



DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY PRAYAGRAJ डॉ. राजेन्द्र प्रसाद राष्ट्रीय विधि विश्वविद्यालय प्रयागराज

Sr. Prof. Dr. Usha Tandon

Vice Chancellor

Ref. No. - RPNLU/Int./16

Dt. - 26/09/2026

From:

The Vice-Chancellor

Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University

Prayagraj

To,

Mr. Varun Kumar Pandey

Registrar

Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

The U.P. Legislature enacted Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj Act, 2020 as amended in 2023 (U.P. Act No 26 of 2020) and thereby established Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj, with the objects, inter alia, of advancement of law learning, teaching and research and diffusion of knowledge in the field of law, catering to the needs of society and the various professions including the legal profession, undertaking research in the field of law, and imparting instruction and training to lawyers, law officers, managers and persons engaged in legislative drafting and in matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Registrar is a whole-time officer of the University and is required to discharge the functions and responsibilities of the office in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the statutory framework governing the University.

You, Mr. Varun Kumar Pandey, joined the services of Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj on 18.05.2026 and, upon your appointment and assumption of the office of Registrar of the University, became subject to and bound by the provisions of the U.P. Act No 26 of 2020, and the statutory duties, powers and responsibilities attached to the office of Registrar thereunder.

In view of certain acts and omissions on your part, and while adhering to the principles of natural justice and affording you a reasonable opportunity to explain your conduct, you are hereby called upon to show cause in respect of the following acts and omissions:

1. FAILURE TO APPRISE THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE ORDER OF THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT IN WRIT-C NO. 37012 OF 2026, AND SUBSEQUENT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS ISSUED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF

1.1 That the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad, vide its order dated 16.09.2026 passed in Writ-C No. 37012 of 2026, Shubhendu Anand and Another v. State of U.P. and 5

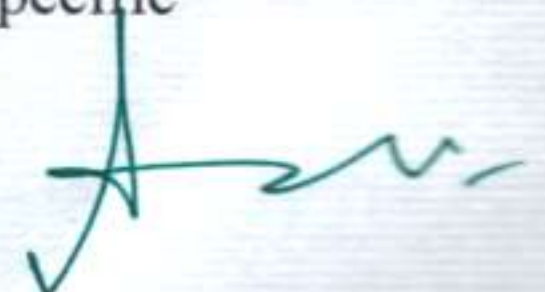
Others (**Annexure 1**), issued, inter alia, a specific direction that Dr. Deepak Sharma (serving as Assistant Professor, Department of Law in the University) be relieved from all administrative responsibilities until completion of the enquiries, immediately after receipt of a copy of the said order. The Hon'ble Court further directed that the said Dr Deepak Sharma shall not be assigned any role in any disciplinary or hostel-related matter concerning either of the petitioners. The said order of the Hon'ble High Court was as you had received a soft copy of the order through an e-mail sent by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners at about 20:24 hours on 19.09.2026 (**Annexure 2**). Despite having knowledge of the aforesaid judicial order and its contents, you did not apprise the undersigned, being the Vice-Chancellor of the University, of the said order. The said omission was specifically brought to your notice vide communication dated 20.09.2026(**Annexure 3**), wherein serious displeasure was conveyed to you for your failure to immediately apprise the Vice-Chancellor of an order containing immediate and specific directions concerning the administrative functioning of the University.

1.2 That the aforesaid failure was of particular significance because the order of the Hon'ble High Court was not merely an order requiring consideration at a later stage, but contained immediate and operative directions concerning evaluation of answer scripts, constitution and functioning of committees, inquiry proceedings, administrative responsibilities and maintenance of confidentiality, including the express direction that Respondent No. 6 be relieved from all administrative responsibilities immediately upon receipt of the order. The failure on your part to bring the aforesaid judicial order to the immediate notice of the Vice-Chancellor, despite admittedly having knowledge thereof could have resulted in non-compliance inviting stern action against the undersigned and disrepute to the University. Your omission was, therefore, not merely a matter of administrative communication but concerned the timely implementation of binding directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court.

1.3 That, consequent upon the aforesaid omission on your part, the undersigned was constrained to issue a specific written direction to you vide Ref. No. RPNLU/Int./04 dated 21.09.2026 (**Annexure 4**),, directing you to take immediate steps for ensuring strict compliance with the order dated 16.09.2026 of the Hon'ble High Court and accordingly you were specifically directed to immediately issue a communication to Dr. Deepak Sharma, informing him that, in compliance with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, he stood relieved, with immediate effect, from all administrative responsibilities until further orders. You were further directed to ensure that all concerned personnel of the University were suitably informed so that the directions of the Hon'ble High Court were implemented in letter and spirit.

That, despite the aforesaid specific, clear and unequivocal direction issued by the Vice-Chancellor, and despite the fact that your attention had already been specifically drawn to the requirement of immediate compliance with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, you failed to issue the requisite communication to Dr. Deepak Sharma and failed to take the consequential steps expressly directed by the Vice-Chancellor for implementation of the said judicial order.

1.4 That the chronology of events, namely, (i) your having knowledge of the order of the Hon'ble High Court; (ii) your failure to apprise the Vice-Chancellor of the said order; (iii) the Vice-Chancellor being required to specifically direct you to take immediate steps for implementation of the order; and (iv) your subsequent failure to comply with that specific direction, constitutes a serious matter requiring your explanation.



