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DILIP SIMEON, A HISTORY lecturer at Ramjas College, Delhi became the target of a murderous attack by a gang on February 16, while on his way to the college. Though it remains for the institutions of law to finally apportion blame for the ghastly crime, a large chunk of the teaching karmachari and the student community of Ramjas College, and even Delhi University as a whole, have pointed their accusing finger from the very moment of the attack at Dr. Kartar Singh, Principal, Ramjas College.

The fact that Virendra Jain, a former Ramjas student, confessed to the police on arrest that J. P. Jain, Director of Physical Education, Ramjas, was the main conspirator behind the attack, has only confirmed Singh's involvement to the accusers, since Jain (an RSS man) is well known to be the right hand man of Singh.

Battered and bruised

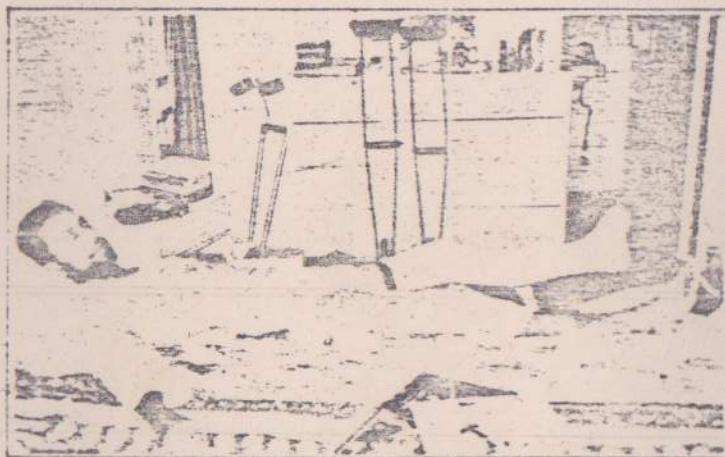
Zurr isab had se guzarta hai to mit jatta hai (Tyranny in exceeding limits destroys itself), wrote a famous Urdu poet. So it has happened to Singh Simeon, who is presently recuperating at his parent's place in Bombay, got badly battered and bruised, but his fighting spirit remains unbroken.

If he still groans on account of shooting pains from his multiple fractured leg one moment, he seems in a hurry, the next moment, to return to Delhi to be back in action.

Singh, on the other hand, notorious for his "authoritarian" and "dictatorial" dealings with the

One-man crusade against injustice

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Dilip Simeon recuperating at his parents' residence in Bombay.

teachers-karmachari-student community at Ramjas, finds himself hurtling down disaster lane.

The spontaneous display of indignation by all concerned and the 10-day long dharna of the university's Vice-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Body, Ramjas College, by students of several of the Delhi

colleges, finally forced the Governing Body to pack off Singh on an indefinite leave.

An enquiry committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor has been set-up to enquire into the numerous allegations against Singh, and for the rest, the academic community at Ramjas is determined to ensure that

Dilip Simeon, history lecturer at Ramjas College, Delhi, was severely assaulted on February 16 as a consequence of his objection against the highhanded behaviour of the principal of the college, Dr. Kartar Singh. The incident has subsequently snowballed into a storm of protest with the karmacharis, students and teachers joining hands. JAVED ANAND reports.

Singh does not return to the college under any circumstance.

Sita Ram, a former head-mast at Ramjas, was not paid his salary for three months last year and was forcibly marked absent for having deposited against the principal before an enquiry commission. One morning in November, 1981, Simeon circulated a letter saying it was impossible for him to "carry on being a silent spectator" to the cold-

blooded bullying tactics employed by the principal (Singh) and his cohorts and went on a hunger-strike fasting nine days.

Simeon's one-man crusade snowballed into a storm of protest across the Delhi University and Singh was forced to retrace his steps. The attack on Simeon on February 16 once again evoked a similar response.

