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Smriti Irani's degree row: Court asks EC, DU for records

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NEW DELHI: The Election Commission and the Delhi University (DU) were on Friday directed by a city court to bring the records of educational qualification of HRD Minister Smriti Irani against whom a complaint was filed for allegedly giving false information in affidavits to the poll panel.

Metropolitan Magistrate Akash Jain allowed the plea of the complainant seeking a direction to the officials of EC and DU to bring records of Irani's educational qualification after he said he was unable to place them before the court.

"Keeping in view the grounds mentioned in the application, the plea to direct officials of the Election Commission and Delhi University to bring records is allowed," the court said.

It, however, declined the contention of complainant Ahmer Khan, a freelance writer, seeking direction to the CBSE to bring Irani's Class 10 and 12 records. "The plea to direct the CBSE to bring records of Class 10 and 12 is declined as it is



not under challenge. Put up the matter for pre-summoning evidence on March 16, 2016," it said.

The complainant had earlier claimed in court that Irani had deliberately given discrepant information about her educational qualification in affidavits filed before the poll panel and not given any clarification despite concerns being raised on the issue.

Khan had alleged that Irani had knowingly furnished misleading information about her educational qualification in affidavits filed before EC and, a candidate deliberately giving incorrect details, can be punished under the provisions of IPC and under section 125A of Representation of the People

Act (RPA).

Section 125A of RPA deals with penalty for filing false affidavit and entails a jail term of upto six months or fine or both.

The court on June 24 had taken cognizance of the complaint which accused Irani of furnishing false information about her academic qualifications in the affidavits filed before the EC in 2004, 2011 and 2014.

The complainant had earlier claimed in court that in her affidavit for April 2004 Lok Sabha polls, Irani had said she completed her BA in 1996 from DU (School of Correspondence), whereas in another affidavit of July 11, 2011 to contest Rajya Sabha election from Gujarat, she had said her highest educational qualification was B.Com Part I from the School of Correspondence, DU.

The complaint also alleged that in the affidavit filed for nomination of April 16, 2014 Lok Sabha polls from Amethi constituency in Uttar Pradesh, Irani said she had completed Bachelor of Commerce Part-I from School of Open Learning, Delhi University.

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अदालत ने चुनाव आयोग और दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय (डीयू) को केंद्रीय मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री स्मृति ईरानी की शैक्षणिक योग्यता से संबंधित दस्तावेज पेश करने का आदेश दिया है। स्मृति पर चुनाव आयोग को दिए हलफनामे में शैक्षणिक योग्यता के बारे में गलत जानकारी देने का आरोप है।

पटियाला हाउस स्थित मेट्रोपॉलिटन मजिस्ट्रेट आकाश जैन की अदालत ने शिकायतकर्ता की अर्जी मंजूर कर ली है। इसमें चुनाव आयोग और डीयू के अधिकारियों को स्मृति से जुड़े दस्तावेज पेश करने का निर्देश देने का आग्रह किया गया है। अदालत ने कहा कि अर्जी में जिन आधारों का जिक्र किया गया है, उनके मद्देनजर चुनाव आयोग और दिल्ली

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यूनिवर्सिटी के अधिकारियों को दस्तावेज पेश करने के निर्देश देने की अर्जी मंजूर की जाती है। बहरहाल, अदालत ने शिकायतकर्ता अहमर खान की वह मांग खारिज कर दी जिसमें उन्होंने सीबीएसई से भी स्मृति के 10वीं कक्षा और 12वीं कक्षा के रिकॉर्ड पेश करने का निर्देश देने को कहा गया था। अदालत ने कहा कि इसे चुनौती नहीं दी गई है। समन जारी करने से पहले के प्रमाणों के परीक्षण के लिए 16 मार्च 2016 की तारीख तय की गई है।

Nasa releases 'breathing map' of plants

NASA has released an animated map to show the yearly cycle of Earth's plant life—and it's breathing.

The video reveals the life cycle on land and in the water, and combines satellite data to create an average 12-month cycle.

Pulsating masses of colour represent fluctuations in density of plant growth on land, and chlorophyll concentration from phytoplankton in the oceans.

Density of land vegetation on the map ranges from brown, the minimum, to a rich green.

Ocean concentrations are expressed in a similar effect, falling within the range of dark blue to dark green.

In the northern hemisphere winter, from December to February, plant life is at a minimum for regions in higher latitudes

due to reduced sunlight.

These land areas are shown as light beige during this time, while the oceans are primarily blue.

During the same period, even vegetation in the tropical, mid-latitude regions

Animated map shows yearly cycle of earth's plant life

show plant life to be dormant, though South America boasts the rich green colour of dense growth.

In the southern hemisphere, however, where summer is peaking, the map shows dark green for both land and ocean plant

life.

When summer reaches the northern hemisphere from June to September, the opposite occurs.

The plant life thrives in the higher latitudes, on both land and in water, with dark green shown across the top of the map.

At this time, the southern hemisphere experiences its winter, meaning decreased plant activity.

As the months continually change on the animation, the plant life is shown to move up and down across the latitudes, following the sunlight with the changing seasons.

This gives the map a life-like pulsating effect, so it appears to be breathing.

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