

As many as 26 degree and PG students at MGM college, Udipi, were asked to enter the classroom without hijab

Students sent back home as they refuse to remove hijab

DESPITE the Karnataka High Court on Wednesday orally clarifying that whether it is a degree or a PU college, the prescribed uniform should be followed till further instruction is given in the form of final verdict, a batch of about 25 degree students at MGM college, Udipi, argued with the college authorities that they should be allowed inside the classrooms with hijab. Along with these degree students, a lone post-graduate course student was also asked to enter the classroom without hijab.

Devidas Naik said that a PG student in the MSc (Computer Science) class was asked to remove her headscarf. "The management of MGM degree college is itself overseeing the PG course. So the PG course is part of the degree college's management. As we have prescribed uniform for the PG classes also, the student was asked to enter classroom without hijab," Dr Naik said. Meanwhile, other degree students had their internal examinations and it got over on Wednesday. The Muslim girl students who did not want to write exams without hijab remained absent for the internal

examinations. On Thursday, these students arrived at the college and demanded that they be allowed to attend classes with hijab. However, the principal, citing the court's interim order, told them that they cannot wear hijab during class hours. When these students began to loiter in the campus, principal told them either to attend classes by following court's interim order or to vacate the campus as there is no provision to loiter in the campus when classes are being held. Dr Naik said that some of the PU students are following the court's interim order, while some are not attending classes as they have decided to wait till court's final verdict.



Students at MGM College, Udipi, return home after they were not allowed to enter the classroom with hijab on Thursday

Purdah or burqa may not be an essential practice but a headscarf is, Kamat argues

Bengaluru: None of the counsels appearing on the other side have disputed two judgments of Kerala High Court and also Madras High Court which has gone through Islamic versus, scriptures and has come to a conclusion that purdah or burqa may not be an essential practice but a headscarf is. Therefore, hijab is essential part of Islamic religion. This was the reply given by senior counsel Devadatta Kamat, representing the Muslim students from Udipi, to the arguments made on behalf of the State government

After mob attack and residents' exodus, locality wears a deserted look

MARX TEJASWI @ Shivamogga

LOCKED doors, soot sticking on the ground after arson and damaged window panes greet when one enters Lal Band Keru - the locality whose residents fled after an angry mob ran amok after the murder of Bajrang Dal activist Harsha.

"Even though we have been residing here for more than 60 years, this is the first time that such an incident has happened. We have been living in harmony," says Baburao Jadhav, a transport businessman residing close to the locality. He said that miscreants set fire to vehicles and pelted stones at houses.



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According to the residents, the tiny locality is home to 25 houses and apart from one family, the remaining are all Muslims.

Sources say that the families locked their houses and left for their relatives' houses soon after the violent incidents. When TNIE visited Lal Band Keru on Thursday, the correspondent noticed that window panes of the houses were damaged and there were marks of attack on the doors of a few houses. The entire locality wears a deserted look. Soot from arson of vehicles was also visible on the road.

Dinesh Chavan, another resident, also said that the mob pelted stones at his house that is attached to the locality. The situation was tense on the night of February 20 and the next afternoon. Shaharaz Siddiqui, spokesperson of Joint Action Committee, said that families are taking shelter at their relatives' house. "All the families in the locality are daily wagers. They are working as masons, textile shop workers, tile labourers etc. The government should compensate them for the damage," he said.

MYSTERY DEEPENS

C'nagar teen girl's 'suicide': Family suspects foul play

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

THE suspicious death of an 18-year-old Intermediate student, Kammadi Sowmya, in Chandanagar limits came to light after her parents approached police alleging that the "suicide" version appears to be wrong.

at their village in Mahabubnagar district, while her sister had gone out on an errand. "Sowmya called her boyfriend Vijay and reportedly informed him that she was committing suicide. By the time he rushed to the house, she had hung herself. In order to rescue her, Vijay cut the rope, put the body down and called the neighbours. Soon, Vijay panicked and fled from the spot since he felt he would be blamed for Sowmya's suicide," said the CI.

Talking to Express, CI Kastoreddy said, "Prima facie, it appears to be a suicide. However, the post-mortem report is awaited."

Vijay then switched off his mobile when police tried to contact him for his statement.

Sowmya's family suspects Vijay had a role to play in her death.

TS HC reserves order on MP's PIL

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THE High Court of Telangana reserved its order on maintainability of a PIL filed by rebel YSRCP MP Kanumuru Raghurama Krishna Raju on Thursday seeking further probe into the quid pro case involving AP

Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy.

The CBI commenced its probe into the allegations ten years ago and had filed 11 chargesheets in the case.

The MP stated that the CBI ignored several aspects of the case and wanted the HC to direct it to take up the probe. HC registry raised doubts about the maintainability, as the bench pointed out that the petition spoke about large number of issues and asked the counsel whether the court could condemn someone without hearing him.

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HC directs GHMC to rebuild wall on property it encroached

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JUSTICE P Madhavi Devi of Telangana High Court on Thursday directed the GHMC commissioner to reconstruct the compound wall and also gave liberty to the petitioner to approach court if the civic body again encroaches his land. Justice Madhavi Devi re-

marked that the contents of the counter affidavit and the oral statements of the commissioner are different and it would amount to perjury. The court further directed the commissioner to state on oath that they would rebuild the compound wall of the petitioner.

Habib Alladin, a resident of Banjara Hills, filed a writ petition, complaining of trespass and illegal demolition of compound wall of his property near Erragadda Metro Station, for the purpose of remodelling of nala that originates at AG Colony and merges into Moosapet nala. He contended that the GHMC demolished the wall without acquiring the land under the provisions of Right to

Fair compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

On January 6 this year, the GHMC wrote a letter to the petitioner, offering to pay compensation and requested him to give possession of property in advance. However, the petitioner declined to give consent and requested the GHMC to acquire

the land under the 2013 Act. On February 18, the GHMC entered the property by demolishing the compound wall and started nala widening works. pound wall.

In the second affidavit filed on February 23, GHMC stated that they would not acquire the land of the petitioner and would only strengthen the existing nala and would rebuild the compound wall.

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