

I. Andhra Pradesh

Hartal (Strike Stay away)

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Bandh (General Strike Stay away)

Bandh, protests rock Kurnool 5 September 2014

Students led by the Joint Action Committee staged a protest here on Thursday, against the exclusion of Kurnool as the capital of Andhra Pradesh.

Soon after the announcement of Vijayawada as the capital by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on the floor of the Assembly on Thursday, scores of students gathered in large

numbers at the Raj Vihar Centre and staged a rasta roko. The protesters held up the vehicular traffic for an hour. They demanded that Kurnool be made the capital, considering its status as the capital of the Andhra State in 1953.

The protesters dispersed after police took the key leaders in custody. Later, a group of students climbed up the advertisement hoardings near Budhawarpet and threatened to jump in protest against the government for not considering Kurnool for location of capital.

Though the YSR Congress and other organisations called for a bandh, little impact was seen in the city. The educational institutions, which observed a bandh on Wednesday, functioned as usual. However, student organisations which took part in the protest along with Private Schools Association on Wednesday continued the stir. Banks, offices and business establishment functioned as usual.

Rayalaseema Joint Action Committee convener Bojja Dasaratha Rami Reddey said that the Chief Minister proved that he was the one who acted against the interests of his own people in order to please Coastal Andhra. ANANTAPUR Staff Reporter adds: The bandh call given by students' organisations, seeking location of capital in the Rayalaseema region, had a telling effect in the district. The student Joint Action Committee of the Sri Krishnadevaraya University (SKU) observed a total bandh, with the university remaining closed. Students' associations staged a rasta roko on the Tirupati Highway, bringing the vehicular traffic to a halt for more than two hours.

Meanwhile, students also took out a rally in Uravakonda and were subsequently arrested by police. Later, they were let off. Back in Anantapur, students of the Chiranjeevi Reddy Group of Institutions led by Charles Chiranjeevi Reddy blocked the traffic at the clock tower. Backward Caste Employees' associations led by Nagaraju burnt the effigy of the Chief Minister.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/bandh-protests-rock-kurnool/article6380517.ece>

People need development not bandhs: Naidu 29 May 2014

Telugu Desam president and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister-designate N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday took a dig at his Telangana counterpart K. Chandrasekhar Rao over the bandh call given on the Polavaram issue and said people needed development and an action plan for good governance.

Mr. Naidu tweeted: It is so sad to see KCR and his antics in Telangana. People don't need more bandhs. They need development and an action plan for good governance.

Talking to reporters, senior Telugu Desam leader M. Narsimhulu questioned what KCR was doing when the AP Reorganisation Bill was passed in Parliament. It was the Congress government which took a decision to promulgate an ordinance and sent it to the President. It is unfortunate that people are being inconvenienced by bandhs, he added.

At a separate media interaction, another senior TDP leader, Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy, sought to know why a controversy was being created over the inclusion of villages from Khammam district in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh. He said TRS had secured only three seats in Greater Hyderabad, which meant that people rejected that party in GHMC.

He threatened that the demand for making Hyderabad a Union Territory would be raked up if the Polavaram issue was raised.

The TDP leader advised KCR not to mislead people in order to become a hero in Telangana.

MIM slams NDA

The Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimmen slammed the BJP-led NDA government for taking the 'ordinance route' to merge seven mandals of Khammam district with Andhra Pradesh for the construction of the Polavaram project. There was no need for the Government of India to issue an ordinance when the Parliament is due to meet shortly, said Majlis president Asaduddin Owaisi.

"It is not good for parliamentary democracy. What message is the government trying to send?" he asked. Speaking to presspersons after meeting Governor E.S.L. Narasimhan here on Thursday, Mr. Owaisi said he lodged a strong protest with the latter. It is for the Telangana government to take a decision and it had not given its approval for merger of the mandals, he said and hastened to add that the Majlis was not against the Polavaram project.

The Majlis leader expressed surprise at the statement of TDP leader N. Chandrababu Naidu that discussion should take place on the issue before a decision was taken.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/people-need-development-not-bandhs-naidu/article6062706.ece>

TRS calls for Telangana bandh on Thursday: To protest the reported move of the Centre to bring an ordinance on merging 136 villages in seven mandals of Khammam with Andhra Pradesh 28 May 2014

Five days ahead of forming the government in the newly created State of Telangana, the Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) has called for a bandh in Telangana on Thursday to protest the reported move of the Centre to bring an ordinance on merging 136 villages in seven mandals of Khammam with Andhra Pradesh.

TRS supremo and CM designate, K. Chandrasekhara Rao appealed to all business establishments and all institutions to close down operations voluntarily to oppose the proposed merger of Khammam villages which will be submerged in the [Polavaram project](#). | Also read: [Political recipe for environmental disaster](#).

The TRS maintained that it had credible information about Tuesday's Union Cabinet meeting in Delhi clearing the proposal to bring the ordinance on the merger of seven villages in successor state of Andhra Pradesh. However, Union Minister Ravishankar Prasad maintained that the Cabinet had not discussed the ordinance.

Earlier, TRS legislator and politbureau member T. Harish Rao told mediapersons that his party had credible information about the Union Cabinet meeting clearing the proposal yesterday. The Cabinet secretary had even processed the file, he claimed.

Mr. Chandrasekhara Rao sent a communication to the media stating that the Centre had issued the ordinance under pressure from its alliance partner Telugu Desam. He condemned the injustice to Telangana by the Central government and appealed to the President not to approve what he termed as an “undemocratic ordinance”.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/trs-calls-for-telangana-bandh-on-thursday/article6057319.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 Rajaiiah 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 hit*
- *‘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>

Dharna (fast occupation)

Rytu Sangham stages dharna 8 November 2014

The Andhra Pradesh Rytu Sangham and Tenant Farmers Association staged a demonstration at Irrigation office in Vijayawada on Friday demanding issue of identity cards for tenant farmers and loan eligibility cards. CPI State secretary K. Ramakrishna, and others participated in the rally, which culminated at Sub-Collector's office. The association members have decided to lay siege to Collectorates in all districts on November 19, said a press release. The agitating leaders entered into heated arguments with the police when the latter tried to obstruct the leaders from heading towards Sub

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/rytu-sangham-stages-dharna/article6576786.ece>

YSRC activists stage dharnas across State: They criticise govt's indifference in fulfilling pre-election promises 6 November 2014

The YSR Congress Party leaders and activists staged dharnas in different districts in protest against the government's "indifference" in fulfilling its pre-poll promises of loan waiver to farmers and DWCRA women. The leaders and activists of the YSRC deplored the Government for its attempts to delay the implementation of its promises on one pretext or the other. Raising slogans against Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu led Government, the YSRC members alleged that the TDP which rode to power on its promises like loan waiver to farmers was dilly dallying on their implementation. In Kadapa farmers and DWCRA members led by YSRC leaders and activists staged demonstrations before tahsildar offices in the district Kadapa MP Y.S. Avinash Reddy and former Minister Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy led the protest at Pulivendula, while farmers, DWACRA members were led by MLA Rachamalla Prasada Reddy in Proddatur, former MLA Gadikota Mohan Reddy in Ramapuram, Rayachoti MLA G. Srikanth Reddy in Lakkireddipalle, Railway Kodur MLA Koramutla Srinivasulu in Pullampet and MLA S.B. Amzath Basha and Kadapa Mayor K. Suresh Babu in Kadapa.

Party MLC Chadipiralla Narayana Reddy participated in a rally in Jammalamadugu. YSRC district president Akepati Amarnath Reddy led the protest in Nandalur. In Anantapur dharnas and agitations were held at all mandal headquarters including that of Anantapur town. Two MLAs of the party Athar Chand Basha and Y Visvevar Reddy led the dharnas at Kadiri and Uravakonda respectively while the former Anantapur MP Ananta Venkatrami Reddy led the protests in Anantapur and Singanamala mandals.

In Nellore YSRC activists led by MLAs Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy and P. Anil Kumar Yadav held a dharna at the MRO office. In Tirupati former MLA and State general secretary Bhumana Karunakar Reddy, led the protest rally at the local RDO's office. MLA Chevireddy Bhaskar Reddy, led a protest in Chandragiri constituency

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/ysrc-activists-stage-dharnas-across-state/article6569395.ece>

Powerless' people vent their anger October 15, 2014

The Hindu Chief Minister N. Chandra Babu Naidu enquiring from people about the relief measures undertaken in the cyclone-hit Visakhapatnam on Tuesday. Photo: K.R. Deepak

Panic buying for essential commodities continues. While many of the petrol pumps have run out of stock, at others, kilometre-long queue could be seen.

People's anger at being in darkness owing to complete blackout and totally cut off from others even after 48 hours after Hudhud crossed the AP coast was in full display, when women staged a dharna at the Collectorate even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi was reviewing the relief works on Tuesday.

The trigger was the looting of food materials brought in lorries from other districts by some youth. Angry fisherwomen said that they did not want charity and demanded that power and water supply be restored. The police finally persuaded them to relent.

It would take another 48 hours to restore power in some parts of the city and about a week in the districts, Director (Operations) of Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power distribution Corporation Limited (APEPDCL) P. Rama Mohan Rao said pointing out that 12,000 electric poles have fallen down and over 7,500 distribution transformers have been damaged across the three districts.

By Tuesday evening, power was restored at 220 kv station and it was supplied to Gajuwaka substation in Visakhapatnam. We are working 24/7 to get the poles erected, he said.

BSNL landline was the sole connectivity to many residents, as the telecom service provider has been able to restore 70 per cent connectivity even as 15 out of 70 exchanges were damaged by Hudhud. The main challenge faced by the BSNL is power supply. "We are working on DG sets. But even DG sets cannot run indefinitely," said Chief General Manager of BSNL V. Srinivasan.

Till Tuesday evening, 175 of the 305 damaged cell towers have been repaired.

On the other hand, panic buying for fuel and other commodities continued in the city. While many of the petrol pumps have run out of stock, at others, kilometre-long queue could be seen. Petrol has been rationed and only one litre per person was being sold that too at a premium.

Meanwhile, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) has promised people that it would resume water supply from Wednesday. People had no option but to depend on water sachets, as bottled water too became scarce.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/powerless-people-vent-their-anger/article6500974.ece>

Adarsha rytus' on stir 26 September 2014

Farmers who drew monetary incentive from the previous Congress government as 'Adarsha rytus' (model farmers) on Thursday staged a dharna near Indira Park in protest against the scrapping of the scheme by governments of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Addressing the demonstration, Telangana Congress committee president Ponnala Laxmaiah said the scheme was wound up with political vengeance. The Adarsha Rytus had a say in 14 government departments during the Congress regime.

Former Agriculture Minister and Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee president N. Raghuvveera Reddy said the scheme enabled farmers to come out of the clutches of money lenders and get used to institutional finance. TDP MLA R. Krishnaiah also spoke.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/adarsha-rytus-on-stir/article6448076.ece>

Students stage dharna at AU 7 September 2014

Students and members of Andhra Pradesh Unemployed Youth Front (APUYF) staged a dharna in front of Dr. V.S. Krishna Library in Andhra University on Saturday, protesting the hike in the retirement age of teaching staff from 60 to 62 years, by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

To protest hike in retirement age of teaching staff

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/students-stage-dharna-at-au/article6387919.ece>

Tenant farmers seek fresh crop loans 21 August 2014 Tenant farmers staging a dharna near the Sub-Collector's office in Vijayawada on Wednesday.- Photo: By arrangement

Tenant farmers under the aegis of the Andhra Pradesh Koulu Rythu Sangham staged a dharna in front of the Sub Collector's office on Bandar Road here on Wednesday, seeking the implementation of the loan waiver scheme. Later, they submitted a memorandum to Krishna district Collector.

Releasing a copy of memorandum to the media, the Sangham district president Y. Kesava Rao and secretary J. Prabhakar said that the kharif operations were in full swing and small and marginal farmers were in the need of loans.

"Bankers are not ready to sanction new loans unless the old debts are cleared. Neither has the government issued instructions to bankers nor implemented loan waiver scheme," they said,

adding that the bankers were insisting on submitting pattadar passbooks, which was not possible for tenant farmers,

Left with no other option, the farmers were knocking the doors of private money lenders for loans, they said.

Mr. Prabhakar said that there was no clarity on crop loan waiver scheme yet and urged the government to clarify whether or not the investment loans availed by the Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) and Rythu Mitra Groups (RMGs) would be waived of. The government was also requested to give priority to the JLGs and RMGs while sanctioning loans. "Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has stated that it would take four more months to implement the loan waiver and the farmers can't repay the old debt to avail fresh loans," he added.

