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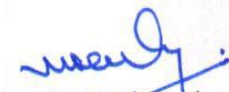
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Enclosed is the news clipping of 'The Statesman' an English daily dated 4th September 2018, the news item is captioned "**Doctor assault: Medics seek arrest of Jadavpur OC in 48 hrs**".

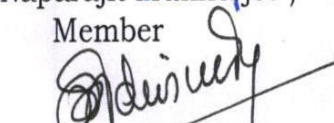
Commissioner of Police, Kolkata is directed to enquire into the matter and to furnish a report to the Commission by 12th October, 2018.



(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)
Chairperson



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Member



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Member

Kolkata News

Doctors' Association for the year 2018-19, while Raghavendra Gupta has been nominated for the post of deputy chairman of the association. SNS



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Doctors protest assault on a medical practitioner in Kolkata on Monday. BY BISWAJIT GHOSHAL

Doctor assault: Medics seek arrest of Jadavpur OC in 48 hrs

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 3 SEPTEMBER

Doctors belonging to different non-Trinamul Congress medical practitioners' platforms have threatened to intensify their ongoing agitations if the state government does not arrest Mr Pulak Dutta, officer-in-charge (OC) of Jadavpur police station, on charge of roughing up Dr Srinivas Rao Geddam of a premier private hospital in the Alipore area on 31 August.

The agitating doctors have threatened to stop work except emergency services for one hour from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday in all government and private hospitals if the administration fails to

arrest Mr Dutta within 48 hours.

Around 500 doctors backed by the Association of Health Service Doctors (AHSD), West Bengal Doctors' Forum (WBDF), Health Service Association (HSA), Doctors for Patients (DOPA) and several others brought out a protest rally today in front of the hospital, coming down heavily on the state administration's failure to prevent the increasing incidents of physical attacks on the doctors across Bengal.

The agitating members of the doctors' bodies jointly submitted a memorandum to the OC of the nearby Alipore police station urging him to arrest Mr Dutta as soon as possible, failing which they will

stop work in outdoor patients' department (OPD) clinics in all hospitals and nursing homes in the state.

"A junior doctor who happens to be a DNB trainee from another part of our country was physically assaulted by a police officer. Even more regrettably, a section of your esteemed police force has officially tried to rationalise the behaviour of their colleague by saying that since the person was not wearing a white coat, he could not be 'identified' as a doctor," the memorandum stated.

"The whole is progressively coming out of white coats (aprons) for their doctors because there is now substantial scientific evidence

that these white coats increase the risk of nosocomial infections among patients," the doctors clarified a section of police officers' confusion whether the assaulted Dr Srinivas was a medical person or not.

"More than 150 incidents of attacks on doctors have happened so far during the past one-and-a-half years. Don't we expect the government should stand by the victims? We expect exemplary punishments against the culprits and this is an unprecedented incident when an OC being a law enforcer assaulted a doctor on duty. We demand immediate arrest of the OC Mr Pulak Dutta, otherwise we will stop services except emer-

gency care for one hour on Wednesday seeking justice for the protection of our community," said Dr Manas Gupta, AHSD secretary.

"We have given 48 hours time to the administration to arrest the OC failing which we will stop work except emergency healthcare services for one hour from 12 noon on Wednesday in all hospitals," said Dr Rezaul Karim, WBDF president.

On 31 August, Mr Dutta who was admitted to the Alipore private hospital beat up Dr Srinivas inside the ward on charge of misbehaving with the former. Both Dr Srinivas and the hospital authorities lodged complaints with the police.

Businessman

Kolkata sees further increase in

Petition in HC

Cops come to defence of Jadavpur OC

KOLKATA, 31 AUGUST

A day after Kolkata police posted Jadavpur police station OC Pulak Dutta's side of the story on the alleged assault of a doctor at a private hospital at New Alipore on its official Facebook page, while giving the doctor's version a miss, city police justified the move as a "well thought out collective decision" taken by them.

Seniors officers at the City police headquarters at Lalbazar said that since the doctor's statements had been made public by the print and electronic media, they are well within their rights to bring out only the statements of the officer on the Kolkata police's official Facebook page.

