

LETTERS

Campus
rage futile

● It has become a practice to call a strike over the death of a student in a fight between unions in an educational institution (Mixed effect of strike call, August 15). It is unfortunate that violence has become commonplace at Bengal Engineering and Science University (BESU), Jadavpur University and Presidency College, where most of the talented students of Bengal study. There may be differences of political opinion among students, but such differences should not be settled through violence.

Strikes, too, serve no purpose. They only vitiate the campus atmosphere and after a few days everybody forgets why the strike was called. But the parents who lose their child in the violence cannot get over the incident for a single moment in their life. Instead of calling a strike, students can hold a condolence meeting after class.

Dinabandhu Mukherjee,
Behala

● Apropos the report "Doctors invoke God", August 11, it is unfortunate that infiltration of politics into educational institutions has resulted in the death of a BESU student. Student politicians, goaded by party leaders, often cross boundaries. The innocent suffer as a result.

Ratan Kumar Halder,
Behala



VOICES OF PROTEST: Students on the Bengal Engineering and Science University campus

bad luck and embarrassment seems to be following our workaholic and straight-speaking chief minister. First, it was Rajarhat Expressway, his first track to progress, which was found riddled with craters. Now his bid to transform the city into Venice has been brought to a halt by silt. To add to the humiliation, his cabinet colleague had boasted in public about how well the canals had been dredged!

Sunil Banerjee,
VIP Road

● Apropos the report "Canal ferry ready for trial run", August 8, launch service on canals will benefit many. The launch of the service might also lead to an end of mosquito menace in Salt Lake.

Sourish Misra,
Salt Lake

Kind haven

● Apropos the report "Night haven for hapless girl child", August 10, Sister Cyril of Loreto Day School, Sealdah, is doing a praiseworthy job in providing shelter to street children. It is heartening to learn that more than 65 schools have responded positively to her novel proposal of allowing school premises to be used as night shelter for destitute children.

Akhter Kamal Siddiqui,
Park Street

Hospital horror

● I was aghast on reading that a Group D staffer of Belle Vue Clinic had molested a schoolgirl ("Verbal vet for hospital odd jobs", August 9). Such incidents cannot be ruled out in

Campus strike

● Bengal Engineering and Science University (Besu) students broke their “indefinite strike” on Thursday and attended classes because of the visit of the secretary of Union human resource development ministry’s secretary Sudip Bandopadhyay. The strike, called to protest “police interference” in the institute’s affairs, will resume on Friday, said Debroop Sengupta, of the BE College Students’ Union. Bandopadhyay talked to Besu vice-chancellor N.K. Banerjea about the proposed upgrade of the institute’s status.
