

DU semester row reaches HC

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April 28: A division bench comprising Chief Justice of the Delhi high court Dipak Misra and Justice Sanjiv Khanna on Thursday sought response from the Delhi University and the vice-chancellor on a plea challenging its decision to implement semester system for the undergraduate courses in the arts stream

from the academic year 2011-2012.

The court issued notices to the university, the V-C and the UGC after hearing a plea by a group of teachers seeking quashing of the April 19 notification to introduce the semester system in the undergraduate courses in Arts stream from coming academic session.

The university's counsel argued that the teachers have been still protesting

near the V-C's office against the implementation of semester system despite the court's order not to resort to such demonstration.

Opposing the allegation, the counsel for the teachers submitted before the bench that they have been protesting peacefully.

The court asked the teachers not to go for any kind of protest when the matter is under court's consideration.

Seeking to roll back the semester system, the lawyer argued that there was a need for a transparent procedure in which the teachers, students union and the experts should be consulting before taking any such step.

According to the petitioner, following the notification various committees have held the meetings without giving any time to the members to even study the items on the agenda.