minors in Sitapur district, and the alleged rape of a woman in Lamhua were also mentioned in the memorandum.

Earlier in the day, the morcha's demonstration, led by the State unit president Laxmikant Bajpai, started from the party office with the protesters intent on gheraoing the Chief Minister's office. They were however met by heavy police deployment near the Babu Bhawan. As the activists and the police jostled with each other, the police sprayed water through the cannon injuring some activists in the melee. They, however, succeeded in breaking the police cordon and staged a dharna at the Annexe Bhawan.

The dharna was called off after the morcha's office-bearers were allowed to meet Mr. Gupta and hand over a memorandum.

Senior Cabinet Minister and Samajwadi Party spokesman, Shivpal Singh Yadav, has blamed the Opposition parties for playing politics over the Budaun issue. Mr. Yadav told reporters that prompt action had been taken against the accused.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/bjp-protesters-ask-akhilesh-to-go/article6075872.ece>

Mob thrashes UP cops for not registering rape complaint 7June 2014

Policemen were attacked and senior district officials roughed up in Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar late Friday for refusing to lodge a complaint about the rape of a mentally challenged woman. The situation was brought under control only on Saturday, an official said.

The victim was raped on Tuesday near Basi village graveyard, but her family learnt about it only on Friday. The victim's brother went to lodge a complaint with the police but the station house officer (SHO) of Dulhera allegedly refused to do so.

Incensed at the SHO's refusal to lodge a complaint, hundreds of villagers from Palda, Rasoolpur Jatan, Mukandpur, Kutba-Kutbi, Kamalpur, Shahpur and Kakda villages protested at the Shahpur police station.

They also manhandled the SHO, who was chased on to the road and beaten up.

When the news reached the district administration, top officials, including District Magistrate Kaushalraj Sharma and Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) H.N. Singh, rushed to the spot.

The SSP was also not spared by the mob and his uniform was torn.

The crowd was angry that the police not only refused to register a case, but also refused to send the victim for a medical examination.

Sensing that the situation might get out of control, the DM ordered a medical examination of the woman.

The state government also intervened midnight and suspended six policemen, including circle officer (CO) of Shahpur.

The situation was brought under control on Saturday, though additional police force has been deployed, an official said.

Keywords: [Muzaffarnagar](#), [rape case](#)

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/mob-thrashes-up-cops-for-not-registering-rape-complaint/article6092749.ece>

Bandh (General Strike Stay away)

Dharna (fast occupation)

U.P. Assembly stalled on Day One Winter session begins with row over law and order 15 November 2014

The Opposition parties created a ruckus and stalled the proceedings of the Vidhan Sabha on the opening day of the short winter session of the Uttar Pradesh House on Friday.

The Bahujan Samaj Party MLAs, who donned blue-coloured paper caps with slogans printed on them, staged a walkout in protest against the poor law and order and crime situation in the State. As pandemonium prevailed and the Question Hour was lost to the din and two adjournments, Speaker Mata Prasad Pandey conducted the proceedings and adjourned the House for the day.

The Assembly will now meet on Monday when the Supplementary Grants for 2014-15 would be presented.

Among the Bills tabled in the House amid the disorder were the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty First Amendment) Bill, 2014, which was passed by both Houses of Parliament, the Uttar Pradesh Zamindari Abolition and Land Reforms (Special Provision), Bill, 2014, and the Uttar Pradesh Secondary Education Services Selection Board (Amendment), Bill, 2014.

While the U.P. Zamindari Abolition and Land Reforms (Special Provision) Bill, 2014, seeks to make special provision in relation to the U.P. Zamindari Abolition and Land Reforms Act, 1950. The Secondary Education Services Selection Board (Amendment) Bill seeks to further amend the U.P. Secondary Education Services Selection Board Act, 1982.

Proceedings on the first day of the winter session on Friday lasted barely 50 minutes, which included two adjournments. The House sitting on the opening day was to have been limited to the Question Hour, following a decision taken by the Speaker. The change was on account of the 125th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. When the House

assembled for the day the entire Opposition was on its feet protesting against the law and order situation, plight of the sugarcane farmers and demanded lowering of fertilizer prices even before the Question Hour could be taken up.