[http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/tenant-farmers-
seek-fresh-crop-loans/article6337064.ece](http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/tenant-farmers-seek-fresh-crop-loans/article6337064.ece)

Teachers seek online linkage to PF accounts August 9, 2014

Teachers staging a dharna in front of the Zilla Parishad office, seeking online linkage to their PF accounts, at Kadapa on Friday.- Photo: By Arrangement

Teachers staged a dharna in front of the Zilla Parishad office here on Friday, seeking online linkage to the provident fund (PF) accounts of 12,000 teachers in the district.

Leading the protest, Andhra Pradesh United Teacher's Federation (APUTF) district president S. Obul Reddy said that the PF accounts of all the teachers had been made online in Chittoor district.

"The online linkage is yet to materialise in Kadapa district owing to the indifference of Zilla Parishad Chief Executive Officer D. Malyadri," Mr. Reddy alleged.

APUTF district general secretary B. Lakshmi Raja demanded that the government initiate measures to make the final settlement of Provident Fund accounts at the time of retirement. He wanted the teachers given provident fund slips for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 financial years.

Memorandum submitted

The APUTF leaders also submitted a memorandum to Zilla Parishad Chairman Guduru Ravi, demanding that their grievances be addressed within a month.

APYTF district honorary president B. Subba Reddy, associate presidents M. Vijayakumar, R. Usha Tulasi, finance secretary Subba Raju, women's wing convenor K. Gayatri and other leaders also participated in the demonstration.

[http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/teachers-seek-online-
linkage-to-pf-accounts/article6297984.ece](http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/teachers-seek-online-linkage-to-pf-accounts/article6297984.ece)

TS, A.P. doctors clash over nativity August 6, 2014

Chaos reigned supreme at Gandhi Hospital on Tuesday with senior doctors hailing from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh almost coming to blows on the issue of nativity. As a result, medical services, including outpatient, inpatient and casualty services, broke down with doctors from both sides deciding to boycott duties. The hospital management was left helpless, as both the sides stuck to their guns.

Trouble started on Monday, when doctors from the Telangana Government Doctors Association (TGDA), Gandhi Hospital unit, put-up posters that said ‘Seemandhra Doctors Go Back’ on the hospital premises. In the early hours of Tuesday, a few Andhra Pradesh doctors on the hospital’s fourth floor questioned the TGDA members about the posters.

What started as a small argument, gradually became an uproar with doctors from either side arguing with each other. Angry members of TGDA rushed to the chambers of Superintendent Ashok Kumar, demanding immediate action against the AP doctors.

The TGDA members also staged a dharna and burned an effigy of the Kamalnathan Committee.

Meanwhile, Director of Medical Education, Telangana, Dr. Putta Srinivas termed the incident unfortunate.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/ts-ap-doctors-clash-over-nativity/article6285640.ece>

Left, Dalit organisations stage protest

Demand justice for Tsundur victims and want the case to be reopened 17 June 2014



Left parties and Dalit organisations staging a dharna in front of the Collectorate in Karimnagar on Monday, seeking action against the accused in the Tsundur massacre.- Photo: Thakur Ajaypal Singh

The Communist Party of India (CPI) and Dalit organisations on Monday staged protests at Adilabad and Mancherial towns against the verdict of the AP High Court, acquitting the

accused in the 23 years old case related to the murder of six Dalits from Tsundur village in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh.

Led by former Bellampally MLA and senior CPI leader Gunda Mallesh, the protesters staged a dharna in front of the District Collectorate in Adilabad and in front of the Mancherial RDO office, and demanded justice for the victims.

Mr. Mallesh said that about 70 Dalit and Adivasi organisations from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, including 40 from Adilabad district, formed a united forum called 'Tsundur Dalitula nyaya porata samiti'. The protesters later submitted a memorandum to Joint Collector B. Laxmikantham demanding justice for the families of the Tsundur victims.

Representatives of several peoples' organisations and the T-JAC district unit staged a dharna to protest the absolving of accused persons in the Tsundur massacre case by the High Court and demanded the reopening of the case.

Among the organisations that participated in the dharna were the CPI (ML)-New Democracy, CPI, PDSU, Dalit Hakkula Sangham, Kula Vivaksha Vyatirekha Porata Sangham, AISF and T-JAC. T-JAC district convener Gaini Gangaram said that the judgment shocked them as the accused were exonerated.

PDSU leader P. Saritha appealed to the government to move the apex court as the High Court judgment would not do justice to the aggrieved persons. She felt it was unfortunate that the court let the accused go scot free saying that there was no evidence to indict him.

The Left parties and several Dalit organisations staged a dharna in front of the Collectorate seeking justice for the victims of the Tsundur massacre.

CPI (M) district secretary G. Mukund Reddy, CPI secretary M. Narayana, Dalit liberation front Marwadi Sudarshan and other leaders staged a dharna raising slogans against the government. Terming the High Court verdict as undemocratic and anti-Dalit, they demanded that the government appeal in the Supreme Court against the High court verdict and punish the guilty persons involved in the brutal massacre of Dalits in Tsundur.

Activists owing allegiance to various Dalit organisations and political parties staged a dharna in front of the Collectorate here on Monday to press for deterrent action against persons responsible for the brutal killing of Dalits at Tsundur.

Protesters staged a demonstration near the Collectorate vociferously condemning the Tsundur incident.

The leaders of the Left parties and other organisations took part in the stir. The agitators raised slogans demanding stern action against the perpetrators of the brutal Tsundur massacre.

CPI district secretary B. Hemantha Rao, CPI (M) district secretariat member Nunna Nageswara Rao, and others were present.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/left-dalit-organisations-stage-protest/article6121759.ece>

Raasta roko (Blokade)

2.Arunachal Pradesh

Hartal (Strike Stay away)

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Bandh (General Strike Stay away)

Bandh in Arunachal total 10 July 2014

Normal life was affected in Arunachal Pradesh on Wednesday following the 36—hour State—wide bandh called by the All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union (AAPSU) in protest against the non—fulfilment of its various demands.

The bandh was total as all business establishments, educational institutions, financial institutions, Central government offices remained closed, while attendance in State government officers was thin.

Public and private transport remained off the road while a few State transport buses were seen plying with an escort. The bandh, which began at 5 a.m., remained peaceful throughout the State, barring a few stray incidents where enforcers pelted stone at police vehicles near Naharlagun, Capital SP Seiju P Kuruvilla informed.

The State government in an order on Tuesday declared the bandh illegal and directed all the departmental heads to ensure full attendance.

The AAPSU had called for the bandh after the State government failed to fulfil its demands even after the union observed a 12—hour bandh on June 25, which was marred by violence, including burning down of vehicles.

Police had arrested AAPSU's president Kamta Lapung on June 25 and sent him to 14 days judicial custody. He was later released on bail.

The AAPSU has demanded a 'white paper' from the State government on the present financial position of the State, besides demanding immediate payment of salaries to employees and pending bills to the contractors.

The other demands of the union include providing uninterrupted power and water supply in Itanagar and proper maintenance of all sectoral roads and highways in the State.- PTI

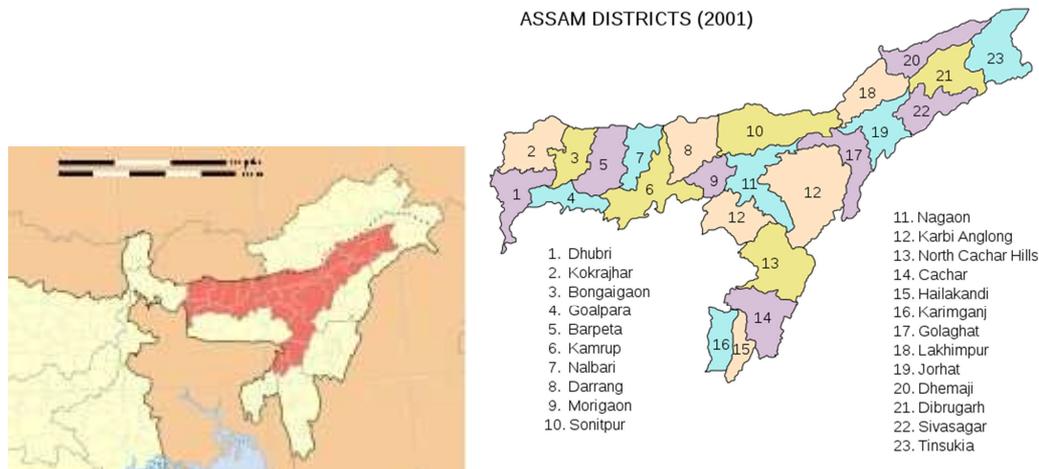
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Dharna (fast occupation)

Raasta roko (Blokade)

3.Assam

Issues: Border disputes, insurgency, Xenophobia (Bangladeshis), Dams



Conflicts within 22 August 2014

Persisting boundary disputes among the northeastern States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur and Nagaland, reflect multi-layered conflicts in the region that the formation over time of those States on ethno-linguistic lines failed to address or resolve. The most intractable among them, between Assam and Nagaland, is on the boil again. After a round of arson and violence on August 12 attributed to armed groups from Nagaland led to the loss of nine lives and thousands of people from villages in Assam's Golaghat district being driven to relief camps, demonstrations of protest in Assam, and some insensitive handling by the police of the volatile situation, led to further violence. On August 20, three persons were killed in police firing in Golaghat town during protests against police high-handedness. Transport blockades called by organisations in Assam against Nagaland, are also biting hard. While claiming cross-boundary ethnic contiguity, Nagaland says a 1925 notification that transferred stretches of forests from Nagaland to Assam was biased and that they ought to have been returned in 1947. The issue was raised during the signing of the 16-Point Agreement between the Centre and the Naga Peoples' Convention in 1960 that led to the formation of Nagaland in December 1963. Nagaland thus wants the boundary redrawn on historical lines. Indeed, the principal demand put forward by militant groups including the NSCN (I-M) relates to the creation of a 'Nagalim', or Greater Nagaland. Assam insists on maintaining the constitutionally done demarcation, and says Nagaland is holding 591 square kilometres of its territory. It moved the Supreme Court in 1988 seeking a permanent solution and the court appointed a group of mediators; a decision is still pending.

Clearly, this is a dispute that cannot be wished away. Neither is it one that could be allowed to descend into violence. In 1979, the Central Reserve Police Force was posted to maintain *status quo* on the boundary as a neutral group. Law and order along the boundary, which is divided into six sectors, is under the Central government's charge. Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi has now accused the CRPF of failure to protect the victims. Mr. Gogoi and Nagaland

Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang need to work out ways to avoid further confrontations. As has now been decided, a series of meetings should be held between the political leadership and officials from both States. Civil society groups should play a role in restoring peace. In the longer term, a solution to the issue has to be worked out. The region as a whole should be able to imagine a common future and subsume and transcend its fragmented ethnic identities.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/conflicts-within/article6340071.ece>

Troops patrol Assam as violence flares 22 August 2014

Army troops enforced a curfew in border districts of northeastern Assam state Thursday following violence that has left more than a dozen dead and over 10,000 displaced.

Shops and businesses were closed in Golaghat town, where three people were killed after police opened fire to quell protests over attacks by tribespeople from neighbouring Nagaland state, Assam's Home Secretary G. D. Tripathy said.

Tripathy said the Naga tribespeople had killed nine Assamese villagers last week in a flare-up of a long running dispute over poorly defined state borders.

More than 10,000 people living on the Assam side of the border have fled their homes and are living in relief camps, he said.

Trucks with essential items blocked

Over the weekend, several groups in Assam blocked roads to prevent trucks carrying essential goods from entering Nagaland. As the blockade continued for four days, authorities in Assam ordered police and paramilitary units to disperse the protesters and clear the roads.

The action triggered widespread protests with people coming out in large numbers with sticks and stones, Tripathy said. Police opened fire several times to disperse the mob on Tuesday and Wednesday, killing three protesters and injuring at least 14 others.

The deaths sparked public outrage, prompting authorities to call out the army and impose a curfew in Golaghat and nearby areas.

Tripathy said the Assam government ordered an inquiry into the police dispersal and suspended a policeman.

In New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi sought a report on the violence from the chief ministers of Assam and Nagaland. Also, the junior minister for home affairs, Kiren Rijiju, was visiting Assam on Thursday for talks with officials from the two states to review the situation.

Border dispute

Parts of the border between Assam and Nagaland states have been disputed for more than three decades. The matter is awaiting a decision from India's Supreme Court.

