



National Investigation Agency
Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India



NIA Takes up Investigation of Bengaluru Violence

Yesterday (21.09.2020), in pursuance of MHA order u/s 6(4) & 8 of NIA Act 2008, NIA took over the investigation of the two cases of arson and violence wherein Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act had been invoked by State Police. Notably, large scale violence had been caused by miscreants in DJ Halli and KG Halli P.S. limits of Bengaluru City on the night of 11.08.2020.

2. NIA has re-registered these two cases as follows :

- (i) RC-34/2020/NIA/DLI dtd. 21.09.2020 u/s 143, 147, 307, 436, 353, 332, 333, 427, 504, 506, 149 and 34 of IPC, section 4 of Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, section 2 of the Karnataka Prevention of Destruction and Loss of Property Act and section 15, 16, 18 & 20 of the UA (P) Act. This case has arisen out of FIR No.195/2020 dated 12.08.2020, registered at Devarajeevana Halli PS, Bengaluru u/s 143, 147, 307, 436, 353, 332, 333, 427, 504, 506, 149 and 34 of IPC, section 4 of The Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984, section 2 of the Karnataka Prevention of Destruction and Loss of Property Act.
- (ii) RC-35/2020/NIA/DLI dtd. 21.09.2020 u/s 143, 147, 148, 149, 332, 333, 353, 427 & 436 of the IPC, section 4 of Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act and sections 15, 16, 18 & 20 of the UA (P) Act. This case has arisen out of FIR No.229/2020 dated 12.08.2020 registered at Kadugondana Halli PS, Bengaluru u/s 143, 147, 148, 353, 333, 332, 436, 427 and 149 of The IPC & section 4 of The Prevention of Damage to Public property Act.

3. A brief background of the incidents is that on 11.08.2020, at around 08:00 PM, more than 1000 people gathered in front of the house of Congress MLA Shri Naveen Srinivas Murthy (Pulakeshi Nagar constituency) at Kavalbyrasandra, Bengaluru City. The mob was protesting against the derogatory social media (Facebook) post about Prophet Mohammed made on 11.08.2020 at around 4 pm by Shri Naveen, nephew of the MLA allegedly insulting the religious sentiments of the Muslims. The State Secretary of SDPI, Muzamil Pasha had earlier called a meeting and directed the members of PFI/SDPI to instigate the mob and incite violence. The mob went on rampage in DJ Halli, KG Halli and Pulakeshi Nagar area under Bengaluru City. They attacked the two police stations namely D J Halli PS and K G Halli PS and vandalized the property of police stations including Government and

private vehicles parked in the Police Stations. The mob also attacked the house of Mr Naveen Srinivas Murthy, MLA, Pulakeshi Nagar constituency, Bengaluru City before attacking the police stations.

4. The NIA team, headed by an IG-rank officer, is camping at Bengaluru in connection with the investigation of these cases.



CORRIGENDUM

The name of MLA, Pulakeshi Nagar constituency, at para 3 may kindly be read as Shri Akhanda Srinivas Murthy.