While the Bharatiya Janata Party , Rashtriya Lok Dal and Congress MLAs stormed the well of the House displaying banners and placards and raising anti-Government slogans, the Leader of Opposition, Swami Prasad Maurya led the BSP walkout.

Along with their focus on the law and order problem and rise in incidents of crime, rape and loot, the BJP and the RLD demanded a procurement price of Rs. 350 per quintal for the sugarcane farmers.

As the din continued and the Speaker's pleas to the Opposition MLAs to return to their seats went unheeded, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mohammad Azam Khan slammed the Opposition, particularly the BJP.

Mr. Khan alleged the Opposition parties have been exposed after the recent (Assembly) by elections and they wanted to take revenge from the House and society. The Parliamentary Affairs Minister urged the Speaker to identify the MLAs who were creating disorder and not allowing the House to function.

As disorder prevailed Mr. Pandey adjourned the House for ten minutes and extended it for another ten minutes. When the House re-assembled, the BJP MLAs, who had staged a dharna in the well of the House were on their feet chanting anti-Government slogans. This led to the speaker adjourning the House for the day.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-miscellaneous/up-assembly-stalled-on-day-one/article6601101.ece>

BJP MLAs stage dharna 30 September 2014

The Hindu BJP MLAs protesting against the U.P. Government in front of Vidhan Sabha in Lucknow on Monday.

Upping the ante against the Akhilesh Yadav government, BJP MLAs on Monday began their two-day-long dharna against alleged failure on part of the State government to check deteriorating law and order in Uttar Pradesh. The opposition MLAs also alleged that the Samajwadi Party government was not doing enough to give relief to farmers affected by drought and floods. Led by their State unit chief Laxmikant Bajpai, the MLAs are sitting outside the Vidhan Sabha. Interestingly, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, who has also been the State's Chief Minister, is also in Lucknow for two days and he may join the agitating MLAs.

Accusing the State government of having failed on all fronts, Mr. Bajpai said the Chief Minister has let the people of the State down.

Farmers were still to get their dues and youth were jobless, while all development works have come to a standstill. The BJP would continue to pressurise the State government so that it could mend its ways, he added.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/bjp-mlas-stage-dharna/article6460992.ece>

Sugarcane farmers up in arms Resort to “chakka jam” and stage demonstrations across U.P. 16 November 2014

Sugarcane farmers' anger over the Samajwadi Party Government's decision to continue with last season's procurement price spilled on the roads as the growers demanding an increase in the price resorted to “chakka jam” and staged demonstrations in almost the entire State on Saturday. Sugarcane was also burnt by the farmers and their representatives to register their protest and anguish at the State Government's decision.

Maximum impact of the protest was in the “sugarcane belt” in Western Uttar Pradesh where the demonstration was led by Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU). Incidentally, the State Government's proposal to allow the mill owners to pay the State Advised Price (SAP) of Rs. 290 and Rs. 280 per quintal for the early and common varieties in two instalments has been rejected by the farmers. “The growers will not settle less than the full purchase price of sugarcane from the mill owners”, said a BKU leader from Muzaffarnagar.

With the State Government reportedly not ready to concede to the farmers' demand of hiking the SAP, or review its decision, the face-off is likely to intensify. The farmers have decided to dump truck loads of sugarcane at Government offices in Western U.P. on November 24 as a measure of protest against no increase in SAP, non-payment of cane price dues of last sugar season and the delay in crushing operations. BKU sources claimed that of the 125 private sugar mills not a single mill has started cane crushing though assurances have been given that about 80 per cent factories will start functioning by the end of November. The farmers rue the fact that wheat sowing will be delayed on account of the delay in crushing of sugarcane.

The “chakka jam” protest was held from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. in almost the entire cane belt comprising Muzaffarnagar, Meerut, Baghpat, Bijnor, Saharanpur, Garh (Ghaziabad), Shahjahanpur, Pilibhit and Kheri districts. In Muzaffarnagar district, which is the largest producer of sugarcane in the State, growers resorted to road blockade at Rampur-ka-Tiraha, Rohana sugar mill, Mansurpur, Nawla Kothi, Shahpur and Budhana Road.