The dispute has led to several bouts of violence in the past in which at least 100 people have been killed.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-in-school/troops-patrol-assam-as-violence-flares/article6339547.ece>

ILP protest: truck torched in Manipur July 30, 2014

Women vigilantes torched one truck which was bringing migrant workers without documents including identity cards on Tuesday morning.

Some personnel of Village Defence Force intercepted one truck coming from Assam at Heingang along highway 2 about 15 km away from Imphal.

There were 34 migrant workers inside the truck.

While the VDF personnel were making inquiries women vigilantes materialised there. They surrounded the truck AS/14-A 9132 driven by a Nepali, Ajit Limbu. It transpired that these migrant workers were being taken towards Bishnupur district. There had been appeals to the drivers not to bring migrant workers without documents since many of them were found to be foreigners. Besides, Manipur has been experiencing agitations demanding the reintroduction of the Inner Liner Permit system to check entry of outsiders.

The women vigilantes found that just nine of the migrant workers had their identity cards. The driver and a person, Hemanta who were bringing them to Manipur could not give coherent replies. Later the truck was torched and the migrant workers were handed over to police.

Keywords: [Manipur](#), [Inner Line Permit](#), [Protest](#), [Migrant labourers](#)

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/ilp-protest-truck-torched-in-manipur/article6264718.ece>

Assam Rifles jawans escape Manipur ambush 28 July 2014

Some personnel of 25 Assam Rifles deployed at Sekmai in Imphal west district had escaped an ambush attempt by rebels. Sources said that the troopers were on foot patrol at Maharabi near the police station at Sekmai when the road opening party sighted one powerful remote controlled bomb which was fixed at the branch of a roadside tree.

The bomb was removed and neutralised.

In another incident one 2 months old baby at Keishamthong in Imphal suffered injuries when a smoke bomb was fired by police who were controlling the women activists on Sunday night. The women had taken out a torch light procession there. To disperse the processionists police fired several smoke bombs and one bomb had exploded inside the room where the baby was sleeping.

In another incident, wives of the labourers of the Food and Civil Supplies godown in Imphal left empty kitchen utensils at the residence of Okendra Moirangthem, the FCS Minister on

Monday. The women said that since their husbands have been on strike they have nothing cook.

The labourers have been protesting in various novel forms. They were arrested and are now in judicial custody.

Keywords: [Manipur](#), [Assam Rifles](#), [Rebels](#), [Ambush](#), [Smoke bomb](#), [Procession](#), [Civil supplies](#), [Strike](#)

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/assam-rifles-jawans-escape-manipur-ambush/article6258128.ece>

Manipur newspaper distributors to strike work today 21 July 2014

All Manipur Newspaper Sales and Distributors Association in a statement says that no newspaper shall be distributed on Monday in protest against the arrest of a newspaper distributor Jiten Thongbam by the personnel of 40 Assam Rifles.

Reports said that the personnel arrested him at 7 30 p.m. on Friday. Later in the night he was handed over to the police station at Lilong saying that he was an insurgent.

It was also stated that one loaded hand gun and extortion letters were recovered from him.

However Mr. Thongbam maintains that he is a paper boy and that no gun or incriminating material was found from him. He alleged that he was beaten up and a statement was extracted from him saying that he was an insurgent of Kangleipak Communist party (Military Council). He maintains that he has no link with the insurgents.

The Association and other women activists of Kakwa had demanded his unconditional release. On Saturday evening they also staged a sit in protest.

As the police did not release him, the Association decided not to distribute newspapers on Monday.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/manipur-newspaper-distributors-to-strike-work-today/article6233059.ece>

Protests across Assam against Cabinet decision on granting asylum AASU dubbed the resolution as a move to dilute the Assam Accord 18 July 2014

The Assam cabinet's decision to move the Centre for framing a policy on granting asylum, on humanitarian grounds, to those, who were citizens of undivided India and fled to India at the time partition due to "religious persecution and discrimination" triggered widespread protests in the State on Thursday.

Activists of the All Assam Students' Union and the Asom Jatiyatabadi Yuba Chatra Parishad burnt effigies of Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi in different parts of the State and warned of vigorous protest against the State Cabinet's decision.

The AASU dubbed the Cabinet resolution as a move to dilute the Assam Accord with an eye on the vote bank of “illegal Bangladeshi migrants.”

Dubbing the State Cabinet’s decision as a violation of the Assam Accord, AASU adviser Samujjal Bhattachariya said : “Our stand is very clear. In accordance with the Assam Accord all those, who had come to Assam before March 25, 1971 are Indian citizens and all those, irrespective of religion, who have come to Assam illegally after this cut-off date must be detected, their names deleted from voters’ list and they should be expelled.”

The Congress government for their petty vote-bank politics is now bent on giving citizenship to even post-1971 illegal Bangladeshi migrants on the pretext of religious persecution.

Every single foreigner, who has entered Assam after March 25, 1971, and illegally staying in the state must be expelled, Mr. Bhattachariya added.

The Assam State Committee of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) in a statement cautioned the State Government against diluting the Assam Accord, which the left party said was signed by the Centre and the Assam government with the All Assam Students’ Union (AASU) for resolution of the problem of influx of migrants from erstwhile East Pakistan and strong public opinion has been built across the state for implementation of the Accord.

“The accord has facilitated the shelter of all migrants from erstwhile East Pakistan, who had come prior to March 25, 1971.

Assam has already shouldered a huge burden of heavy infiltration due to partition and such infiltration has already influenced the demographic composition in the State,” the left party stated and demanded the Centre to ensure that the Assam Accord is strictly implemented for detection of foreigners while trying to solve the problem of migrants coming from different parts of undivided India seeking shelter due to religious persecution and discrimination with humanitarian considerations.

In the city, the police arrested a group of activists of Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti (KMSS) after foiling their attempt to stage a protest in front of the State Secretariat against the cabinet decision.

The KMSS alleged that the State Government move was aimed at creating a vote bank of illegal Bangladeshi migrants with an eye on the 2016 assembly polls and described the decision as illegal and unconstitutional.

• *“Every foreigner, who has entered Assam after March 25, 1971 must be expelled”*

• *Police arrest a group of activists of Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti*

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/protests-across-assam-against-cabinet-decision-on-granting-asylum/article6223177.ece>

Four abducted traders found murdered Angry mob attacks police party in Assam, several policemen injured 14 July 2014

Fresh tension gripped the Bodoland Territorial Area District (BTAD) in Assam on Sunday after the recovery of bodies of four Muslim traders, who were abducted by suspected militants of the National Democratic Front of Bodoland (Songbijit) from Labdanguri area in Baksa district of BTAD on Friday.

One body was recovered on Saturday night while three bodies were recovered on Sunday. Police said all the four victims hailed from neighbouring Barpeta district and were abducted when they had gone to procure lemon from farmers in remote villages.

Inspector General of Police (BTAD) L.R. Bisnoi told *The Hindu* police had to use force when a mob attacked the police party escorting the bodies for post-mortem, in protest against the killing of the traders. Police picked up eight persons for attacking the police party, in which several policemen, including the in-charge of Labdanguri patrol post, sustained injuries.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/four-abducted-traders-found-murdered/article6208117.ece>

Most protests against Subansiri dam unjustified: V.K. Singh 12 July 2014

Advocating construction of the 2000 MW Subansiri hydro power project on the border of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region V.K. Singh on Saturday said most protests against the dam were not justified.

“We have problems of power in Assam. We are aware of the protests of Subansiri project, some are justified, majority are not justified ... Why should there be any problem?” Mr. Singh told the National Cold Chain Summit in Guwahati.

People, he said, had not been told about the benefits of the project and that was why it was languishing for the last two years with a fear of down stream impact.

“It is run of the river project. My own assessment is that it is not going to cause any danger... People do not know that had there not been Tehri dam, Rishikesh and some other towns would have wiped out during the Uttarakhand flash flood. We have great advantages,” the former army chief said.

Urging people to shed their inhibitions, he said the dam was going to be helpful and provide power to Assam as the 15 per cent free power could be distributed between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.

Asked if he was willing to discuss the issue with the agitators, Mr. Singh said “Yes, everybody. I have got no problems in talking to anybody.”

“North East has the highest potential of hydro power. It costs least. The region can reap the benefit by selling power to the rest of India and also to neighbouring countries,” he said.

If the inter-dependence between the neighbouring countries increase, he said, then there would be no enmity and the relationship with Bangladesh and Myanmar would improve.

Mr. Singh’s comment comes within days of Power Minister Piyush Goyal assuring the people that no construction would be undertaken till the matter was sorted out.

The project was located on the Lower Subansiri at Gerukamukh in Arunachal Pradesh, near North Lakhimpur on the border with Assam.

The cost of the project was initially estimated to be around Rs. 6,285 crore and was scheduled to be commissioned in December 2012.

Construction has been stalled for over two years after protests by local people and groups fearing for safety and downstream impact.

Keywords: [Subansiri dam project](#), [2000 MW Subansiri hydro power project](#), [Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region V.K. Singh](#)

Hartal (Strike Stay away)

Gherao(Occupation)

Bandh (General Strike Stay away)

NDFB faction calls 12-hour Assam bandh 1 October 2014

Militant outfit National Democratic Front of Boroland (Ranjan Daimary), currently engaged in suspension of operation agreement with the Centre and the Assam government, has called for a 12-hour Assam bandh on Wednesday from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. in protest against re-arrest of its president Ranjan Daimary.

The TADA court here on Monday sent Daimary to jail after rejecting his plea for extension of bail in cases pending against him after the State Government reportedly informed the court that some of its cadres were still involved in subversive activities.

Mr. Daimary was earlier released from jail, after three years of imprisonment, on June 23, 2013 on conditional bail that was granted to him in all the 13 cases against him, including the one relating to the October 30, 2008 serial blasts in Assam in which the Central Bureau of Investigation named him as the prime accused and four TADA cases. The militant leader was arrested in 13 cases after he was handed over by Bangladesh to India on May 1, 2010.

The NDFB (Ranjan Daimary) faction alleged that his re-arrest was “a conspiracy by the State Government to derail the peace process.”

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/ndfb-faction-calls-12hour-assam-bandh/article6463145.ece>

Dharna (fast occupation)

Journalists in Assam continue protests 5 September 2014

: Journalists' forms on Thursday took out protest meetings and rallies, staged sit-ins, wore black badges in different parts of Assam for the second day.

They were demanding the immediate release of Jaikhlong Brahma, a television journalist of a Guwahati-based private news channel, who was arrested in Kokrajhar town on Tuesday night on charges of "providing information to the extremists about the movement of security forces."

In Kokrajhar, leaders of different organisations joined members of Kokrajhar Press Club in a sit-in-demonstration to press for the release of Mr Brahma. In the city, journalists representing print and electronic media houses attended a protest meeting convened by Journalist Action Committee, Assam, to demand the unconditional release of Mr Brahma.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/journalists-in-assam-continue-protests/article6381577.ece>

Opposition MLAs stage walkout in Assam 31 August 2014

The Assam Assembly on Saturday witnessed a noisy walkout during Question Hour by the entire Opposition over the violence on the Assam-Nagaland boundary and killing of a girl by National Democratic Front of Bodoland militants in the State's Chirang district.

The All India United Democratic Front, the Asom Gana Parishad, the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Bodoland People's Front protested after the State opposed their demand for a discussion on the incidents.

When the Opposition MLAs sought to bring up the issue, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Nilamani Sen Deka observed that the matters were sub judice.

Demand for discussion on militants' killing of girl, police firing denied as matter was "sub judice"

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/opposition-mlas-stage-walkout-in-assam/article6366020.ece>

After 10 days of protest, Assam govt. invites farmers' union for talks 1 August 2014

RTI activist and the president of Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti (KMSS) Akhil Gogoi along with the activists of KMSS protesting in Guwahati on Thursday.—PHOTO: Ritu Raj Konwar

Assam government on Thursday invited the Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti (KMSS) for a discussion on a recent office memorandum issued by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department by which Deputy Commissioners have been authorised to reclassify plots of land, recorded as agricultural land but in actual practice not fit for agriculture or has not been cultivated for ten years or more, as barren and uncultivable to promote non-agricultural activities like setting up industries, health, educational institutions, housing and others.

A formal invitation was handed out to KMSS president Akhil Gogoi during a protest demonstration by the peasants' body led by him in front of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metropolitan) here after ten days of continuous fast by some KMSS activists seeking withdrawal of the office memorandum.

The KMSS threatened to continue their protest demonstration in front of the DC office till the government either withdrew the office memorandum or invited them for discussion.

One KMSS activist also made a suicide bid during the protest demonstration by slitting a vein. He was immediately rushed to hospital. The State Government has invited a five-member KMSS delegation for discussion with Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management S.C. Das on Saturday.

