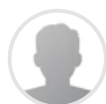


## Nido Taniam died due to swelling in brain, lungs: autopsy report

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The initial post-mortem report of Nido Taniam, the Arunachal Pradesh student who was beaten to death in Delhi last week, is inconclusive. The report says that the death is due to swelling of brain and lungs and presence of water in the lungs.

Though the Delhi Police has received the report, the cause of Taniam's death will be clear once viscera report comes out. The Central Forensic Science Laboratory has been asked expedite the process and submit the report in a week's time.

Nido's autopsy was conducted at AIIMS.

Nido Taniam had been mercilessly beaten by a group of shopkeepers in Lajpat Nagar area following an altercation that was sparked by their taunts on his hairstyle on Wednesday.

Taniam, the son of Congress MLA Nido Pavitra, was rushed to the hospital on Thursday after his condition deteriorated suddenly. At the hospital, he was declared brought dead.

Furious over Nido's death, students from the Northeast had taken out a rally and protested against the racial discrimination on Sunday.

A youth claiming to be his cousin told a TV channel, "This is surely about racism. Everybody in Delhi discriminates against us based on our looks. We are living in India, but we don't know whether we are actually living in India or not...every time we are discriminated against."

According to Avinash Mishra, Chief Resident Commissioner, Arunachal Pradesh Bhavan, the incident took place on Wednesday when Taniam along with a friend had gone to Lajpat Nagar market to locate a friend's address.

"He asked for directions at one of the shops there. Some workers of the shop started making fun of his blonde hair. He asked them not to laugh at him but they didn't budge. In a fit of rage, he perhaps hit the shop's counter breaking its glass," he said.

After this a scuffle ensued during which he was thrashed by seven-eight people with sticks. He was badly injured as seen in some of the pictures clicked by his friends, Mishra said.

"Following the commotion, police arrived on the spot and got a settlement done. The boy even gave Rs 7,000 for the damaged counter. Police then called his uncle, Vinod, and asked him to take Taniam with him. Some of his friends arrived on the spot and took him with them," he said.

They went to a medical store in Safdarjung where they took a tetanus injection and went to his home in Safdarjung.

He even took a cup of coffee before retiring to bed.

His friends say that he slept and at 1 am even got up once.

"However, he didn't wake up in the morning. He was taken to AIIMS, where he was declared dead," Mishra said.

Arunachal Pradesh MP Takam Sanjoy told a TV channel, "The humiliating discrimination meted out to northeastern students and other people either in Delhi or elsewhere is going to be protested on a large scale.

"North east students' forum in Delhi will be protesting Saturday and MPs of northeast will also be reaching from various camps to Delhi soon," he said.

Sanjoy said the protesters will meet the Prime Minister, Delhi Chief Minister and the Home Minister to ensure that "this type of discrimination does not occur in the future".

There have been incidents of targeting people from the northeast, including rape of a BPO employee, in the national capital, leading to protests from outfits representing their cause.

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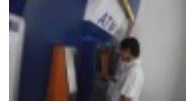
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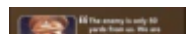


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