"Since every media had made public of the doctor's statements since the time the alleged incident had taken place, we consider it necessary and well within our rights to bring the statements only of the officer concerned to give his side of the story. Since the Kolkata police's Facebook page is not the media, we are absolutely within our rights in bringing out only the officer's statements and not the doctor's," said Supratim Sarkar, Additional Commissioner of Police.

He also dismissed the possibility of a suo-motu case against the officer, let alone his arrest. "An enquiry has been ordered and it is on. After that if we are satisfied that a case can be made out, we will definitely take necessary steps as required," said Sarkar.

Earlier, a meeting was held at the office of DC South, Meeraj Khalid, where both the doctor and the officer along with the CEO of the private hospital were present.

"A meeting went for an hour in a cordial atmosphere in which both had shaken hands. Moreover, the officer once again tendered his apology for the alleged conduct to the doctor," said the Additional Commissioner. SNS

Doctor assault: CMRI authorities seek probe

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 30 AUGUST

A day after the alleged assault on a doctor of Calcutta Medical Research Institute (CMRI) by the officer-in-charge (OC) of Jadavpur police station caused a flutter in the police administration, the hospital authorities today lodged a formal complaint with the Deputy Commissioner (DC), South, today, seeking a thorough investigation into the incident.

"A delegation of CMRI hospital authorities today lodged a formal complaint with the DC, South, Mr Miraj Khalid, today seeking an investigation into yesterday's incident.

"We are looking into the complaint and will take necessary action as required," Mr Supratim Sarkar, Addi-

A doctor was allegedly slapped by the OC of Jadavpur police station during a heated altercation

tional Commissioner of Police (III) said.

On Wednesday night, tension prevailed in CMRI after a doctor was reportedly slapped by the OC of Jadavpur police station, Mr Pulak Dutta, who had undergone treatment there for an injury, during a heated altercation with the doctor concerned over a medicine.

According to the allegation, the officer, who went under the scalpel yesterday at the hospital following an injury, had allegedly asked Dr Srinivas Geddam, who was attend-

ing to him, about a medicine which he and his wife could not recognise. In his reply, the doctor is reported to have said that it was not his concern and Dutta should go to the pharmacy and ask about the medicine there instead. This had allegedly infuriated the officer, who slapped him.

A senior officer at the city police headquarters, Lalbazar, today said that only a probe will reveal if it was a "thrashing or a mere push" because the cut on the doctor's neck suggested a different story.

How could a heavily bandaged patient who had undergone a surgery on one of his hands for a severe injury just four hours ago deliver a thrashing, he questioned. "Yes, an altercation with the doctor did happen. So, an investigation is on," the officer added.

Jadavpur police OC assaults CMRI doctor

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 29 AUGUST

The officer-in-charge of Jadavpur police station is alleged to have assaulted Dr Srinivas Geddma, a resident physician of CMRI hospital today, at a time when the chief minister Miss Mamata Banerjee, who also holds the health portfolio, has repeatedly pledged to put an end to attacks on physicians in the state.

Dr Geddma has lodged a complaint against the police officer, Mr Pulak Dutta, with Alipore police station tonight. In protest against the attack, doctors of the CMRI hospital stopped work. Senior police officials are at the spot.

Mr Dutta, who had slipped in his bathroom and sustained injury on his right hand, underwent a orthopaedic operation today where the doctor was also present during the surgery.

But the police officer suddenly assaulted the doctor causing a cut injury on the right side of his neck, hospital sources said. Dr Geddma was admitted to the hospital for treatment.

The Indian Medical Association (IMA), the highest platform of registered doctors in the country, has written to Miss Banerjee requesting her to take action against Mr Dutta. On the other hand, police sources said a departmental inquiry will be started against Mr Dutta.

Bengal artistes protest arrest of social activists

KOLKATA, 29 AUGUST

Artistes from Bengal have reacted sharply to the recent arrests of poets and Left wing social activists Varvara Rao, Sudha Bharadwaj, Vernon Gonzalves, Arun Farreira, for allegedly having links with Maoists.

Poet Sankaha Ghosh said: "This is a common trait of a fascist government. We should be preparing for more incidents like this. This is an alarming situation." Another poet, Subodh Sarkar, asked: "Will the government be able to confine all the poets in jail?"

Actor Koushik Sen said: "The BJP has the qualities of classic fascists. Every party is corrupt but I feel that BJP has the potential to destroy everything if not resisted." SNS