The office memorandum issued on June 17 states that "there are a large number of plots of land which are recorded as Agricultural land but in actual practice they are not fit for Agriculture or has not been cultivated for ten years or more."

"It has further come to notice of the State Government in many cases, the present land owners of the land have not been able to utilise the land for non-agricultural activities like setting up industries, educational institutions, health institutions, housing projects etc, or obtain loan from financial institutions for such activities as the same is recorded as Agricultural Land although there has been no agricultural activities for more than ten years or land is unfit for agriculture. In such cases also the Deputy Commissioners can take up reclassification of the land on recommendations of the committees based on quantum of land," the office memorandum states.

The KMSS chief while announcing the acceptance of the invitation said that they would insist on the government that before any reclassification the government must first try to reclaim the land and make it cultivable and if such efforts fail to yield positive result then public hearing must be held and only when 80 per cent of villagers give consent such land may be reclassified.

The peasants are protesting an office memorandum to reclassify plots of agricultural land unfit for production to non- agricultural land

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/after-10-days-of-protest-assam-govt-invites-farmers-union-for-talks/article6270138.ece>

Students organise rally for inner line permit system. Interestingly, tribals in the five hill districts of Manipur have not joined the campaign 31 July 2014

There were widespread protests in all the four districts on Wednesday demanding the reintroduction of the Inner Line Permit system in the State.

Significantly, tribals in the five hill districts have not joined the campaign.

There is a constitutional provision which says that non-tribals cannot own land and settle down permanently in the tribal dominated districts.

Four students' organisations, All Manipur Students' Union, Kangleipak Students' Association, Democratic Students' Alliance of Manipur and Manipur Students' Federation, which are components of the students' wing of the Joint Action Committee on ILP System, organised a massive rally at Yairipok in Thoubal district on Wednesday. However, there was no untoward incident.

The Manipur Council of the CPI staged a sit-in in front of the Imphal office on Wednesday. The protest shall continue for three days, according to party sources.

There were rallies and sit-in protests in the Imphal East and Imphal West districts. A huge number of women activists participated in the rallies and sit-in protests at Checkkon, New Checkkon, Khurai, Lamlong. Besides, there were protests at Jiribam bordering Assam.

Muslims too have joined the campaign. The Pangal Students' Organisation says that it supports the demand for the reintroduction of the ILP system.

However, people as a whole are yet to participate in a big way in the Muslim villages.

Though the Manipur government has written a letter to the Union government on the issue, national leaders maintain that the ILP system would not be reintroduced in Manipur. It has been in force in three States in the northeast all these decades.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/students-organise-rally-for-inner-line-permit-system/article6267335.ece>

Assam bodies oppose move to restart work on mega dam

The Centre announced that the construction of the 2,000-MW project would resume within a week 4 July 2014

Several anti-mega dam organisations in Assam have vowed to resist any move by the Centre to resume construction of 2,000-MW Lower Subansiri hydroelectric project of the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation at Gerukamukh along Assam-Arunachal Pradesh border. The organisations include the All Assam Students' Union(AASU), Asom Jatiyatabadi Yuba Chatra Parishad(AJYCP), Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti(KMSS) and the opposition party Asom Gana Parishad(AGP).

The organisations reacted sharply to an announcement by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for power, coal and renewable energy Piyush Goyal that project work would resume within a week. Mr. Goyal, after a meeting with Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Nabam Tuki, went on record that the Ministry of Home Affairs had assured to resolve the inter-state problem due to which the work on the project remained suspended. The work on the project has been halted since December 16, 2011 due to vigorous protests by various organisations including the AASU, KMSS, AJYCP and the AGP. These organisations have been opposing construction of the mega dam of the project as they fear it would be detrimental to the interest of the people living downstream areas in Assam. They also expressed doubt over the safety of the dam as it is located in a highly seismic zone.

The AASU has called for state-wide Satyagraha on July 7 to press for the demands that the Narendra Modi-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government honour the opinion of the expert committee on safety of the dam as well as on downstream impact. A panel of experts of Gauhati University, Indian Institute of Technology(IIT), Guwahati and Dibrugarh University constituted by the Assam Government had expressed concern over safety aspects and downstream impacts of the project after going into various technical and socio-economic issues related to the project. “Neither the AASU nor the Central government is expert on the dam. We want Prime Minister Narendra Modi to keep his poll promise of taking a decision on the Lower Subansiri project based on opinions of the experts.

Experts have given their opinion. We want the new government at the Centre to respect their opinion. We are hopeful that Mr. Modi will keep his poll promise. We will not compromise on any issue that is detrimental to the interest of indigenous people,” said the AASU adviser Samujjal Kumar Bhattacharyya.

Earlier, the AASU also demanded a white paper on 600- MW Kholongchu hydropower project in Bhutan, foundation stone of which was laid by Mr. Modi during his maiden visit to the neighbouring country, if any study had been done on possible cumulative downstream impact of the project on areas in Assam and whether any measure had been taken to protect the interest of the people from such an adverse impact.

Activists of the AJYCP on Thursday staged a dharna in Lakhimpur to protest the Centre’s decision to resume work of the Lower Subansiri hydroelectric project and vowed to resist such a move. The KMSS also vowed to build a strong resistance movement against resumption of the project work.

The AGP accused the BJP of betraying the people of Assam by going back on its poll promise of opposing construction of mega dam like Lower Subansiri. The regional party said that it would continue to oppose all “anti-people” move of the BJP-led government at the Centre.

• *AASU has called for state-wide Satyagraha on July 7 to highlight the concern over safety*

• *The work on the project has been on hold since December 16, 2011 following protests*

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/assam-bodies-oppose-move-to-restart-work-on-mega-dam/article6175552.ece>

Raasta roko (Blokade)

Blockade ends, locals clash with Assam 20 August 2014

One person was killed and several hurt on Tuesday in Golaghat district’s Rangajan area close to the Assam-Nagaland boundary as locals clashed with police and paramilitary force personnel on NH-39 after Assam Police removed the economic blockade imposed by some

organisations against the movement of vehicles to Nagaland through the national highway for the past six days.

Police fired rubber bullets several times during the day to disperse villagers who pelted stones on security personnel for detaining 17 participants in the blockade. Police said they also fired live bullets but were fired in the air and not aimed at the protestors. Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) A.P. Rout told *The Hindu* that one person, identified as Ajit Tanti, succumbed to injuries after being hit by a vehicle in the kerfuffle. He said that one police constable, Dipak Gogoi, had been placed under suspension for beating a person without provocation.

The blockade was imposed by the organisations to protest attack by armed miscreants from Nagaland on villages in Assam along disputed belt of boundary between the two States on August 12-13 that left nine dead and forced over 10,000 people in 14 villages to take shelter in relief camps.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi flayed the Centre for not sending any representative to visit the troubled areas. He said in similar other situations in the past the Centre rushed its representative to issue advisory to the State.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/blockade-ends-locals-clash-with-assam-police/article6332596.ece>

NH 15 blocked in protest against attack on headman 17 July 2014

Scores of protesters on Sunday blocked National Highway 15 at Behali in Assam's Sonitpur district bordering Arunachal Pradesh in protest against the attack on a village headman and two others.

The police said that more than 500 protesters, led by Arunachal Agrasen Protirudh Samiti and CPI (ML), blocked the highway for more than three hours, demanding security for people living in villages along the border with neighbouring Arunachal Pradesh.

Armed miscreants had entered the residence of the village headman of Naharjan near Behali reserve forest on Saturday and started indiscriminate firing in which three persons were injured, including headman Lala Orang, his son Himant Orang and a woman Baha Chare.

Arunachal Agrasen Protirudh Samiti Secretary Ananta Hazarika demanded that the State government immediately provide a compensation of Rs five lakh and free medical aid to the injured.

The blockade was lifted after senior police and civil officials rushed to the spot and assured the protesters that their demands would be considered at the earliest.

The protesters also submitted a memorandum to the Sonitpur Deputy Commissioner Lalit Gogoi through the local officials at Behali highlighting their demands.

The area witnessed frequent incidents of attacks and violence since January this year following which the Assam government decided to set up six border outposts and construct a new road through Behali reserve forest. – PTI

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/nh-15-blocked-in-protest-against-attack-on-headman/article6184397.ece>

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Mob attacks police station 25 October 2014

A mob on Friday torched several vehicles, including a police jeep, to protest against drowning of a man in a pond apparently to avoid chasing cops in Bihar's East Champaran district, Superintendent of Police (SP) Sudhir Kumar Singh said. PTI

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/mob-attacks-police-station/article6531910.ece>

Orwell museum or satyagraha park first? People of Motihari town in Bihar divided on the issue 1 October 2014

A statue of George Orwell at his birthplace in Motihari in Bihar.— File Photo: Ranjeet Kumar

The question whether a George Orwell museum or a satyagraha park should be developed first has led to a divide in Motihari in West Champaran district of Bihar.

Orwell was born Eric Arthur Blair in the town on June 25, 1903. Mahatma Gandhi launched the satyagraha movement against the British from Champaran in 1917.

Recently, the State government started constructing a state-of-the-art museum at the place where the author of Animal Farm and 1984 was born and raised for a year. Orwell's father, Richard W. Blair, was a revenue officer in Motihari looking after opium cultivation and a warehouse outside his sprawling bungalow.

The bungalow had been in a dilapidated condition for long until the Bihar government recently decided to renovate it to develop the museum. In 2009, the government announced a makeover for the site, but nothing has happened since then.

Art and Culture Minister Vinay Bihari launched the project in August saying the work on the museum at Orwell's birthplace had finally begun. "The government wants to develop an Orwell museum of international standards to attract tourists, especially those from Britain," he said. The government is constructing a satyagraha park adjacent to the museum.

Protest staged

On Monday, a group of people who wanted the museum built first took out a protest march under the banner of the Nagdaha Seva Samiti against those opposed to it.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/orwell-museum-or-satyagraha-park-first/article6463233.ece>

Bihar's flood-hit loot food grain from warehouse 2 September 2014

Flood victims in Bihar's Nalanda district broke into a government warehouse and looted food grain Monday to protest inadequate assistance given to them by the government, officials said.

"Hundreds of flood victims forcibly broke open the lock of a godown (warehouse) of the State Disaster Management department at Sarmera block office in Nalanda in the presence of the police and looted rice and wheat," district official Sunil Kumar said.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/bihars-floodhit-loot-food-grain-from-warehouse/article6371449.ece>

Woman MLA resists eviction from Bihar Assembly 2 August 2014

: The Bihar Assembly on Friday witnessed a piquant situation when an Independent woman MLA fought with marshals while being taken out of the House. She was removed from the Assembly for 'fiercely' protesting against police action on her and her supporters who had jammed the road — after 12 people were run over by a container in Aurangabad on Tuesday.

Rashmi Jyoti, MLA from Dehri in Rohtas district, had entered the Well of the House demanding the removal of the Superintendent of Police for allegedly unleashing violence against her and her supporters during the road jam after the mishap.

TV footage had shown the woman MLA waving her slippers when Aurangabad SP Upendra Sharma had gone to clear the roadblock on July 29. An FIR was lodged against the MLA by the police.

Speaker Udai Narayan Choudhary directed the marshals to take her out for disrupting the proceedings.

As four women marshals approached her, the MLA fought with them and later squatted on the floor to resist eviction.

She was supported by BJP women members Bhagirathi Devi and Meena Devi. They came in Ms Jyoti's support and resisted the marshals' efforts to take her out.

BJP male members were also seen blocking the passage to the door. In the melee, the Speaker adjourned the House for 45 minutes in the morning.

When the House re-assembled, on suggestion of the Opposition leader Nand Kishore Yadav, the Speaker allowed the MLA to raise the issue during zero hour.

Ms Jyoti alleged use of police force against her at the behest of the Superintendent of Police and demanded his removal.

When the Minister in-charge for Home Vijay Chaudhary rose to speak on behalf of government, she protested and insisted that the Chief Minister reply.

Later, Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi said he had asked the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Magadh Range to provide him details of the event in 24 hours. "Needful action will be taken on the basis of their report," Mr. Manjhi told the House.

At least 12 pilgrims, five of them women, were killed and 22 injured when a speeding container ran over them on the New Delhi-Kolkata NH 2 in Aurangabad district in the early hours on July 29.

The heavy vehicle had reportedly lost control and ran over 'kanwarias' (devotees of Lord Shiva) sleeping on the roadside.

