

Manisana panel indicts police, dist admn for beltola clash



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After weeks of will-they-won't-they, the Assam Government has tabled the Justice Manisana Commission report on Beltola clash on November 24, 2007 on Wednesday along with the action taken report. In his much-awaited report, the panel has indicted Kamrup district administration and the police for allowing the All Adivasi Students Association of Assam to held the rally which was "unlawful".

The panel observed that there is third party involvement adding that a section of AASAA leaders were influenced by the ANLA. Also, the commission said a section of the protesters cum victims were founded drunken which has been established by their blood samples collected by the doctors while they were under going treatment.

In its action taken, the Assam Government has explained that it will carry forward a process to implement the suggestions to prevent these incidents from repeating in future. The Manisana Panel also has suggested a few amendments in the 144 CRPF to avert any lapse from the part of the authority.

Notably, the incident took place when a section of Adivasi students participating at a rally in Beltola turned violent and clashed with

another section of people in the streets. Two people died and several others have been injured. What led Beltola to buy a bad name is a few goons have allegedly stripped off an Adivasi girl in broad day light on the street.

Caught in a Catch-22 situation, the Assam Government institute an inquiry to unearth the truth behind it. The commission probed it talked to the local people while it was visiting the site. Even the stripped off girl also deposed before the commission along with some other Adivasi leaders. They have been demanding ST status for the last couple of years.

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