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PRESS NOTE

The students of Himachal Pradesh National Law University went on strike and started their protest on September 17th, 2019 demanding various amenities/facilities relating to infrastructure.

The University, in that regard has constantly engaged in a process of dialogue with the students since the very first day itself. On the 18th of September, 2019, the University also constituted a committee consisting of faculty members to continuously discuss and deliberate with the students. After rounds of discussion that the committee had with students, the University issued a detailed Press Note on September 20th, 2019.

In view of the repeated rounds of talks and deliberations with the students, the University on its behalf, releases the following statement:

1. It has yet again come to our notice that an impression regarding University toilets being locked has been doing the rounds. The University clarifies that it is a false allegation. It is also clarified again that the toilets of hostels and the Administrative Block have remained unlocked.
2. It is further clarified that the allegation regarding forced eviction of students from their hostels and denying them of access to mess facilities is absolutely false and baseless. Food was and is being served in the hostels. No forcible eviction has been done.
3. Today, University had many rounds of talks with many groups of students in which the following issues were deliberated upon:
 - a. Formation of Students' Representative Body.
 - b. Transparency, RTI and Publication of Annual Report of University.
 - c. Fee Structure.
 - d. Conducting various academic activities such as workshops, moot court, Student Exchange Programme, Demo-Training to e-resources etc.
 - e. Scholarship.
 - f. Maintenance of Hostel premises and facilities, appointment of dedicated Wardens in the hostels and hostel timings.
 - g. Installation of High Mast Lights in the Campus.
 - h. Rules pertaining to attendance.
 - i. Compliance of Students' Feedback.
 - j. Paid Internships.

- k. The purchase of an additional University Bus.
- l. Ambulance with necessary equipment.
- m. Appointment of a Doctor for the University.
- n. Female Security Guards for Girls' Hostels.
- o. Mess facilities.
- p. Library timings.
- q. Issues of financial control in the various committees.

The student members of the groups who turned up for talks were satisfied with the response of the University. However, each group after the talk was over, stated that they were not representing others, and ended up expressing their inability to resolve the impasse.

It is also pertinent to mention that each group of students appearing each time, kept adding new demands to the first representation of demands that they gave to the University on September 17th, 2019.

The University administration is releasing this press note with a heavy heart stating that irrespective of our tireless efforts to resolve the issue by today itself, the students preferred to postpone the resolution till Monday i.e. September 23rd, 2019.

It is reiterated that the University is doing the best that it can to expedite the process whereby all the issues regarding amenities and other facilities may be resolved at the earliest.

All the students are yet again requested to call off the strike/protest and resolve all the issues through dialogue. It is in the interest of the institution which belongs equally to all the stakeholders.

GOD BLESS!!

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Registrar