

JAPANESE TOURIST, WHO WAS HARASSED DURING HOLI CELEBRATIONS, LEAVES INDIA

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New Delhi: Three people have been detained in connection with the harassment and manhandling of a woman from Japan in Delhi on Holi, the police said today.

Police said the young tourist was staying in Paharganj in central Delhi and that the three accused, one of whom is a juvenile, are also from the same area.

The girl has not filed a complaint so far and she left for Bangladesh yesterday, they added.

"The girl has tweeted that she has reached Bangladesh and is mentally and physically fit," police said in a statement. A video of the incident, which has gone viral on social media, sparked outrage and calls for tough action.

In the video, the men are seen grabbing her and smearing colours on her amid chants of "Holi Hai."

A boy is also seen smashing an egg on her head. She slaps a man who tries to hold her before she finally manages to step away, the video shows.

By the end of her ordeal, the woman was drenched and almost unrecognizable. The accused were identified through local intelligence and investigation is on, officials said, adding they are in contact with the Japan embassy.



PARLIAMENTARY TEAM ON POST-POLL VIOLENCE PROBE ATTACKED IN TRIPURA

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Guwahati: A parliamentary team that came to BJP-ruled Tripura on Friday to investigate post-poll political violence and talk to the affected people was attacked. The team is on a two-day visit. CPI(M) Tripura state secretary and former minister Jitendra Chaudhury said the parliamentary team has been compelled to suspend its residual outdoor programmes scheduled today in the face of a "gruesome attack" unleashed upon them at Nehalchandra Nagar Bazar in Bisalgarh yesterday evening.

Congress and CPI(M) sources said when members of the parliamentary team went to violence-hit Bishalgarh in Sepahijala district, some people backed by the ruling BJP attacked them and damaged three vehicles.

"The MPs and the accompanying Congress and CPI(M) leaders quickly left the place and escaped the major attack," the CPI(M) said in a statement.

BJP workers also obstructed the visiting parliamentary team at Mohanpur in western Tripura.

A police statement said the MPs accompanied by local MLAs and leaders while making an unscheduled visit to Nehal Chandra Nagar in Bishalgarh faced sloganeering.



DELHI POLICE VISITS PARTY VENUE THAT SATISH KAUSHIK LAST ATTENDED AND RECOVER FOR POSTMORTEM REPORT

Sathish Kaushik passed away on March 9. Delhi Police is waiting for the detailed postmortem report of the late veteran actor.

Sathish Kaushik's death has shocked the nation. The veteran actor and director left the world on March 9, 2023, after he suffered a heart attack while he was travelling in a car in Delhi. Satish was attending a party on Holi hosted by one of his friends. We have now learnt that the Delhi Police arrived at the farmhouse in Southwest Delhi where the party was organised. They recovered some 'medicines'. The Delhi Police is also waiting for the detailed postmortem report to know the exact cause of Satish Kaushik's death. We have now learnt that the Delhi Police is waiting for Satish Kaushik's postmortem report. They will carry on their investigation based on that. Sources suggest that the doctors haven't said anything clearly yet. They have kept the late actor's heart and blood to run some tests. The police will get to know the detailed postmortem report in about a week or 15 days.

LOOK WHO JOINED THE WOMEN'S QUOTA BILL PROTEST: SP, RJD

BOTH PARTIES HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN THE STRONGEST OPPONENTS IN THE 27-YEAR-LONG JOURNEY OF THE BILL; WHILE THEY JOINED THE PROTEST LED BY BRS ON FRIDAY, THEY SAID THEIR DEMAND OF CASTE, COMMUNITY QUOTAS WITHIN THE RESERVATION FOR WOMEN REMAINS

The hunger strike organised by Bharat Rashtra Samithi MLC K Kavitha drew attention for the Opposition leaders it attracted to the protest site, especially since it was held a day ahead of her questioning over the alleged Delhi excise policy scam. Of the parties, two especially stood out — the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD). Since the time the Women's Reservation Bill has been in the making, over a period of more than two decades, every time it has been introduced in Parliament, the SP and RJD have taken the lead in opposing it. Once led by the two redoubtable Yadav politicians Mulayam Singh Yadav and Lalu Prasad, the two Hindi-belt parties routinely scuttled any debate on the topic in the two Houses disrupting proceedings by creating commotion, snatching papers from presiding officers, etc. Now led by the young sons of the founders, Akhilesh Yadav and Tejashwi Yadav respectively, the SP and RJD appear to be moving with the times. The protest is also a platform on which they can find common cause with Opposition parties in their attempt at roasting the Narendra Modi government, on an issue the BJP had once promised to legislate, but has kept mum on since coming to power in 2014. With caveats, though.

On Friday, RJD national spokesperson Subodh Kumar Mehta told The Indian Express, "We are very much in support of the Bill, with the rider that there should be quota within the quota." He was referring to caste- and community-based quotas within the reservation block for women.

