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From: - Intelligence Branch, West Bengal (.)

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According to intelligence inputs received from various sources considerable tension has cropped up over the decision of an order by Karnataka State Government, issued on February 05, 2022, making uniforms prescribed by it or managements of private institution mandatory for its students at schools and pre university colleges in the State. The issue has been further fuelled as a section of Muslim girls are adamant on wearing the Hijab while attending Educational Institutions as a right to freedom of religion. The matter has further escalated with BJP coming in support of the ban and the Indian National Congress party opposing it. The matter has been taken up by the Karnataka High Court and is sub-judice with the judgement reserved (.)

On 01.02.2022, the Muslim girl students of the state-run Pre-University College in Karnataka's Udupi alleged that they were denied entry into the classroom for wearing hijab. The Principal allegedly did not permit them to wear hijab in the classrooms. On 03.02.2022, a section of college students in Karnataka's Koppa district wore saffron scarves protesting allegedly against allowing Muslim women to wear hijab inside the classroom.

On 31.01.2022, a writ petition was filed in the Karnataka High Court by a Muslim girl student from Udupi seeking a declaration that wearing a hijab is a fundamental right.

On 05.02.2022, the State Education department (Pre-University) in an order stated that students will have to wear the dress chosen by the college development committee or the appellate committee of the administrative board of pre-university colleges which come under the pre-university education department. With the hijab row intensifying in several parts of the state, the Karnataka state government yesterday (08.02.2022) announced the closure of high schools and colleges for the next three days.

Yesterday (08.02.2022) Section 144 CrPC was imposed in Shimoga town after incidents of stone-pelting were reported in the morning. The police also imposed the same in Harihara town of Davangere district, Karnataka. The police reportedly fired tear gas to disperse the hijab and anti-hijab protesters in Davangere. The protests are reportedly intensifying further.

Today (09.02.2022) the scheduled protest programmes against alleged disrespect to 'Hijab' at Karnataka were organized at the following places in West Bengal -

1. From 13.30 hrs to 15.10 hrs, a rally was taken out by the students of Aliya University from Park Circus Aliah University Campus, Kolkata.

2. From 16.00 hrs to 16.35 hrs, a protest meeting was organized at Ghatakpukur Chowmatha under Bhangore PS, Baruipur PD.

3. From 15.15 hrs to 15.35 hrs, the students of Aliah University, New Town Campus under Bidhannagar PC organized a protest programme inside the University Campus.

In the backdrop of the above episodes, members of the Muslim community and the saffron brigade are resorting to different religious political tactics to support their logic. There has been widespread circulation of the ban in social media and electronic media platforms, wherein both the Muslim and the Hindu Community people are aggressively debating over the matter and threatening to have open meetings and forums in solidarity of their views (.)

In West Bengal also there are sharp repercussions felt among the Muslim community people / Muslim organizations and religious heads over the issue and there are on-going programmes in different places condemning the said stand of the Karnataka State Government. In coming days, it is anticipated that the issue may snowball to major conflagrations and escalation of agitational programmes in different pockets of West Bengal leading to law & order issues (.)

It is also to be noted that the Grand Friday prayer will be held on 11.02.2022, where the issue may be raked up and there may be possibilities to create ill feelings or dis-harmonious situations leading to social instability (.)

In view of the above, you are requested remain extremely alert, keep close watch over the issue and take appropriate precautionary / preventive measures after due appreciation / assessment to thwart any untoward incident (.)

Value-adding information if any, may please be communicated to the Intelligence Branch, West Bengal timely (.)

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