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PRESS RELEASE

ON THE REPORTING IN VARIOUS LEADING NEWS PAPERS

ON THE INCIDENT THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE EVENING ON 10TH September, 2017 RELATING TO THE EVICTIONS AT SUBHASH SAROBAR ACROSS THE E.M. BYPASS IN BELLIAGHATA

Consequent upon publications on 11th September, 2017 in various leading news papers regarding reported a incident on the evictions that took place in the evening on Sunday, the 10th September, 2017, at Subhas Sarobar, across E.M. Bypass in Beliaghata, Kolkata, where students of the West Bengal National Law University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS), Kolkata were assaulted when they reportedly tried to prevent the eviction of a slum; based on an order of Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta, this press release is made to clarify the stand of the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences and to deny the facts that have been misreported in the publications.

- a) The students of WBNUJS who have been reportedly involved in the incidents and were beaten up in the process, did not have any prior approval from the WBNUJS authorities, neither the WBNUJS Authorities had any prior knowledge of involvement of its students in the incident.
- b) The students of WBNUJS who are the volunteers to the IDIA Initiative, aimed at empowering underprivileged students through legal education towards making legal education in India more diverse, inclusive and impactful (Source : IDIA Law Blog, by Prof. Shamnad Basheer) had acted on their own in the High Court proceedings and the events leading up to the incident.
- c) Most of the students of WBNUJS reside in Hostels premised in the WBNUJS Campus in Salt Lake, WBNUJS being a residential University.



- d) Dr. Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan, the Registrar (Acting) of WBNUJS, intervened only when the incidents of alleged assault of the WBNUJS were reported to him. Besides being Registrar (Acting), Dr. Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan is also the Chief Warden of the WBNUJS Hostels. Dr. Khan, along with other faculty members of the University, rushed to meet the student victims at hospital and ensure timely medical help they needed. The injured students were taken by the police from the hospital to the police station to have their statements recorded. Dr. Khan also subsequently reached the police station to ensure that the students assembled at the police station are safely returned home to the Hostel.
- e) The WBNUJS, as a premier Law School, stands by its commitment to the cause of justice.
- f) The WBNUJS condemns any misreporting and unwarranted sensationalization of the incidents, as carried out by a section of the media.

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