Protests grip SAU after student alleges sexual assault on campus

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NEW DELHI

A wave of protests swept through the South Asian University (SAU) campus in south Delhi on Tuesday over the sexual assault of a student on campus.

The 18-year-old student was allegedly sexually assaulted by four men, including a security guard, inside the campus on Sunday. As the news spread on Monday evening, massive protests erupted that continued on Tuesday.

An FIR was registered on Monday after the Maidan Garhi police station received a PCR call around 3 p.m. "The caller identified as a friend of the student, who has levelled charges of sexual assault against four men," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Ankit Chauhan.

According to the police, the first-year student alleged in her complaint that she had been receiving threatening e-mails from an unidentified sender who possessed her morphed images. The sender coerced her into meeting him at a deserted spot on the campus, threatening to circulate the images if she refused. After repeated threats, the student reluctantly went to the location where four men assaulted her and tried to make her ingest an abortion pill; their attempt was interrupted when a hostel worker appeared, causing them to flee, the complaint stated.

One of the accused is a campus security guard, a senior police officer confirmed, adding that they are conducting a thorough investigation into the matter.

Students protesting at the university. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Students alleged that university authorities "blamed the victim" at first before helping her after the assault came to light. They also demanded that student representatives be included in the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC).

"We are demanding that the process be expedited and that the caretaker and warden of her hostel be suspended for trying to bury the incident and blame the victim," said a protesting student.

University's response

In a statement on X, the university said: "We, the SAU community... stand in solidarity in light of the alleged horrific act of sexual violence that has been reported on campus. The South Asian University condemns this act in the strongest terms." The university added that it is extending full support to students and has constituted a disciplinary committee and an ICC to look into the matter.

CM promises 'froth-free' Yamuna to devotees during Chhath Puja

Gupta says Jal Board has made full preparations for festival, announces waiver on late payment charges on water bills to ease financial burden of public; AAP terms scheme 'ineffective', claims it will mislead people into paying faulty amounts

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday assured that the people of Delhi would not see froth floating on the Yamuna river during this year's Chhath Puja, a recurring sight in the past that highlighted the city's pollution woes.

Speaking at an event at the Delhi Secretariat, Ms. Gupta said the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has made "full preparations" ahead of the festival. "Just like you did not see waterlogging at Minto Bridge this time, people of Delhi will not see froth on the Yamuna," she said.

The Minto Bridge underpass, which often floods after heavy rainfall, was closed for traffic on July 29 this year. A similar incident in May prompted Ms. Gupta to take disciplinary action against two Public Works Department officials for "negligence".

Delhi CM Rekha Gupta (right) and Water Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh at the launch of waiver scheme on water bills in New Delhi on Tuesday . SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

The Chief Minister said the government is focusing on upgrading sewage treatment plants, tendering new ones, and conducting drone mapping of drains to identify untreated discharge entering the Yamuna. "I have full faith that, with time, the people of Delhi will see a clean Yamuna," she said.

Ms. Gupta made the remarks during an event where she announced the waiver of late payment surcharges (LPSC) on domestic water bills, part of a Delhi Jal Board initiative to ease financial burdens on consumers. On September 26, Water Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh announced a 100% waiver on the LPSC for all domestic and government consumers until January 31, 2026, under a new government scheme. Ms. Gupta said the initiative will waive approximately ₹11,000 crore in surcharges. "We want to ensure that no consumer is deprived of water services because of old dues or technical issues," she added. An official said a notification on the scheme would be issued soon, after which residents can begin availing themselves of the benefits.

'Deepavali gift'

Mr. Singh described the move as a "Deepavali gift" to Delhi residents. "While this may result in financial loss for the DJB, it will greatly benefit the public. Our government is modernising and strengthening the DJB system, increasing water consumers, enhancing sewer facilities, and working to keep the Yamuna clean," he said. Before launching the scheme, Ms. Gupta said the DJB resolved technical glitches in its billing system that had previously hindered new consumer additions.

'Misleading scheme'

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), however, described the water scheme as "ineffective and misleading". AAP's Delhi unit president Saurabh Bharadwaj said it fails to correct erroneous bills from the COVID-19 period and "forces people to pay faulty amounts under the guise of waiving surcharges".

Ms. Gupta, meanwhile, also reviewed facilities at the New Delhi Railway Station, inspecting platforms and interacting with people. She directed officials to ensure smooth passenger management and safety during the festive rush.

Mayor forms panel to look into workers' demands

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

As the indefinite strike by the contractual employees of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) entered the 16th day on Tuesday, Mayor Raja Iqbal Singh announced the formation of a nine-member committee to address the employees' key demands, which include regularisation of jobs and equal pay.