In Lucknow, BKU volunteers staged a ‘chakka jam’ and burnt cane outside the office of the Cane Commissioner. Paddy was also burnt in protest against the Government's refusal to increase the procurement price of paddy. A delegation led by the district president of BKU, Harinam Singh Verma, met the cane officials and presented a memorandum of demands.

He said the officials gave no assurance on increasing the state advised price.

The Opposition parties have come out in open support of the growers.

The Bharatiya Janata Party, the Congress, the Rashtriya Lok Dal, the CPI (M) and the CPI have slammed the Government for ignoring the farmers' interests. They have demanded a price of Rs. 350 per quintal.

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• *Opposition comes out in open support of the growers*

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/sugarcane-farmers-up-in-arms/article6604092.ece>

Sugarcane farmers protest in Noida 13 August 2014

Sugarcane farmers gather to protest outside Bajaj Bhawan in Noida on Tuesday. Photo: PTI

: Farmers from Meerut, Moradabad and Saharanpur on Tuesday picketed Noida-based subsidiaries of sugar mills across Uttar Pradesh that owe them thousands of crores for their produce.

Around 3,000 sugarcane farmers protested outside automobile dealerships and other businesses run by the mill owners here. The Bharatiya Kisan Union-led protestors surrounded the offices and even locked up some of the premises.

“The mill owners have taken the money meant for us and used it to set up other businesses like power stations. We won’t let these businesses run till we get our dues,” said BKU spokesperson Rakesh Tikait.

Mr. Tikait and his supporters locked up the offices of a company that has 16 factories and owes farmers Rs. 1,900 crores. Members of the BKU’s Noida division will keep a check on the locked offices to make sure they don’t open on Wednesday morning, said Mr. Tikait.

“We won’t let them get away with this. The government should also work to get us our dues,” he said, adding that the BKU would hold a national agitation on August 21.

Atiq Khan reports from Lucknow:

Farmers associated with the BKU staged a *dharna* outside the U.P. Ganna Kisan Sansthan in Lucknow. They demanded that the next season’s rate be fixed at Rs.350 per quintal.

The farmers are owed Rs. 5,304 crore by the private sugar mills for the last crushing season, as per a State government spokesperson.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-newdelhi/sugarcane-farmers-protest-in-noida/article6310273.ece>

Forensic report in rape case puts U.P. police in the dock Victim’s family on hunger strike demanding CBI probe 28 July 2014

The forensic examination in the Mohanlalganj rape and murder case in Uttar Pradesh has revealed that the victim was sexually assaulted before being killed. This is contrary to the Lucknow police claim that the victim was not raped and she lost life due to excessive loss of blood.

Meanwhile, family members of the 36-year-old victim who are on a dharna in the State capital went on a hunger strike reiterating their demand for a CBI probe. Echoing the demand, Opposition parties allege that the police and the government were trying to save some “influential” people involved in the case.

Though the police are yet to disclose the forensic report, sources said it mentioned that on July 16 the widow was raped and then brutally killed by more than one person. DNA samples found on the victim indicate the presence of more than one attacker.

Keywords: [Mohanlalganj rape case](#), [Lucknow police](#)

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U.P. rape condemned 5 June 2014

The Karnataka Mahila Dowrjanya Virodhi Okkoota has condemned the rape and murder of two minor girls and a 22-year-old woman in Uttar Pradesh a few days ago. The okkoota will stage a dharna outside the Deputy Commissioner’s office here on Friday, to urge the government to take action against the guilty. — Staff Correspondent

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-karnataka/up-rape-condemned/article6084283.ece>

Raasta roko (Blokade)

Violence in Muzaffarnagar 31 August 2014

Tension prevailed after four students from a community were beaten up by a group of people in Jat colony here, sparking protests.

The trouble started when the four had gone for tuition classes in the colony on Friday evening. A group of people allegedly attacked them claiming that they were indulging in eve-teasing, the police said.

The boys were rescued by the police and admitted to hospital.irate protesters laid siege to a police station demanding action against those who had beaten up the boys.

Police have registered a case against 150 people and named three of them.

Superintendent of Police Sarvan Kumar told reporters here on Saturday that some people tried to block the road at Meenakshi Chowk here but additional forces were rushed and the situation was brought under control.

Security has been tightened and paramilitary personnel have been deployed in sensitive areas.

