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Verdict against ex-MLA in bar assault case on April 15

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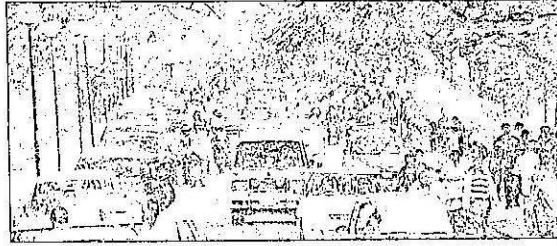
Bengaluru: A special court for people's representatives on Thursday adjourned to April 15 its verdict in a criminal case against ex-Congress MLA Vijayananda Kashappanavar and his associate Somegowda who allegedly attacked police on duty inside a bar in July 2014. The accused were absent at the hearing.

The court issued a non-bailable warrant against Somegowda, directing him and his advocate to be present on April 15. However, Kashappanavar's lawyer sought exemption for his client from appearing in the court.

On the night of July 7, 2014, Kashappanavar, Somegowda and others were allegedly partying in a UB City bar. Two constables from Cubbon Park station, who were on night rounds, entered the bar at 1am and objected to supply of liquor beyond 11.30pm. Enraged over this, Somegowda and Kashappanavar allegedly manhandled the duo.

The next morning, an FIR was registered against the two. The case was later transferred to the Central Crime Branch and a chargesheet was filed. It recorded statements from 42 witnesses, including staff of the bar, and CCTV footage.

Traffic through Cubbon Park cannot be avoided: Govt



Bengaluru: The government informed the high court on Thursday that traffic movement through Cubbon Park cannot be avoided and it needs to be continued.

Rakesh Singh, additional chief secretary and principal secretary to the urban development department, submitted an affidavit in this regard, stating the decision was taken at a meeting on November 21, 2020 where the issue was discussed among various departments.

Considering the affidavit, a division bench disposed of the contempt petition and dropped proceedings against chief secretary P Ravi Kumar and

Rakesh Singh.

The complainant, Cubbon Park Walkers' Association, claimed the September 2, 2020 recommendation of the directorate of urban land transport (DULT) hadn't been considered by the government in its proper perspective and therefore, the decision was incorrect. But the HC bench noted the DULT suggestion had been considered and the October 22, 2020 order of the court to consider the complainant's representation had also been complied with.

However, if not satisfied with the decision, the complainant can contest the same in accordance with law, the HC said. TNN