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Government school teachers from the eastern Indian state of Bihar march in New Delhi yesterday in undergarments, demanding payment of salaries which have not been paid for six months.

Ctg: Stray incidents

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who stayed at Chandanaish today as chief election coordinator of AL, told newsmen that polling was held peacefully excepting a few minor incidents.

He claimed that the minority voters, who earlier could not cast their votes freely at Chandanaish due to threats, were able to exercise their franchise today under the AL government.

When contacted, the Thana Nirbahi Officer of Chandanaish told the newsmen "against the backdrop of some stray incidents here outside the polling centres we have ordered all platoons to be on the highest alert and remain on movement around the election centres."

During visit to a number of polling centres, voters were seen standing in long queues braving the scorching heat as well as tense situations caused by stray violence in the area.

According to the Presiding Officer of Ujirpur Pathandandi Primary School centre, 600 votes out of 3,370 were cast by 10:30 am today, a turnout at 25 per cent.

The Presiding Officer of Uttar Bainjuri Primary School

24 hurt as JSL factions at BCIC clash

At least 24 people were injured in a clash yesterday between two factions of Jatiya Samik League BCIC unit ahead of CBA election, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the clash took place when the two factions brought out separate processions and confronted each other. The rival groups brought out processions in support of Sunday's CBA election at the Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation.

During the altercation, glasses of doors and windows of several floors of the BCIC headquarters were damaged.

The CBA election was earlier scheduled for August 8 but deferred by one month.

DU student bodies

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involved in terrorism, it would take action against such worker, including expulsion from the organisation. The student bodies would not demand release of any terrorists if arrested and would not give any statement or launch any movement if they were expelled from the university by the university authorities and must abide by the decisions taken by the authorities.

(iii) No student organisation will take any action on its own if its members clash with rivals. In such cases, the aggrieved side would inform the proctor and the leaders of the organisations concerned and have to wait for their decisions. If any organisation violates this, the university authorities would take necessary action.

(iv) Although police can enter residential halls without any prior permission, raids would be conducted in the presence of the provost concerned or in the absence of the house tutors.

(v) No student body can hinder organisational activities such as student meetings, workers meetings and processions of others at residential halls.

No organisation will make any abusive remarks about any political leaders and student leaders during rallies and other programmes on the campus.

(vi) This forum would take

action through discussion if any side violated any terms of the agreement and would condemn this unilaterally.

(vii) Only the main gates of the residential halls would remain open.

(viii) The university authorities would request the government for release of students including JCD president Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anny.

(ix) In case of any instability in the arena of national politics in future, the student bodies active at the university will act unilaterally so that such instability cannot hinder the normal academic and administrative activities.

(x) The JCD-called indefinite strike will be withdrawn from tomorrow.

BCL President Enamul Haq Shamim, JCD General Secretary Habibunnabi Sohel, Chhatra Union President Aslam Khan, BCL (K-C) President Abdullah-hil-Kaum and Chhatra Front President Ziaul Haque Zia signed the peace accord on behalf of their respective organisations.

Meanwhile, the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) welcomed the agreement among the student bodies.

In a joint statement, Dr A T M Zahurul Haq and Dr A M S Arefin Siddique, President and Secretary respectively of DUTA wished success of the move.

Regarding the complaints lodged by Moudud Ahmed, the CEO later said that in order to physically verify the complaints, he had visited some of the centres beyond his schedule, but the BNP polling agents in those centres told him that there was no such complaints of rigging or apply of force by any quarters.

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Bogra-6&2

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general elections, public enthusiasm was remarkable.

This correspondent visited as many as 15 polling centres in Bogra-6 and 7 and observed peace, tranquillity and discipline at all the centres.

Meanwhile, Chief Election Commissioner Abu Hena visited a number of polling centres in Bogra including that at the Primary Teachers' Institute (PTI) at Rahiman Nagar. Presiding Officer (PO) at the PTI centre Md Mozammel Haq told this correspondent that the CEC expressed satisfaction at the way the voting was going on.

When this correspondent reached Bagopara High School centre at Gokul under Bogra-6 constituency, it was about 4 pm. PO Akhanda Mokhesur Rahman said 65 per cent votes were cast at the centre with 2,787 enrolled voters.

At Bogra Zila School centre, PO Rezaul Karim said 552 male voters out of 945, and 314 female voters out of 905 cast votes by 3 pm.

The PO at Gabtali Govt Pilot School centre in Bogra-7, told The Daily Star that 711 voters out of 1537 were cast by 2:30 pm.

At Baghabari KM High School, a polling centre near late president Ziaur Rahman's house, the PO told this correspondent that 28 per cent votes were cast by noon. At Khottapara Madrasah centre, 502 votes were cast by noon, out of 2122 voters.

Forty-five per cent votes were cast at Naruti Uttarain Primary School centre by 2:30 pm. The number of registered voters in this centre was 6258.

Md Habibullah, PO (Presiding Officer) at Bogra City Girls High School centre, told this correspondent at 11:30 am that 1500 votes out of 6733 were cast by then.

Polling agents of the contesting candidate did not mention any incident of forgery or activities contrary to election rules at any of the centres visited by this correspondent.

At some centres, this correspondent also had talks with poll observers from various bodies including FEMA and foreign missions in Bangladesh. They praised fairness of the polls in Bogra.

Talking to this correspondent at Bogra Zila School centre, the BNP Organising Secretary Ali Azgar Hena expressed satisfaction at the 'neutral role' of the administration and said that the by-elections were held in a free and fair atmosphere.

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