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राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग ने केन्द्र और राज्य सरकारों को पर्यावरण प्रदूषण कम करने और मानवाधिकार हनन खत्म करने को लेकर दिशा-निर्देश जारी किये हैं। मानवाधिकार आयोग ने विशेषज्ञों के साथ सलाह-मशविरा करने के बाद यह दिशा-निर्देश जारी किये हैं। मानवाधिकार आयोग के अनुसार वर्तमान में भारत गंभीर वायु और जल प्रदूषण का सामना कर रहा है जिससे पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र पर नकारात्मक असर पड़ रहा है। आयोग के अनुसार यह मानव अधिकारों का हनन भी है। दिशा-निर्देशों में पर्यावरण से जुड़े नियमों का पालन न करने वालों और प्रदूषण बढ़ाने वालों को सजा देने, वाहनों से होने वाले प्रदूषण को कम करने और पर्यावरण आधारित कानूनों के बारे में जागरूकता लाना शामिल है।

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जास, मुजफ्फरपुर : मुजफ्फरपुर आई हास्पिटल में हुए मोतियाबिंद आपरेशन के बाद संक्रमण से मरीजों की आंख की रोशनी गंवाने का मामला मानवाधिकार आयोग पहुंच गया है। आयोग ने इस संबंध में सीएस कार्यालय से रिपोर्ट तलब की है। मानवाधिकार कार्यकर्ता अधिवक्ता डा. एसके झा ने आयोग में शिकायत की है कि 65 लोगों का आपरेशन हुआ था। इनमें संक्रमण से आंख की रोशनी गंवाने वाले कई पीड़ित को अबतक न्याय नहीं मिला है। जिनकी आंख गई वैसे कई लोगों के नाम पीड़ितों की सूची से गायब हैं। डा. एसके झा ने बताया कि इस संबंध में राज्य मानवाधिकार आयोग को संज्ञान लेने का निर्देश दिया गया था। निबंधक राज्य आयोग के द्वारा इस संबंध में राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग के कार्यालय के पत्र भी लिखा गया है। परंतु कोई भी सूचना उनको अप्राप्त है। अधिवक्ता झा ने कहा है कि जिन लोगों की आंखों की रोशनी गई उनका बिना भेदभाव उचित इलाज हो व सरकार के प्रविधान के मुताबिक उन्हें मुआवजा मिलना चाहिए।

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Dalit prof alleges attack, LU suspends student

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LUCKNOW : Lucknow University's dalit professor Ravi Kant Chandan, who is in the news after his comments on the Kashi Vishwanath- Gyanvapi complex, on Wednesday alleged that he was attacked by a student on the university campus in the presence of a security guard.

"At 1pm, in the presence of the security guard, a student named Karthik Pandey attacked me fatally (sic) by passing casteist remark in front of the proctor's office," the professor said in a WhatsApp message to this scribe.

Karthik Pandey, a student leader, said, "I was on the university campus. On the way, I met Prof Ravi Kant Chandanji of the Hindi Department who started abusing me. When a person with him attacked me with a bottle of water, I was left with no option but to fight there."

Lucknow University spokesperson Durgesh Srivastava said that the university has suspended Karthik Pandey for attacking the teacher and has constituted a committee to further investigate the matter.

The police took Karthik Pandey away in a jeep. Inspector Ashok Sonkar of the Hassanganj police station said he was detained and the matter was being investigated.

The Lucknow University



The police detaining the accused student (in white kurta). HT PHOTO

Teachers' Association (LUTA) has strongly condemned the attack on their colleague, Ravi Kant Chandan, on the Lucknow University campus. This is an attack on the teacher community, it said.

LUTA president Vineet Kumar Verma said that if concrete action is not taken against the culprits by registering an FIR, then teachers of the university will be compelled to go for an agitation. He said the association has called an emergency meeting of the executive committee on Thursday.

"Today's incident is a result of not taking the incident of May 10 seriously by Lucknow University and police administration, and not taking any legal action. Due to this, the chaotic elements are getting encouraged. The teacher is worried about his safety," LUTA chief said.

Ravi Kant Chandan is in the eye of the storm over his remarks during an online debate

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Some people had objected to a quote by Ravi Kant Chandan, an associate professor of Hindi at LU, during the debate. On May 10, a group of students stormed into Lucknow University, gheraoed Ravi Kant and raised objectionable slogans. The professor had said that hundreds of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) activists on May 10 staged a protest on Lucknow University campus, demanding an apology from him for his alleged derogatory remarks.

PROF WRITES TO NHRC, POINTS FINGER AT COLLEAGUE

LUCKNOW : LU professor Ravi Kant Chandan has written a letter to the chairman of the National Human Rights Commission and blamed a colleague, Prof Vibhuti Rai from geology department, for instigating activists of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad against him. Prof Rai, who happens to be the brother of the former Lucknow mayor the late SC Rai said that he had immediately regretted his WhatsApp post sent to a teachers' group. He said, "I am a religious man and lost my cool after hearing his comments on Hindu deity. I received a post and copied the text and sent it to the teachers' group. Later, I expressed my regret."

The professor informed the commission that police lodged an FIR against him on a complaint by a student but the police had not lodged his (the professor's) FIR against those whom he named in his complaint. In his letter to NHRC, Chandan alleged that ABVP activists and other "chaotic elements" tried to kill him on the campus on May 10 for his comments. **HTC**

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JAGTIALSUICIDE CASE

NHRC serves notice to DGP

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has served a notice to Telangana State Director General of Police (DGP) M Mahender Reddy for action within eight weeks in regard to an aged couple's suicide that took place in Raghuramakota village in Jagtial rural mandal of Jagtial district.

The NHRC responded to a complaint lodged by AICC member Bakka Judson alleging that the couple-Simhapuri Muninder (63) and his wife Simhapuri Sulochana (59) committed suicide on May 16 at their village as they had failed to lead their life with Rs.1,000 per month given by their two sons (each Rs.500). The couple was not getting Asara pension, though they



had applied for the same three times. The couple had been suffering from illness and took the extreme step as they could neither buy medicines nor bear pains due to their illnesses.

Judson alleged that the suicide showed that the Telangana government was not giving old age pension and not supplying medicines to aged people. He alleged that the Telangana government had kept pending 3.15 lakh Asara pension applications.

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