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Hon'ble Justice Ranjan Gogoi,
Chief Justice of India,
Chancellor, NLSIU, Bengaluru.

Respected Chancellor Sir,

It's a matter of deep concern that National Law School of India University campus is becoming home to unruly elements among students who have forced a strike and boycott of classes in this premier and most outstanding legal education centre of the country and the world. The agitating students have even announced to stay away from the ensuing examination slated to take place from Monday, the 23rd September. The students body is indulging in acts of misdemeanor and indiscipline which is bringing down the image of the institution in the estimation of one and all. The students body is crossing it's limit by trying to question the functioning of the Executive Council and accusing the Registrar by imputing motives on him for allegedly halting the process of appointment of Professor Sudhir Krishnaswamy as Vice-Chancellor, totally forgetting that the Registrar is also a senior professor of NLSIU and commands respect in the academic circles as an acclaimed teacher of law. Rumors are being spread about change of composition of EC. As far as appointment of Professor Sudhir Krishnaswamy is concerned, the four member committee constituted by the EC on 6th July 2019, had selected him to be the next VC, which decision was to be adopted by the EC in it's next meeting. There was no reason whatsoever for the Students body to make it a controversial issue leading to the present unfortunate scenario. It's high time to address the acts of blatant indiscipline by the students body which call for stringent action against those behind the reprehensible move to disturb and destroy the peace and orderly functioning of NLSIU. Students

body can't be a stakeholder in the process of appointment of VC or any faculty member. Neither the NLSIU Act nor Rules permit them to be part of any such process. The role of Professor Sudhir Krishnaswamy behind the present agitation can't be ruled out. To restore discipline in the campus, the decision to appoint him Vice-Chancellor should be reviewed by the EC and suitable action taken against the students responsible for creating the present situation in the NLSIU campus. It's high time NLSIU is insulated from elements that pose a danger to the smooth functioning of the best law school built by decades of hard toil by most reputed legal luminaries of the country.

Your esteemed self is requested to include this letter for discussion in the agenda of the next EC meeting to be held on 28th September, 2019.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely



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