The MLA's husband Pradeep Joshi, a former legislator, who organises trips for devotees to Deogarh in Jharkhand during 'shravan' had jammed the road following the incident. -- PTI

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-newdelhi/woman-mla-resists- eviction-from-bihar-assembly/article6273853.ece>

Maoists blow up CoBRA personnel's house in Bihar 31 July 2014

Maoists attacked a village in Bihar's Aurangabad district and blew up the house of a CoBRA personnel, police said on Thursday.

Aurangabad Police Superintendent Upendra Kumar Sharma said the banned CPI (Maoist) members raided Pipra village late on Wednesday night and blew up the house of CRPF personnel Vinod Singh, who is currently posted at Barachatti in Gaya district as a member of Combat Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA).

The CoBRA force is deployed for anti-Naxal operations in Bihar.

"The Maoists threatened the family members of Singh and pulled them out of the house. They later laid explosives inside the building and blew it up. The house has been damaged," said the SP.

The Maoists also shouted slogans against the government and CRPF before leaving.

The pamphlets left by them at the spot claimed the action was in protest against the July 19 police firing at Madanpur in the district in which two person were killed.

There was not report of any casualty.

The SP said the police were conducting raids in and around the area after the incident.

Keywords: [CoBRA personnel](#), [CPI \(Maoist\)](#), [Vinod Singh](#), [Bihar Maoists](#), [anti-Naxal operations](#)

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/maoists-blow-up-cobra-personnels-house-in-bihar/article6267230.ece>

Maoists blow up rail track, pilot engine of Rajdhani derails in Bihar 23 July 2014

Maoists blasted a portion of a railway track between Ismailpur and Rafiganj section in Bihar, leading to derailment of a pilot engine running ahead of the Bhubaneshwar-New Delhi Rajdhani Express.

No casualty was reported in the blast that took place late Tuesday night, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Magadh range, P.K. Shrivastava told *PTI*.

In Patna, Chief Public Relations Officer, East Central Railway, Arvind Kumar Rajak said the advance pilot engine running ahead of Bhubaneshwar-New Delhi Rajdhani Express jumped off the track due to the incident.

Nearly one dozen mail and Express trains including three Rajdhani Express trains have been stranded at various places between Gaya and Mughalsarai due to the incident, Mr. Rajak said.

The blast was triggerred during a one-day bandh call called by the Maoists against police firing in Aurangabad and Rohtas districts.

The CPRO said that nearly three metre of the track has been damaged in the blast. Electric wire overhead has also been damaged, he said.

The DIG said that the blast appears to be a powerful one creating a four-feet deep crater.

Howrah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express, Bhubaneshwar-New Delhi Rajdhani Express, Sealdah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express, Jodhpur-Howrah Express and Doon Express were among the major trains stranded at various places. The blast took place at Lahat village under Rafiganj police station of Aurangabad district at around 11:30 pm on Tuesday night.

Gaya Additional Superintendent of Police Ashok Kumar Singh, who rushed to the spot after the incident, said the explosion took place during the one-day bandh call given by the Naxals against police firing in Aurangabad and Rohtas districts recently.

The bandh was called from Tuesday midnight to Wednesday midnight.

The ECR CPRO said that DN line has been restored in the early hours on Wednesday and work was on to make the UP line, which bore the brunt of the explosion, functional during the day on Wednesday.

The Magadh range DIG said that security has been tightened through deployment of additional forces to prevent untoward incidents during the bandh.

Two persons each were killed in police firing on a mob in Rohtas as well in Madanpur area of Aurangabad within a fortnight.

The Aurangabad firing was triggered during an anti-Naxal operation by CRPF. Those killed included a woman and a minor boy in Aurangabad last week.

The Rohtas firing was triggered when a mob protested against alleged one-sided action after an exchange of “objectionable” MMS between two friends belonging to different communities.

Opposition BJP has made a hue and cry over both the firing incidents in the bicameral Bihar Legislature demanding judicial inquiry in the incidents.

The state government defended the firing as part of self-defence by security forces who were targeted by a mob.

Keywords: [railway track blast](#), [Rajdhani Express](#), [derailment](#), [Bhubaneshwar-New Delhi train](#)

Woman, teenager killed as police open fire on protestors in Bihar 19 July 2014

Two persons were killed and five others injured on Saturday when police opened fire on demonstrator who were protesting against the alleged misbehaviour by the men in uniform against women during a search operation in Bihar's Aurangabad district.

Zonal Inspector-General (IG) Kundan Krishnan said a woman and a 12-year-old boy were killed in the incident which took place at the Madanpur block headquarters. The victims are yet to be identified.

Police said five persons were injured in the melee which ensued as a result of the firing.

Aurangabad Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO) Bhim Prasad said that police personnel at the Madanpur block headquarters fired in self-defence after “a mob” attacked them and tried to ransack the office buildings.

“One police guard was severely beaten up by the villagers and his condition is serious. The other guards opened fire when the mob turned on them,” said the SDO.

Officials said that people in villages around Madanpur were agitated over search operations conducted on Friday night by police and CRPF jawans during which the personnel allegedly misbehaved with women and elderly persons.

The villagers were holding a protest at the Madanpur block headquarters demanding action against the guilty police and CRPF personnel.

Sources said the deceased woman was a resident of Kanaudi village while the boy was from Madanpur.

This is the second incident of police firing in Bihar this month in which people have lost their lives.

Two persons were killed and seven others injured in police firing at Akbarpur in Rohtas district on July 8, 2014 an issue which had rocked the Bihar Assembly for four days.

Keywords: [Bihar police firing](#), [Madanpur block](#), [Aurangabad distric](#)

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/woman-teenager-killed-as-police-open-fire-on-protestors-in-bihar/article6229130.ece>

Parties demand arrest of Giriraj Singh CM says source of money recovered from his house under probe 10 July 2014

JD(U), RJD and Congress Legislators on Wednesday created a ruckus in both Houses of Bihar Legislature over recovery of Rs 1.14 crore, 600 US dollars and ornaments stolen from the house of BJP MP Giriraj Singh and demanded his arrest and termination of Parliament membership, alleging it as “black money“.

As the Assembly sat for the day, the MLAs of the three parties trooped into the well and demanded stringent action against Mr Singh.

With BJP members also in the well to protest police firing in Rohtas district on Tuesday, in which two persons were killed, Speaker Uday Narayan Choudhary adjourned the House till 2 pm when members refused to obey him and return to their seat.

Pandemonium

Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi was in the House when a pandemonium erupted.

Later, the Chief Minister told reporters in his chamber that the State government had taken cognisance of the recovery of huge cash, US dollar notes and ornaments stolen from Mr. Singh’s flat and would act according to law.

“The Patna police and the Income Tax department have already been probing the source of the wealth recovered. If need arises, other forms of inquiry could be ordered,” he said.

Volume

Former Chief Minister Nitish Kumar expressed surprise over the volume of cash and US dollar notes that were recovered.

“The volume is big. It raises a question as to from where they came,” Mr. Kumar told reporters emerging from the Legislative Council.

JD(U) MLAs sat on dharna at the main entrance of the Assembly demanding immediate arrest of Mr. Singh, the BJP MP from Nawada.

The scene was similar in Legislative Council where JD(U) members created a ruckus.

Police recovered the stolen items from the BJP MP's flat with the arrest of four persons on Tuesday.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/parties-demand-arrest-of-giriraj-singh/article6196091.ece>

Hartal (Strike Stay away)

Gherao(Occupation)

Protest against Sharad Yadav 19 May 2014

gheraoing Supporters of JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar block the car of party chief Sharad Yadav as he arrives at CM's residence in Patna on Sunday. photo:pti

JD(U) President Sharad Yadav faced protest from party supporters assembled outside Nitish Kumar's residence here for allegedly being behind Kumar's resignation as the chief minister.

The agitated supporters who had assembled at Kumar's residence to press him to continue as Bihar chief minister gheroad Yadav's car and banged it while he was on way to 1, Anne Marg residence of the chief minister here to meet him.

Yadav was on way to Kumar's residence from the state guest house where he is putting up after arriving from New Delhi for the crucial JD(U) Legislature party meeting when he faced the protesters.

Later, the JD(U) President's car was escorted inside Kumar's official residence by security personnel.

After a bad show

The protesters accused Yadav of being behind the resignation of Nitish Kumar in the wake of severe drubbing the JD(U) suffered in the general elections.

JD(U) could win only two seats out of the total 40 seats in Bihar and Sharad Yadav himself lost to RJD's Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav by over 56,000 votes in Madhepura.

Yadav (Sharad) went to Kumar's residence shortly after senior minister Narendra Singh arrived at Kumar's house after meeting the JD(U) President at the state guest house.

Singh, who is senior minister in Nitish Kumar Cabinet, and is being talked about as Kumar's replacement, dismissed the report.

“I am in no race for the CM’s chair,” Singh told reporters emerging after meeting with Yadav.

“I will bring a proposal at JD(U) Legislature party meeting today for Nitish Kumar to continue as CM,” he said.

Asked whether Kumar has dismissed continuing as CM, Singh said he would be asked to reconsider it in view of strong wish of party legislators.PTI

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-in-school/protest-against-sharad-yadav/article6023269.ece>

Bandh (General Strike Stay away)

Bihar Dalit rape victims given job letters Charge sheet, arrests within two days; compensation, jobs awarded to all five victims 13 October 2014

Even as the Bihar police filed charge sheet against three caste Hindu youths who allegedly gang-raped five Dalit women at gunpoint, the government on Sunday handed over appointment letters and Rs. 90,000 each as compensation to all the five victims of Wednesday’s incident in Dumaria village. “Within 24 hours of the incident, we arrested all the three accused persons in the case and filed charge sheet within a record 48 hours. We’ve also requested the court for a speedy trial,” Deputy Superintendent of Police Krishna Bihari told *The Hindu*.

The Communist Party of India-Marxist-Leninist (CPI-ML) on Monday called for a district-wide bandh and announced a march from Gandhi Maidan to the Chief Minister’s residence on Friday. “We’ve also demanded the dismissal of the Tarari police station in-charge and the suspension of the Bhojpur SP and DM,” said CPI-ML leader Pravej Kumar.

On Saturday, local Rashtriya Janata Dal MLA Bhai Dinesh led a protest march in Bhojpur town while Rashtriya Lok Samata Party leaders announced plans to stage a daylong dharna at the district headquarters on Wednesday.

The October 8 rape occurred after the five Dalit women went to a scrap shop in Kurmuri, a neighbouring village. The shop owner, Nilneedhi Singh, who is said to be the area commander of the banned caste militia Ranvir Sena, allegedly detained the women till night and raped them along with two of his associates, Jai Prakash Singh and Jaggu Pandit.

Keywords: [Bihar Dalit women rape](#), [Dumaria village](#)

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/bihar-dalit-rape-victims-given-job-letters/article6494788.ece>

Four killed as Rajdhani derails June 26, 2014

Four passengers were killed and several injured when a dozen bogies of the Delhi-Dibrugarh Rajdhani Express derailed close to Golden Ganj railway station near Chapra in Bihar in the early hours of Wednesday.

Twelve coaches of the train derailed, with five going off the tracks first leading to casualties and seven bogies overturning a little later. Some of the coaches were hurled as far as 700 feet away from the tracks, said Chief Public Relations Officer of East Central Railway Arvind Kumar Rajak. Three passengers were killed on the spot while another succumbed to injuries in hospital, Mr. Rajak added.

The dead included Pawan Dhawan (40) and Shrimati Nilam (39), both from Firozpur in Punjab, and Shefali Dey (65) of Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh. The injured are being treated in hospitals in Chapra and Patna.

Railway Board Chairman Arunendra Kumar said prima facie it appeared to be a case of sabotage by Maoists. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, however, maintained that it was too early to blame anyone. "Even the Prime Minister agrees that it is too early to blame the naxals. Let us wait for further report on the incident," said Mr. Singh before adding that another goods train had derailed about 60 km away from the Rajdhani accident site.

"There was a blast on the track which could have caused the derailment," Mr. Kumar said. The Maoists had given a bandh call to protest against "harassment of innocent people" in the area by security forces. Bihar Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi disputed the Maoist blast theory. "No trace of blast on the track or any other evidence suggesting sabotage has been found so far. It appears to be a result of error on the part of Railways," he said. According to railway officials, however, the coaches were of the latest Linke Hofmann Busch make and its anti-telescoping features (coaches climbing on one another) and other safety aspects minimised the casualties. Railway Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda, announced an ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakh for the family of the dead, Rs. 1 lakh for the grievously injured and Rs. 20,000 for those who suffered minor injuries.

President Pranab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief over the loss of lives in the accident.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/four-killed-as-rajdhani-derails/article6149899.ece>

Dharna (fast occupation)

Forest college students continue protest as talks fail They seek reservation in recruitments 27 July 2014

Students of Forest College and Research Institute at Mettupalayam continue their indefinite fast on Saturday.