The committee has also been tasked with preparing a resolution on the demands within 24 hours. Chaired by the Mayor, the committee includes representatives from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), and the contractual staff.

The contractual employees have been demonstrating outside the MCD headquarters since September 29, demanding benefits like paid and medical leave, and a job for the next of the kin of any deceased employee.

'Reuse of construction waste far below MCD target'

Suruchi Kumari
THE HINDU

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi's efforts to reuse construction and demolition (C&D) waste remain far below expectations, with only 4% of such waste being utlised this year till September, according to MCD data.

The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry had set a target of utilising 9.8 lakh metric tons (MT) of recycled C&D waste this year. Previously, the target was 16 lakh MT for 2024-25, when 2.3 lakh MT, or over 14%, was utilised.

According to MCD data, only 4% of such waste has been utilised till Sept.

"The target was revised this year so that it can be met more effectively, " said an MCD official.

Addressing the lapses, Delhi Urban Development Minister Ashish Sood had said that the government would strictly enforce the use of recycled C&D waste in all construction projects.

"Despite extensive infrastructure work, use of recycled material remains far below potential," the Minister had said.

Delhi generates about 5,500-6,000 MT of construction waste daily. The plants at Burari, Bakkarwala, Ranikhera and Shastri Park process this waste, with a combined daily capacity of 5,000 tonnes.

To improve capacity, the MCD has proposed a new C&D waste recycling plant at Okhla, which is expected to be commissioned by December 2026.

Workplace 'harassment': Central staff stages protest

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Several Central Secretariat Services (CSS) employees on Tuesday took out a peace march at Shastri Bhawan and joined a sit-in protest outside the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment Secretary's office over "prolonged inaction" on the allegations of workplace harassment levelled by their colleague, who allegedly attempted suicide last month.

On September 29, Deepak Khoda, 33, jumped from the seventh floor of the Shastri Bhawan building in central Delhi and sustained critical injuries. Following the incident, his father, R.S. Meena, filed a police complaint at the Kartavya Path police station.

Mr. Meena told *The Hindu* that the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment Secretary met him and assured that a "probe would be initiated".

"After filing the complaint, I kept following up for two days. Hundreds of my son's colleagues came in support on October 1. But neither an FIR was registered nor action taken against those responsible for harassing him," said Mr. Meena. DCP (New Delhi) M. Harsha Vardhan declined to respond to *The Hindu*'s queries about Mr. Meena's police complaint.

The Ministry maintained that there was "no mention of any workplace harassment" by Mr. Khoda.

(Those in distress may contact Sanjivini, Society for Mental Health suicide prevention helpline 011-40769002.)

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H.M.O.P. No. 06 of 2025

Between:
Rinki Yadav, W/o Pradeep Kumar, D/o Mukesh, working in Railway's Guntakal, R/o D.No. 13/165-41, S.N.Pet, Prathiba Vikas School, Guntakal Town & Mandal, Ananthapuramu District ...Petitioner
Vs
Pradeep Kumar S/o Late Vijay Singh, Business, Residing at Gugariya Village, Behror Tensil, Alwar District, Rajasthan State. ...Respondent

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

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SN.1 Name of work:- Providing Protection Works to Source of Water Supply Scheme Dharamshala Town in Gaj Khad and Bathed Khad in Tehsil Dharamshala **Distt.** Kangra (H.P.) (Sub-Head :-Providing, Laying, Jointing and Testing of Gravity Main MSERW Pipe at various RDs = 500 Rmts on Gaj Khad and various RDs = 1350 Rmts on Bhated Khad and Construction of 58 Nos. Anchor Block on Gaj kahd & 158 Nos. Anchor Block on Bathed Khad), (Under State Disaster Mitigation Fund).
Estimated cost:-Rs.10598235,00, **EMD:-** Rs.105982,00, **Cost of Tender form:-** 5000/-.
Time limit:- 3Months.

SN.2 Name of work:- A/R & M/O various buildings under Jal Shakti Sew Sub Division Dharamshala in Tehsil Dharamshala Distt Kangra HP (Sub Head : Distemprring ,painting and other repair works to 1 nos of Type III Qtr at Chilgari).
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Time limit:- 3Months.

SN.3 Name of work:- Restoration of Rain damages to flow irrigation Scheme Sehar Kuhl in Tehsil Dharamshala Distt Kangra HP (Sub Head : Removal of slips over and inside the kuhl, and clearearence of jungle at various RDs).
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Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Dharamshala
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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ITE&C Department

Expression of Interest (EOI)

Open Expression of Interest (EoI) for hiring of the Mission Director, State Quantum Mission (SQM)

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