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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 15226/2024**

ADITYA SINGH TOMAR

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Abhishek Sharma, Mr.
Parvinder Singh Sandhu and
Mr. Arun Shukla, Advs. with
petitioner in person.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC
with Mr. Waize, Mr. Maulik
Khurana, Mr. Ranjeev Khatana
and Mr. Varun Pratap, Advs.
for R-1.

Mr. Sanjay Vashishtha, St.
counsel with Ms. Vasudha Saini
and Ms. Harshita Rai, Advs. for
NLUD/R-2.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINDER KAUR

ORDER

11.11.2024

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CM APPL. 63982/2024

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

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2. This petition has been filed in public interest, highlighting three
unfortunate incidents that have taken place in the National Law
University, Delhi and praying for the following reliefs:-



“a. Issue Writ / Order / Direction to make an independent inquiry committee, comprising mental health experts, educationists, and legal experts, to investigate the causes behind the student suicides at NLU Delhi.

b. Issue Writ / Order / Direction for the university to establish and enforce mental health policies in accordance with national guidelines, including the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017, NEP 2020 principles and UGC regulations.

c. Issue Writ / Order / Direction in nature of mandamus against the university to set up 24/7 mental health counselling services, peer support networks, and regular mental health check-ups for students.

d. Issue writ/ Order/Direction so as to evaluate the curriculum of the University and also see how this is affecting the health of the students.

e. Hold the university administration accountable for any lapses and order appropriate compensation to the families of the deceased students.”

3. The learned counsel for the respondent no. 2, who appears on advance notice of this petition, submits that the causes of these unfortunate incidents have been investigated and no direct nexus with the University or its curriculum has been found.

4. He further submits that taking note of these unfortunate incidents, an emergent meeting of the Governing Council was held on 19.10.2024, and various measures were agreed to be taken, so that timely detection can be made and such unfortunate incidents can be



prevented. The learned counsel for the respondent no. 2 has placed a copy of the minutes of the 19th Meeting (emergent meeting of the Governing Council held on 19.10.2024) before us in this regard. The same has been taken on record.

5. Having considered the above, we are of the opinion that adequate steps have been taken by the respondent no. 2 for the present. We do not, therefore, deem it appropriate to issue further directions in this petition at this stage.

6. However, in case, the petitioner finds that adequate remedial measures have not been taken or implemented, it shall be open to the petitioner to approach this Court for further relief.

7. The petition is accordingly disposed of.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

SHALINDER KAUR, J

NOVEMBER 11, 2024/sds/F/SJ

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