Students of the Forest College and Research Institute at Mettupalayam near here continued their indefinite fast on Saturday after talks broke down.

Pressing for charter of demands, including reservation in the post of Forest Rangers, the students had begun their protest on Tuesday.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/forest-college-students-continue-protest-as-talks-fail/article6253701.ece>

Raasta roko (Blokaade)

5.Chhattisgarh Issues Isugency (Naxalite) Anti-Christian Violence



Popular Protests hit central India as sterilisation death toll rises

Manpreet Romana (Yahoo News) 11 November 2014

Furious protesters took to the streets in central India on Wednesday, smashing up cars and demanding the chief minister resign, as the death toll from a mass government-run sterilisation programme rose to 13.

Another 14 women are seriously ill in Chhattisgarh state after the surgery, which women are paid 1,400 rupees (\$23) to have under a government scheme to reduce population growth.

"Preliminary examinations suggest septic shock may have caused the deaths," said local government official Amar Thakur.

"It looks like the equipment that was used was probably infected. We are waiting for the report," he told AFP by telephone from Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur district, where around 80 women had the surgery over the weekend.

The victims had suffered vomiting and a dramatic fall in blood pressure after undergoing laparoscopic sterilisation, a process in which the fallopian tubes are blocked.

As the death toll rose to 13 on Wednesday, a local official said women who attended a second sterilisation camp in the area on Monday had also fallen ill.

"Six women from Gorella camp developed complications and they have been brought to Bilaspur for treatment," district commissioner Sonmani Borah told AFP.

Shops and businesses shut their doors in the state capital Raipur on Wednesday as scores of demonstrators took to the streets to demand the resignation of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh.

Television footage showed the protestors, many of them opposition party workers, chanting slogans and

smashing up vehicles.

Abysmal' care

Sterilisation is one of the most popular methods of family planning in India, and many state governments organise mass camps where rural women can undergo the usually straightforward procedure.

Although the surgery is voluntary, rights groups say the target-driven nature of the programme has led to women being coerced into being sterilised, often in inadequate medical facilities.

Under pressure to meet targets, some local governments offer additional incentives such as cars and electrical goods.

In the latest case, one doctor reportedly operated on 83 women in just five hours, using the same instruments on all of them. Some of the women also said they had been forced to attend the camps, according to local media.

Sona Sharma, joint director at advocacy group the Population Foundation of India, said the quality of care provided to women undergoing sterilisation is "abysmal".

"It is about time we woke up to this problem. The quality of care to women can't be compromised at any cost," she told AFP.

"The government has laid out standard protocols, but they exist only on paper," she said, urging the government to adopt a "more choice-based voluntary system" of family planning.

Last year, authorities in eastern India came under fire after a news channel unearthed footage showing scores of women dumped unconscious in a field following a mass sterilisation.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has ordered an investigation into the latest deaths, and Chief Minister Singh on Tuesday suspended four top health officials.

A police complaint has also been lodged against the surgeon who performed the operations.

Reports said the doctor had been given a government award earlier this year for performing tens of thousands of such sterilisations.

<https://za.news.yahoo.com/protests-hit-central-india-sterilisation-death-toll-rises-112008763.html>

Bastar bandh: Maoists damage public property 9 November 2014

Maoists damaged roads and railway tracks in Bastar of Chhattisgarh disrupting movement of people and goods during a bandh called by them in the region on Saturday in protest against the Modi government's "Brahminic and fascist" policies. "The Maoists damaged railway tracks in four places in Dantewada and Jagdalpur," IGP, Bastar, S.R.P. Kalluri said.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/bastar-bandh-maoists-damage-public-property/article6579340.ece>

12 Christians injured in Bastar assault 27 October 2014

The Chhattisgarh Christian Forum (CCF) has alleged that 12 persons belonging to the community were seriously wounded in an assault by members of the Bajrang Dal in Bastar district's Madota

village on Saturday. District officials have registered an FIR.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/12-christians-injured-in-bastar-assault/article6536278.ece>

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6.Goa Issues: Land grabs



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

Goa anti-airport group to move locals, seeks local support 14 October 2014

The movement opposing a second airport for Goa has said it will go back to villagers around the new location to build up support against the project.

Father Ermito Rebello, who is spearheading the protest, on Tuesday called the airport project a big land scam.

The state government was acquiring over 84 lakh sq. metres of land at Mopa in the north. However, the tiny state does not need a second airport in addition to the one at Dabolim. Goa must instead expand the existing international airport, the priest told a news conference. Father Ermito is leading the movement, Goa for Dabolim Only.

Referring to the State Government's recent decision to invite requests for qualification (RFQ) from contractors, the priest said, "While the Goa government continues to fool people by saying that the Mopa airport is necessary and feasible, its latest Cabinet decision to gift 381 acres of land under acquisition to the future airport developer for commercial use proves us right - that the proposed airport is nothing but a massive land scam."

About reports of feasibility studies that said the Dabolim airport, too, would continue to handle passenger traffic, Fr. Ermito said for both the airports to be financially viable, the total annual traffic must reach 24 million. The present air traffic in Goa is just four million passengers a year and is projected to grow to around nine million by 2035.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/goa-antiairport-group-to-move-locals-seeks-local-support/article6500724.ece>

Right wing groups protest ban on Sri Ram Sene 15 September 2014

The right wing Hindu outfits under the banner of National Hindu Movement (NHM) on Sunday morning held protests in Ponda in central Goa asking the State government to immediately lift the unconstitutional ban imposed on Sri Ram Sene chief Pramod Muthalik and his associates in Goa.

They also asked that the Union and State governments to enact stringent laws to stop 'Love Jihad' throughout the country. Hindu Janajagruti Samiti Goa State Coordinator Manoj Solanki said in cases of Love Jihad, if a victimised woman from a non-Muslim community gets married, she should be granted divorce immediately if she wishes so.

About 100 persons representing groups like Shiv Sena, Mayem Gram Raksha Dal, Sanatan Sanstha, Rana Ragini took part.

A spokesperson of the NHM told presspersons that a memorandum demanding an end to 'Love Jihad' was forwarded to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-karnataka/right-wing-groups-protest-ban-on-sri-ram-sene/article6411140.ece>

Baina Coast dwellers take out protest march, petition Manohar Parrikar workers, fisherman families served eviction notices 6 September 2014

Schoolchildren, among others, from the Baina hutments staging a protest outside the Chief Minister's residence in Goa on Friday.

Hutment dwellers on the Baina Coast of Vasco in South Goa on Friday petitioned Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar opposing the demolition of their huts and eviction by the State administration unless they are all rehabilitated with alternative accommodation as provided under the National Disaster Management Act and other relevant legal provisions.

Nearly 200 migrant workers, fishermen, their children in school uniform and other slum-dwellers from Baina took out a protest march to the Chief Minister's residence at Altinho here demanding that their hutments be saved from demolition.

They said that they were occupying the hutments for the last more than 40 years as per proof submitted by them individually to the office of the Mamlatdar of Mormugao and Deputy Collector of Mormugao who are dealing with the demolition process.

"All the affected people, including victims of the demolition in July, those served notices now and others likely to get notices in the third, fourth and fifth rounds, marched to the Chief Minister's office to present a memorandum demanding rehabilitation," said Jatin Naik of CITU.

CITU leaders, led by Thalman Pareira, supported the agitation.

The authorities in Vasco have served the hutment dwellers final show-cause notices and notices to vacate the hutments on the grounds that the sea level at Baina may rise dangerously posing a threat to people's lives and property.

Opposing the demolition, the petition to the Chief Minister reiterated the charge that a three-kilometre long sea-beach belt at Baina has become the bone of contention between local residents and the government.

In July, 66 illegal huts, mostly of migrants, on the Baina coast, were demolished by the Disaster Management Group, inviting outrage from migrants and non-governmental organisations.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-karnataka/baina-coast-dwellers-take-out-protest-march-petition-manohar-parikar/article6385126.ece>

No work no pay' will apply to proposed strike by Goa Govt. employees, warns Govt. 15 August 2014

Taking a serious view of the strike called by the Goa Government Employees Association (GGEA) for pen-down-tool-down strike on Monday, the Goa government on Friday warned that all the employees who participate in this illegal strike or found not discharging their assigned duties during the strike period, shall be treated as absent.

The principle of "no work no pay" will be invoked in all such cases of unauthorized absence and the action will be taken as per Rules, warned a spokesperson of Goa government in Panaji on Friday.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/no-work-no-pay-will-apply-to-proposed-strike-by-go-govt-employees-warns-govt/article6321607.ece>

Villagers protest against approval of hotel project They want the permission revoked 7 August 2014

An upcoming 85- room hotel project at Vetnem, Curtorim in south Goa has kicked up a storm as the villagers have condemned the Town and Country Planning (TCP) Department and Curtorim village panchayat members for approving the project without taking them into confidence.

The villagers have demanded that the government and elected representatives revoke the permissions granted to the hotel project without any delay. Villagers in different parts of Goa have been opposing mega projects at Gram Sabhas, fearing unprecedented pressure on their weak infrastructure including utilities.

"We are shocked to see how power is misused and the trust of the people is betrayed," said activist Abhijit Prahbudesai on Tuesday. He further pointed out that all the villagers had participated in the preparation of the Regional Plan (RP) and had unanimously agreed that settlement lands are scarce in Curtorim and must be reserved strictly for the housing needs of the future generations.

He alleged that the TCP, panchayat and Public Works Department made false representations to get the project passed.

None of the affected villagers are aware that their houses are going to make way for the road to the hotel, he said.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-karnataka/villagers-protest-against-approval-of-hotel-project/article6289680.ece>

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7.Gujarat Issues: Narmada Dam



Narmada dam-affected held after suicide bid 7 October 2014

Police on Monday thwarted suicide attempts by 12 persons who were affected by the Narmada Dam project and arrested them after they tried to jump into the Narmada canal near the district's Naswadi village.

Demanding jobs and restoration to compensate for the ancestral lands they were forced to give up for the Narmada Dam project, the 12 persons, including a woman, went to the canal and threatened suicide if their demands were not met, a police official said.

“They belong to project-affected families who wanted jobs as well as land, as compensation for what they surrendered for the Narmada Dam project in Kevadia to the Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited,” Naswadi Circle Police Inspector B.M. Vasava said.

After gathering at the canal, all of them jumped into it to protest against the compensation given by SSNL.

However, local policemen pulled them out of the canal and arrested them. “All of them were rescued and sent to the hospital for treatment,” Mr. Vasava said.

Rehab process started

The 12, along with others, were shifted to Baroli-based settlements in south Gujarat as part of the State government's rehabilitation programme for project-affected people.

One of them said: "Benefits should be given to all members of project-affected families, as five acres of land given to one family member is not enough to sustain the entire family."

3 years to completion

Work up to the height of 121.92 metres on the Narmada Dam was completed six years ago. Installation of radial gates on the dam is currently underway, likely to be completed in about three years, taking its height to 138 metres. — PTI

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/narmada-damaffected-held-after-suicide-bid/article6476816.ece>

Medha vows to intensify struggle 26 June 2014

Criticising the [Narmada Control Authority's decision to further raise the height of the Sardar Sarovar dam](#) in Gujarat when thousands of affected people are yet to be rehabilitated, Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) leader Medha Patkar on Wednesday warned the government of an intensified struggle "inside the valley and in law courts".

"[Narendra] Modiji, you are not the Chief Minister of Gujarat but the Prime Minister of the country and responsible for all citizens," Ms. Patkar thundered at a protest rally at Jantar Mantar here. "We want the dam to be halted at the present height to prevent further displacement. Even now 2.5 lakh displaced people need to be resettled and rehabilitated as per the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal award and various orders of the Supreme Court."

Failing to get an appointment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, she raised the issue in personal meetings with Union Minister for Water Resources Uma Bharti and the Minister for Social Justice and Welfare Thawar Chand Gehlot.

Bharti blames UPA

Ms. Bharti claimed that the environment and rehabilitation sub-groups clearances at the present level of the dam were given during the previous United Progressive Alliance rule but were held back "for political reasons". Nevertheless, she asked the Water Resources Ministry officials to examine the assertions made by the NBA.

On the other hand, Ms. Patkar charged that the decision to allow raising the dam height without taking all the Central Ministers concerned on board "was a political one" pushed by the Prime Minister's Office. "Bureaucracy has misled the people's representatives," she alleged.