CBI SUMMONS BIHAR DEPUTY CM TEJASHWI YADAV FOR QUESTIONING IN LAND-FOR-JOB CASE

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Saturday summoned Bihar deputy CM and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav for questioning in the land-for-jobs case. This is the second time he has been issued a summons on the case, the first one being on February 4, according to ANI. Earlier, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) raided 24 locations including Yadav's Delhi residence, other locations in the national capital region, Patna, Ranchi and Mumbai in connection with a money laundering probe in an alleged 'land-for-jobs' case. CBI also had questioned former Bihar chief ministers Lalu Prasad Yadav in Delhi and Rabri Devi in Patna in the matter.

"It is an open secret that probe agencies are acting against political opponents of the BJP and helping those who agree to align with that party," Tejashwi Yadav told reporters earlier on his parents being questioned on the case.

A preliminary enquiry was launched by CBI in September last year amid allegations that various persons were appointed as substitutes in Group D posts in different zones of Indian Railways between 2004 and 2009, without following guidelines, in exchange of land by unknown public servants.

It is alleged that during Prasad's tenure as railway minister from 2004-09, 12 irregular candidate appointments were made in the central railroads, violating the norms and procedures of the Indian Railways for recruitment. No advertisement or public notice was issued for appointment but some residents of Patna were appointed as substitutes in different zonal railways located at Mumbai, Jabalpur, Kolkata, Jaipur and Hazipur.

PULWAMA WIDOWS ROW: BJP ANNOUNCES PROTEST AFTER MEENA GETS HURT BY POLICE

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The BJP on Friday announced a protest on Saturday after its Rajya Sabha MP Kirodi Lal Meena allegedly sustained injuries in a clash with police when he was on his way to meet a widow of the Pulwama terror attack martyr who has been demanding jobs for kin.

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Responding to the developments, former deputy CM Sachin Pilot, who was in Tonk on Friday, took a dig at Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot saying that one shouldn't let their ego get in the way. "If there are certain demands, then they can be fulfilled. A message shouldn't go in the country that we are not even ready to listen to the brave-hearts. Whether you agree or disagree (with their demands) comes later. But one shouldn't let their ego get in the way of hearing someone out...the matter could have been addressed in a better way." He said that the way police treated them can't be accepted and that a probe must be conducted and action must be taken.

"Why is the government so afraid of the three brave-hearts that the police picked them up overnight? Don't know where they have been taken. The women are only pleading to meet Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot ji. Why is the Chief Minister so nervous to hear them out?" Meena said in a tweet, referring to the three widows.



₹70 LAKH CASH, 1.5 KG GOLD JEWELLERY FOUND DURING RAIDS ON TEJASHWI YADAV, SISTERS

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) recovered ₹70 lakh cash, 1.5 kg gold jewellery, 540 grams of gold bullion and foreign currency, including 900 US dollars, from the premises of Lalu Prasad Yadav's daughters and son Tejashwi Yadav during its raids on Friday in connection with a money laundering probe in an alleged 'land-for-jobs' case. The ED had raided 24 locations in the national capital region (NCR), Patna, Ranchi and Mumbai, including the Bihar deputy chief minister's residence in Delhi. Raids were carried out on Friday at the homes of three of Lalu's daughters Ragini, Chanda and Hema Yadav, and former RJD MLA Abu Dojana, who is considered close to Lalu. The central agency also searched the residence of Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Jitendra Yadav in Ghaziabad. Jitendra Yadav is married to Ragini. People familiar with the ED probe also said the residence in New Friends Colony in Delhi raided on Friday, where Tejashwi was present, is registered in the name of AK Infosystems Pvt Ltd, an accused company in the case. One of the land transfers by bribe givers who got jobs in the railways was done to AK Infosystems, according to the allegations. "This means Tejashwi Yadav or Lalu Yadav's family is using a residence registered in the name of the accused company," said an officer who didn't want to be named.

The ED probe has revealed that four land parcels were sold to Meridian Construction, owned by former RJD MLA Abu Dojana, said the officer.

The ED raids came after questioning by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) of Lalu's wife Rabri Devi in Patna on Monday, and the former Union minister Lalu in Delhi on Tuesday in relation to the same case.

On Saturday, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) summoned Tejashwi to appear for questioning in connection with the alleged land-for-jobs scam. Yadav was earlier called for questioning on March 4 but he had not appeared before the CBI sleuths, following which a fresh date was given for Saturday.

MANISH SISODIA WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN IMPLEMENTATION OF EXCISE POLICY, ARREST IN MONEY LAUNDERING CASE JUSTIFIED: DELHI COURT



A Delhi Court on Friday said that Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and former Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia was instrumental at every state in the formulation and implementation of Delhi excise policy for the year 2021-22 and that his arrest by Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the money laundering case was justified. The judge observed that ED has powers to seek custody of Sisodia for his further examination and interrogation. The court also noted that Sisodia was not only the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi at the relevant time but also the Excise Minister and hence, was directly responsible for framing as well as implementation of the excise policy.

"Thus, as per allegations made in this remand application, the accused was instrumental at every stage of formulation as well as implementation of crime, but also its repayment or recoupment," the court said. Furthermore, it observed that there is nothing to suggest from the case file produced by the IO that Sisodia's arrest was effected in violation of section 19 of the PMLA or that the same was otherwise illegal.