The western Uttar Pradesh district has witnessed a string of communal incidents since the riots in September last year that left over 60 people dead and hundreds displaced. – PTI

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/violence-in-muzaffarnagar/article6366044.ece>

Congress, SP workers stop trains 23 June 2014



Congress activists block a train during their protest against Railway fare hike in Bhopal on Sunday. Photo: A. M. Faruqui.

Intensifying their protest against the hike in rail fare, Congress and Samajwadi Party workers on Sunday stopped several trains across Uttar Pradesh and submitted memorandums demanding immediate roll back of the increase.

Congress workers staged demonstrations at railway stations in several districts and submitted memorandums for Union Railway Minister Sadanand Gowda demanding roll back of the hike, a Congress spokesman said here.

In Sant Kabir Nagar district, Congress workers lodged their protest by stopping the Bagh Express and submitting a memorandum to the station superintendent, he said.

In the Basti district, the party workers stopped the Janayak Express and demanded immediate roll back of the hike in rail fare and freight rates.

In Moradabad, when the Congress workers went to submit the memorandum, the station superintendent left his office, after which they stopped a Rajdhani Express, he said.

The spokesman said Congress workers also submitted memorandums in Ghaziabad, Meerut, Varanasi and other districts.

In Lucknow, the party workers submitted the memorandum with the senior station superintendent at the Charbagh railway station.

In Chandauli district, SP workers stopped a train at Mughalsarai railway station. A large number of party workers thronged the station and blocked tracks and stopped the Guwahati-bound North-East Express.

They were later removed from the tracks after which the train departed.

The parties had held protests on Saturday also. Their activists had blocked railway tracks and burnt effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Railway Minister Sadanand Gowda.

The Centre on Friday effected a steep across-the-board hike of 14.2 per cent in passenger fares in all classes and a 6.5 per cent increase in freight rates. PTI

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/congress-sp-workers-stop-trains/article6139998.ece>

Country-wide protest against rail fare hike, SP-BJP workers clash in U.P: 'Massive increase in passenger fares would fuel inflation' 22 June 2014

Hundreds of activists and leaders of major Opposition parties on Saturday took to the streets, staging sit-ins and blocking road and rail traffic in several parts of the country to protest the steep hike in railway passenger fares and freight rates.

Demanding an immediate roll back of the hike, they said the massive increase in passenger fares would fuel inflation further burdening the common people.

Scores of Congress workers, led by party's Delhi unit president Arvinder Singh Lovely, held a demonstration in West Delhi slamming the Narendra Modi government for increasing the fares.

The protests caused traffic snarl-ups as police used water cannons when the demonstrators tried to break the barricades. "It is a massive hike. How can they increase the fair just couple of weeks before the budget session of Parliament. People who used to talk about *achche din* (good days) before the elections are now talking about bitter medicines," Mr. Lovely said. He threatened the Congress would launch a "rail roko" stir if the decision was not rescinded.

The Delhi unit of the CPI(M) also staged a protest outside the Rail Bhawan.

Clashes erupted between the Samjwadi Party and the BJP workers in front of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly in Lucknow with the rival groups hurling stones at each other over the hike in rail fares.

Staging a protest before the Vidhan Sabha, the SP workers torched an effigy of Mr. Modi and shouted slogans. The BJP alleged the SP workers tore down their posters and pelted stones at the party office while the latter charged the saffron party activists with hurling bricks at them.

"Though 3 or 4 policemen were injured in the clash, we have no report of injuries from either side," SHO Hazratganj said.

Protest in Varanasi

The SP workers also burnt Modi's effigy in front of the Kashi Railway station in his home turf Varanasi. In Allahabad, scores of flag-waving and slogan-shouting SP protesters thronged the Prayag Railway station, forcing the Ganga-Gomti passenger train to halt for

close to half-an-hour. In Varanasi, SP workers staged a black flag demonstration at the Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth University, where Minister of State for Railways Manoj Sinha was attending a function. In West Bengal, Congress and CPI(M) workers and leaders protested against the hike and accused the BJP-led government at the Centre of pursuing anti-people policies. — PTI

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/countrywide-protest-against-rail-fare-hike-spbjp-workers-clash-in-up/article6137733.ece>