Keywords: [Narmada Control Authority](#), [Sardar Sarovar dam](#), [dam height rise](#), [Medha Patkar](#)

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/medha-vows-to-intensify-struggle/article6148939.ece>

NGOs stance on development projects to hit growth: IB 12 June 2014

The opposition to several development projects in the country by a significant number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs), including Greenpeace, will have a negative impact on the economic growth by two to three per cent, warns an Intelligence Bureau report.

The IB report 'Impact of NGOs on Development,' claims the NGOs and their international donors are also planning to target many fresh economic development projects including those in Gujarat.

The report, which has been sent to the Prime Minister's Office, the Home Minister, the National Security Adviser, the Finance Minister and others, alleged that the NGOs work for stalling development projects along with agitations against nuclear power plants, uranium mines, coal-fired power plants and hydel projects.

In a section related to protests against coal mines and coal-fired power projects, the report alleged Greenpeace expanded its activities to oppose coal-fired power plants and coal mining and received Rs. 45 crore from abroad in the last seven years.

"It is using foreign funds to create protest movements under 'Coal Network' umbrella at prominent coal block and coal-fired power plant locations in India," the report said.

Reacting to the charge Greenpeace said "we believe that this (IB) report is designed to muzzle and silence civil society who raise their voices against injustices to people and the environment by asking uncomfortable questions about the current model of growth."

Instead of destroying India's forests to access coal underneath, India should embrace renewable energy and energy efficiency to meet rapidly-increasing energy needs, it said in a statement.

The IB report alleged that since 2013, Greenpeace has initiated protests in five project-affected villages of Mahaan (in Madhya Pradesh) coal block allocated to Essar and Hindalco under the banner of Mahaan Sangarsh Samiti. — PTI

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/ngos-stance-on-development-projects-to-hit-growth-ib/article6106134.ece>

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8.Haryana: Issues Students, Religious groups (Sikhs), Toll roads, Caste Based violence. Note close proximity to the Capital Deli. Protests often taken to capital



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

Followers claim they were forcibly detained 20 November 2014

A number of people who came out of the Satlok Ashram in Barwala, Hisar, on Tuesday and Wednesday said they were locked up and detained by the “sewadars” or volunteers working for Sant Rampal.

Haryana DGP S.N. Vashisht said the police operation was suspended on Tuesday evening to enable women and children to come out. He was glad that the strategy worked, as they were keen on avoiding casualties. “The interviews these people gave to the media in Hisar show that they were being held in the ashram by Rampal’s men against their wishes.”

The DGP said the culprits, who precipitated the crisis, would have to face the full force of the law. Persons involved in the violence at the ashram have been booked for sedition, criminal conspiracy, illegal detention and rioting among other charges.

Mr. Vashisht asserted that there was no firing by the police. On the deaths at the ashram, the DGP said a woman inmate, Rajni of Lalitpur, was sent to a medical college at Agroha with a heart valve problem at about 4 a.m. and later died there. Similarly, a one-and-a-half-year-old child, Dhairyra, of Rewa district, with congenital jaundice, also died at the ashram. The two deaths appeared to be natural.

The DGP said the ashram inmates had not only used .315 bore guns and firearms, but also hurled acid bulbs and petrol bombs at the police. Besides, the nearly 200 gas cylinders found in the ashram posed a threat as firebombs were thrown at them to cause an explosion.

Breaking his silence on the stand-off, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said the State government was committed to upholding the law and ensuring strict compliance with the directions of the High Court. "All are equal before the law and the government is working dispassionately....," he said in a statement.

A PTI report said Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh had urged Mr. Khattar to bring about an early end to the standoff, amidst indications of unhappiness at the Centre about the way the issue was handled by the State government.

In another development, the Haryana government said people in Barwala town and nearby villages tried to move towards the ashram in protest against Rampal and his activities. But the heavy deployment of force prevented a face-off. It said the Union Home Ministry has also provided two additional companies of CRPF to tackle the situation.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/followers-claim-they-were-forcibly-detained/article6616560.ece>

College teachers booked for abetment to suicide 1 October 2014

A day after a woman student attempted self-immolation at Gurgaon over "poor" marks, the police have registered a case against the teaching staff for abetment to suicide and criminal conspiracy among other charges. Meanwhile, her condition is stated to be stable.

Based on the statement of Pinky Chauhan, who had set herself afire during a protest against the college management, the West Gurgaon Police on Tuesday registered an FIR under Sections 511, 306, 342 and 120B of the Indian Penal Code. "No one has been named in the FIR and the matter is under investigation," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) Sangeeta Rani, adding that legal action would also be taken against the Pinky for attempting suicide.

The condition of Pinky, who sustained 60-70 per cent burns, is said to be stable.

Meanwhile, Haryana state secretariat of CPI-(M) has expressed anguish over the tragic incident of "self-immolation bid by a college girl student at Gurgaon while lodging protest against award of poor marks in examination by default of a private company to whom the contract of result preparation was given by Maharishi Dayanand University (MDU) authorities".

CPI-(M) state secretary Inderjit Singh said in a press release that the blind drive for privatisation of education has started claiming lives of youth of Haryana.

He blamed the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and Controller of Examination for spoiling the career of thousands of students by not listening to the pleas of students and non-teaching employees towards withdrawing the result preparation from private hands. "Therefore, higher authorities of MDU, Rohtak, and the college concerned should be booked under appropriate law for criminal negligence," said Mr. Singh.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/college-teachers-booked-for-abetment-to-suicide/article6464371.ece>

Protest held in Civil Lines 6 October 2014

The Aam Aadmi Party on Sunday organised a protest in Civil Lines here against Gurgaon's "tainted" candidates.

AAP activists exhorted the electorate to not vote for outgoing Haryana Youth and Sports Minister Sukhbir Kataria and the BJP's Umesh Aggarwal.

The AAP has announced it will not be contesting the October 15 Haryana Assembly polls. — IANS

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-newdelhi/protest-held-in-civil-lines/article6474500.ece>

Haryana Roadways employees call off strike 9 September 2014

The Haryana Roadways employees on Monday called off their two-day-old strike after the State government agreed to suspend granting over 3500 route permits to private bus operators, much to the relief of thousands of commuters who had to face inconvenience due to the protest.

The Haryana Roadways employees' coordination committee leaders met State Transport Minister Aftab Ahmed in New Delhi on Monday for another round of talks after the dialogue held in Karnal between the two sides to end the deadlock failed.

"The government has always adopted employee-friendly approach and we have accepted most of the demands of the Roadways employees..," Mr. Ahmed told reporters in Delhi.

He said the bus services were now running normally across the state after the strike was called off by the employees. PTI

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/haryana-roadways-employees-call-off-strike/article6392803.ece>

Maruti workers yet to see the light of day 5 September 2014

What's up?

What started off as a brawl between two employees at Maruti's plant in Haryana, snowballed into a violent encounter between workers and officials, culminating in the death of the Human Resource chief. Subsequently, 148 workers were arrested on combined charges of murder, attempt to murder and criminal conspiracy. Two years have passed since then, but all of them remain in jail without even being let out on bail.

What happened on that fateful day?

On July 8, 2012, a skirmish broke out between a supervisor and a worker Jiya Lal at the Manesar plant of Maruti Suzuki, the automobile manufacturer, after the former allegedly

made casteist remarks on the latter. Jiya Lal was suspended for misconduct and workers staged a sit-in. When the management refused to revoke the suspension, the workers beat the managers up with iron rods used in car doors. One of them, Ashwin Kumar Dev, plant's human-resources manager, was burnt to death in an apparent fire from an electrical short circuit that occurred during the violence.

Following this, 148 were arrested and services of nearly 2,500 workers, including 546 permanent employees, were terminated. Maruti declared a lockout (stopping employees from coming in) for over a month. This led to a major loss to the company amounting to crores of rupees. The legal case has also been going on in a slow pace.

What is the controversy surrounding the case?

Workers allege that some of them were framed to shut the union they formed despite opposition from the Maruti management.

Four contractors who have testified to witnessing workers indulge in rioting have named them in such a manner that they fall in an alphabetical order. That is witness No 1 lists workers whose names fall in alphabetical range of A-G, witness no 2 lists workers whose names fall in the range of P-S and so on.

The management had originally named 52 persons in the First Information Report. These people were mainly from the union's body. The police picked up another 100 workers over the next three weeks.

What have the families done to fight their case?

The families of jailed workers had appealed to the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Haryana industries minister Randeep Surjewala and others. They had also been protesting in New Delhi's Jantar Mantar to highlight their plight. Sacked workers continued their fight for justice with state-wide rallies in 2013 and 2014. They have been seeking probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and have been appealing to expedite the case

How had the equation of workers and management been ?

The plant has seen many a protests, strikes and lockouts. Prior to the July 2012 incident, there had been six months of strike by the workers demanding a new independent union in 2011, which the management refused. This had caused a loss of over Rs 2500 crores to Maruti. A few months later, there was another face-off when the management insisted that workers sign a good-conduct bond.

What have been the reactions of the industry?

The industry's concerns are mostly about the loss to the auto major and about the image of the nation as this incident could decline investment.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-in-school/maruti-workers-yet-to-see-the-light-of-day/article6380741.ece>

Haryana to raise high toll rates issue with Centre Growing resentment among residents against them 29 May 2014

With growing resentment among residents against “high” road toll rates imposed by the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) in Haryana, the State Government on Wednesday decided to discuss the issue with the Centre.

The Haryana Cabinet, which met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda here, decided to take up with the Centre the issue of high toll charges imposed by NHAI, particularly in the areas where the rates are determined under the 2008 policy, a spokesman said.

The Cabinet noted that the toll charges under 2008 policy are so high that currently an average user has to pay Rs 2.28 per km as compared to Rs 1.17 per km according to the revised 2010 policy, the spokesman said.

The Cabinet also noted that while the commuters are heavily burdened, the NHAI will collect a premium of about Rs 2,200 crore for the concession period from the companies operating the toll roads, including Gurgaon-Manesar, Rohtak-Panipat and Panipat-Ambala.

The Haryana Cabinet also authorised the Principal Secretary of PWD to finalise the modalities for providing relief to the users of different categories of vehicle including cars, jeeps, maxi cabs and light commercial vehicles, by entering into a dialogue with the concessionaires.

It was decided that a proposal would be brought before the Cabinet within a fortnight, the spokesman said.

There have been several protests in the state over the road toll rates.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, while addressing a press conference after the Cabinet meeting, urged the Centre to compensate the state for “high” toll rates imposed by the NHAI.

“The Haryana Cabinet has taken note that the present toll rates are very high. We will write a letter to the Centre that Haryana should be compensated and appropriate toll charged,” Mr Hooda said. He said the state government will also bear part of the burden.

“On our part, we will try to give maximum concession to the consumers (on existing toll rates)...the toll rates are very high,” he said. --PTI

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- *High toll in the areas where the rates are determined under the 2008 policy*
 - *User has to pay Rs 2.28 per km as compared to Rs 1.17 per km of the revised 2010 policy*

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-newdelhi/haryana-to-raise-high-toll-rates-issue-with-centre/article6059697.ece>

Reliving a nightmare: Four Dalit girls were drugged and gang raped by Jat men in Haryana's Hisar district in March this year. The writer describes a community's fight for justice. 17 May 2014



There's not much 13-year-old Manju remembers about the night of March 23. She knows she and three other girls were abducted from their village of Bhagana in Haryana's Hisar district. She knows they were drugged and raped. She knows what her body remembers, the weight of one man after another on top of her. And the pain she woke up to the next morning.

"Unka wazan yaad hai," says Manju. *"Thoda thoda hosh toh tha tab tak.* (I remember their weight. I was conscious for a while.)"

Manju, Reema (17), Asha (17), Rajni (18), are Dalit girls of the Dhanuk sub-caste. On the evening of March 23, they had gone to a field near their homes to urinate. They were set upon by five men from the dominant Jat caste, drugged, gang raped in the fields and carried off in a car. They were found outside Bhatinda's railway station across the border in Punjab the next morning. Though an FIR was filed under the Prevention of Atrocities (SC/ST) Act, the five men — Lalit, Sumit, Sandeep, Parimal, Dharamvir — were arrested on April 29, and the case is being fought in the Hisar District court by lawyer Ramniwas Sharma. Things are murkier than they appear to be, as is often the case in caste-ridden Haryana.

Hence, 90 Dalit families from Bhagana, including the girls', have been protesting at Delhi's Jantar Mantar since April 16, with 120 others protesting at Hisar's Mini Secretariat. They refuse to go home. There is nothing left for them there, only fear and the looming spectre of revenge.

One of their demands is that village sarpanch Rakesh Kumar Pangal and his uncle Virender — related to the perpetrators through intricate ties of *gotra*— be named in the FIR. Rakesh, the families say, knew all along where the girls were and tried to cover up their rape.

Fanning herself in the stifling heat in a tent at Jantar Mantar, one of the first things Manju talks about is the car. *"Pata nahi woh safed gaadi kahan se ayi* (I don't know where that white car came from)." Reema recalls how the men overpowered them easily and stuffed handkerchiefs soaked in some drug in their mouths. The powerful sedative acted quickly and the girls started to lose consciousness. But they remember being raped in the field before they blacked out. Days later, when the police examined the field, the families say that they found broken crops, an earring torn from someone's ear and a lone slipper, all signs of a struggle.

The rest of the night is lost to all four. Huddled together, little Manju the most forthcoming, and Asha the quietest, they support each other's narration with interjections. Rajni's mother and elder sister help fill in the gaps. When the girls did not return and the families failed to find them, they approached Rakesh for help. He sent them home with reassurances. Within five minutes, he called them back, saying that all four girls were with his relative in Bhatinda. They were to be fetched the next day.

"We woke up around 9.30 or 10 next morning in the bushes outside the railway station in Bhatinda," says Rajni. Lost, befuddled and in pain, they tried asking for help. "But the Punjabis couldn't understand us and we couldn't understand them," Manisha says, her thick Haryanvi accent testimony to the language barrier. They knew what had happened to them. "*Humare shareer se pata lag raha tha* (We knew from signs on our body)," explains Reema.

At 2.30 p.m., their families, brought to Bhatinda by Rakesh and Virender, found them. The two put the four girls in the car and asked the relatives to go back by train due to lack of space. En-route, the girls allege that Rakesh abused them, beat them and tried to threaten them to stay silent. "He told us *agar kisi koh bataya toh jaan se mar doonga* (If you tell anyone I will kill you)," says Manju. When they reached Bhagana around nightfall, Rakesh tried to drive them to his place. "He wanted to marry us off to these men," Reema explains "so that he could say we all ran away from home to get married." That is when the Dalit boys surrounded the car and somehow extricated the girls.

The next few days were a nightmare. The sarpanch had made enough calls to the police by morning to hinder the FIR process. Jagdish Kalja, a Dalit social worker from the village, says that only when 200 people surrounded the *thana*, the FIR got filed. The medical exam at Hisar's general hospital, on March 25, was inexplicably long, making the girls wait from morning till 1.30 at night. Asked about the two-finger test, girls said that they were subjected to it. Only when the medical report confirmed rape did the police at Sadar Hisar Police Station file a proper complaint. But Rakesh and Virender's names were absent, despite the girls naming them in their testimonies.

There is little comfort in the fact that the perpetrators confessed. "How can we go back to the village?" ask the girls, their sisters, mothers and aunts. Dalits, mostly farm labourers and servants, are hopelessly outnumbered by the powerful land-owning Jats. They fear not only the loss of honour but the very credible threat of revenge. "The sarpanch's mother has said that any returning Dalit will be killed," says Rajni's elder sister. It is common wisdom in Haryana that if harm befalls one Jat, the whole community rises up in arms. "The system belongs to Jats; they've given money to the police. They can confess without fear of anything happening to them," adds Kalja. They confide about how Rakesh himself had raped the daughter of a water works employee a few months ago and hushed up the whole affair.

Bhagana is a microcosm of Haryana's caste violence. As Kalja explains, the Jats, during Rakesh's tenure, have socially boycotted the Dalits since 2011, grabbed 208 acres of their common land and not let any social welfare schemes be implemented. In 2011, 138 Dalit families left Bhagana, and have since been living at Hisar's Mini Secretariat. About 150 *Dhanuk* families stayed back. The protest made no dent in the living conditions. Dalit girls are still teased, molested and chased by Jat boys on their way to school, Dalit boys are beaten up for standing up for them, Dalit labourers are physically exploited and abused. Asha, Reema and Rajni all left school after Std. VIII, unable to face daily harassment. Manju was only in Std. V. She had her exam the day she woke up in Bhatinda.

Just like the 2010 exodus of Dalits in Mirchpur, there is no going back. Kalja reckons that there are only 40 Dalit families left in Bhagana. Lawyers from the Human Rights Law Network have appealed in the Chandigarh High Court for their rehabilitation, education and for livelihood in cities, for the protection of the four girls and the constitution of an impartial SIT. “Jats are dominant in Haryana so this case might not be investigated properly,” says Varnika Singh, an HRLN lawyer.

On May 11, the Dalits protested outside the Delhi residence of Bhupender Singh Hooda, Haryana’s Jat CM.

Since setting up camp at Jantar Mantar, the families have met a host of politicians hoping for justice; they’ve met Ashok Kanwar, Congress MP from Sirsa and senior Congress leaders Motilal Vora and Oscar Fernandes. They’ve tried to and failed to meet Sonia Gandhi. They’re fighting to not fade away like countless other Dalits who have been relegated to yesterday’s newspaper columns.

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9.Himachal Pradesh Issues: students, farmers, Tibetans, Wildlife (Monkeys)



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himachal Pradesh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himachal_Pradesh)

Protest against monkey menace in Himachal 8 November 2014

Following the tragic death of a woman after she fell from her balcony when chased by a monkey earlier this week, various organisations including political parties like the CPI (M) and Himachal Lokhit Party have demanded serious action against the ever-increasing simian population in the hill State. Different organisations like Shimla Nagrik Sabha, DYFI, Kisan Sabha, various MC councillors including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor staged an aggressive protest on Friday outside the DM's office and demanded immediate culling and export of monkeys from the State.

A number of other organisations and even senior leaders like Mr. Shanta Kumar of the BJP have also demanded the lifting of ban on simian export from the country. They are used for conducting a range of bio medical research in foreign countries. The State Forest Minister Thakar Singh Bharmauri is now also talking of bringing a resolution in the coming Assembly session seeking permission for lifting a ban on the export of monkeys. The State government claims to have sterilised more than 85,000 monkeys in the State so far.

On the other hand the residents say that the simian population has increased manifold in past few years and attacks by monkeys have become more aggressive after sterilisation. The matter comes for discussion every time in the Vidhan Sabha but the incumbent government has hardly taken any measure to check the ever increasing population of simians in the State. Meanwhile, no official from the State Forest department has so far visited the family of the woman, Mamta Sachdev (36) who was killed in the freak incident.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/protest-against-monkey-menace-in-himachal/article6576700.ece>

Students stage protest against fee hike in Himachal 11 October 2014

Hundreds of students belonging to the Students Federation of India (SFI) and the Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) were arrested on Friday when they staged protest against the multifold hike in the examination fee and other student facilities.

The students, who boycotted the classes, alleged that an unreasonable hike ranging from 100 to 2000 per cent in entrance test fees, examination fee, re-appear charges, M.Phil, Ph.D registration charges, were made this year by the university authorities.

The administration had imposed Section 144 in the university campus from September 18. The joint front of SFI and ABVP, "Chhatra Ekta Munch" has condemned the arrest of students and threatened to intensify its struggle if the decision of fee hike was not withdrawn.

The State Kisan Sabha has called the arrest of students as totally undemocratic.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/students-stage-protest-against-fee-hike-in-himachal/article6491261.ece>

Xi visit: IB alerts Gujarat police on Tibetan protests Diplomatic and State visits from China are usually marked by protests: police 15 September 2014

Gujarat Chief Minister Anandiben Patel on Sunday inspects the locations that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping will visit on Wednesday.— Photo: Special Arrangement

The Intelligence Bureau has alerted the Gujarat police to the possibility of protests by Tibetans during the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping here on September 17.

“We are wary of any possible demonstrations by the Tibetan people in Gujarat or those coming into the State. There is a small Tibetan community in Vadodara. A group in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh, has been active in such protests. The IB has given the names of a few people from a group of Tibetan refugees. Diplomatic and State visits from China are usually marked by protests,” Arun Kumar Sharma, Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime), told *The Hindu* .

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/xi-visit-ib-alerts-gujarat-police-on-tibetan-protests/article6410845.ece>

Apple growers in Shimla protest condition of roads 28 June 2014

: Hundreds of apple growers and farmers in the priority fruit belt of Himachal, the Kotkhai-Jubbal-Nawar belt, staged a protest on Friday against the plight of roads in the area. The farmers complained of total government apathy when less than a month is left for the advent of the peak apple season and its marketing, the mainstay of Himachal economy. Leading the protestors the State vice president of the BJP and former Horticulture Minister Narendra Bragta said the Theog-Hartkoti road, the lifeline for farmers to transport their produce has gone from bad to worst and the Congress representatives are least concerned about the troubles of apple growers who are now sick of making complaints to the government.

He said the Virbhadra Singh-led Congress government has stalled all pro-farmer projects initiated during the previous regime. It has stopped the ongoing work on Parala Subzi Mandi project that was conceived during the last regime and is now planning to start a fruit market at a new place with no facilities. The BJP leader claimed that his government had made a number of small and big marketing yards for the help of apple growers and more than 50 per cent of the crop was marketed amidst the apple belt only a few farmers had to depend on the traditional markets of Shimla, Parwanoo, Chandigarh and Delhi. The entire road network in the State gets choked during the peak apple season and the administrations are trying to stall or divert the huge traffics of the apple belt from coming to the State capital which is already overcrowded with a heavy tourist rush during these months.

Farmers from the Kisan Morcha, Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association and local farmer unions also participated in the protest demonstration on Friday.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-newdelhi/apple-growers-in-shimla-protest-condition-of-roads/article6157025.ece>

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Ex-HC judge to look into fee hike issue in Himachal 23 September 2014

As the student movement in Himachal Pradesh University against fee hike and banning of student union elections gained momentum after the brutal police action, the State government has started giving indications of reaching at some amicable solution. The education bandh call given by the joint front of the SFI and the ABVP till September 25 affected teaching on the very first day in the State on Monday.

Law and order

Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh had to call a meeting of the Principal Secretary (Education), vice-chancellor and other officials and they were directed to maintain law and order and normalise the academic atmosphere in all educational institutions across the State. A delegation of the NSUI also met the Chief Minister and requested him to roll back the decision of sudden fee hike in the university and affiliated colleges. Mr. Singh told the delegation that he would form a three- member committee under the chairmanship of a retired High Court Judge to look into the fee hike and other issues of the university students.

Meanwhile, the SFI and the ABVP claimed of a total boycott of classes by students on the campus and all affiliated government colleges of the State. Many Students were arrested, said Ashish Sikta and Munish Sharma of the Chhatra Ekta Munch, spearheading the agitation.

Basic right

Shimla MLA and former HPU executive council member Suresh Bhardwaj said the incumbent government is snatching the basic right of higher education from the students by raising the fees from 100 per cent to 2000 per cent in one go. On the one hand the Chief Minister is providing luxury cars to his Ministers and Cabinet status to every third person, on the other he is finding the affordable education for the poor a wasteful expenditure, he said.

The State CPI-M and the Kisan Sabha have also condemned the move to ban student elections in the university.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/exhc-judge-to-look-into-fee-hike-issue-in-himachal/article6438004.ece>

SFI observes bandh in Himachal 31 August 2014

The State Committee of the Students Federation of India observed a complete education bandh on Saturday to protest against the undemocratic decision of the Himachal Pradesh University Executive Council and the Vice-Chancellor to ban the annual student elections in the university and its affiliated colleges.

SFI State secretary Munish Sharma said that thousands of students participated in the strike. The students have now planned to protest outside the State Secretariat on September 2 and at all district headquarters from September 9 to 12.

V-C blamed

Student organisations, including SFI, ABVP and NSUI, are blaming Vice-Chancellor A.D.N. Vajpayee for playing into the hands of State government and influencing the EC's decision.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/sfi-observes-bandh-in-himachal/article6366050.ece>

Dharna (fast occupation)

Parties condemn use of force on students protesting fee hike 20 September 2014

The Himachal Pradesh University authorities on Friday expelled nine students, all belonging to the Students Federation of India, on the charges of indiscipline and vitiating the campus academic atmosphere. The students of the university and the affiliated colleges here are protesting against the sudden fee hike and the banning of student elections.

The police after imposing section 144 of CrPC has rounded up more than hundred students and had done cane-charge on them at more than five places on Friday. The students, mainly SFI activists were roughed up in the university buses and even the campus library, said the SFI. The police has arrested and even lifted eight girl students who were sitting on a dharna in the campus in a midnight operation, alleged the SFI leaders.

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-otherstates/parties-condemn-use-of-force-on-students-protesting-fee-hike/article6428223.ece>

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