Section 12(3)(a) of the Act, specifically mandates the Registrar to comply with all directions and orders of the Executive Council and the Vice-Chancellor. Consequently, as the Registrar of the University, you are under a statutory obligation to faithfully, diligently and promptly comply with the lawful directions and orders issued by the Vice-Chancellor in discharge of the duties and responsibilities of that office. Also Section 12(3)(h) of the Act makes the Registrar directly responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the proper discharge of his duties and functions.

1.5 That your aforesaid acts and omissions, failure to discharge the statutory duties attached to the office of Registrar, failure to comply with the specific direction of the Vice-Chancellor and failure to ensure timely administrative implementation of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court, raise a serious question regarding your conduct in the discharge of the functions and responsibilities of the office held by you.

You are, therefore, called upon to show cause as to why your acts and omissions be not considered deliberate and wilful disobedience, defiance of the authority and accordingly action should not be initiated/taken against you in respect of the aforesaid acts and omissions.

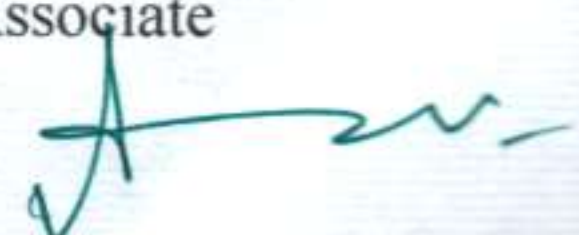
2. INSUBORDINATION AND PERSISTENT/CONTINUING DEFIANCE OF THE DIRECTIONS OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR REGARDING THE ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOYS' HOSTEL

2.1. That you, being the Registrar of Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj, and, by virtue of Section 12(3)(a) of the Act, are required to comply with all directions and orders of the Vice-Chancellor, while under Section 12(3)(h) of the Act you are directly responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the proper discharge of your duties and functions

2.2. That, in compliance with the order dated 16.09.2026 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad in Writ-C No. 37012 of 2026, Dr. Deepak Sharma was required to be relieved forthwith from all administrative responsibilities, including those pertaining to the Boys' Hostel. Consequent upon he being divested of the responsibilities pertaining to the Boys' Hostel, an immediate need arose for making an alternative administrative arrangement to ensure the uninterrupted and effective functioning, supervision and administration of the Boys' Hostel. It was, therefore, considered necessary that an appropriate officer of the University, having the requisite administrative experience and responsibility, be entrusted with the charge of the Boys' Hostel as Warden.

2.3. Accordingly, in view of your position as Registrar of the University and the statutory responsibility attached to the said office, vide order dated 21.09.2026 bearing Ref. No. RPNLU/Int./08 (**Annexure 5**), the Vice-Chancellor assigned to you the additional responsibility of Warden of the Boys' Hostel, in place of Dr. Deepak Sharma, with immediate effect, and directed you to assume charge forthwith. You were specifically entrusted with the responsibility for the day-to-day administration, discipline and proper functioning of the Boys' Hostel, including the responsibilities attached to the office of Warden under the applicable rules.

2.4. Your own contemporaneous conduct demonstrates that you were fully aware of the hostel's mess-related problems as you yourself issued a formal communication bearing Ref. No. 1792/RPNLUP dated 22.09.2026 (**Annexure 6**), addressed to the Warden/Associate



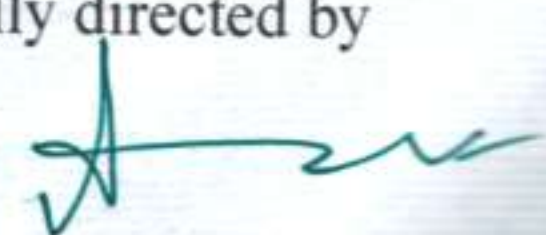
Warden of the Girls/Boys Hostel, specifically concerning “छात्रावास में उत्पन्न हो रही समस्याओं के संबंध में”, i.e. problems arising in the hostel mess. In the said communication, issued by you in your official capacity as Registrar, you expressly recorded that you had come to know that students were facing problems relating to the operation and management of the hostel mess. Thus, you were fully aware of the operational difficulties being faced in the Boys’ Hostel.

2.5. Despite such knowledge, you declined to assume the responsibility specifically assigned to you and instead of assuming the responsibility of Warden specifically assigned to you by the Vice-Chancellor, you submitted your representation dated 22.09.2026 (**Annexure 7**), demonstrating your unwillingness to assume the charge (as directed) and responsibility and proposed an alternative arrangement. The appropriate authority i.e. the Vice-Chancellor, unequivocally, directed you and conveyed that your representation was not accepted and the directions conveyed vide letter dated 21.09.2026 bearing Ref. No. RPNLU/Int./08 remained operative. You further sent a communication dated 23.09.2026 (**Annexure 8**), stating that you had sought guidance from the Principal Secretary (Judicial) and Legal Advisor, Law Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, and seeking that the matter remain under consideration until such guidance was received.

2.6. That the Vice-Chancellor, vide communication dated 24.09.2026 bearing Ref. No. RPNLU/Int./15 (**Annexure 9**), specifically considered the aforesaid stand taken by you and clarified that merely seeking administrative or legal guidance could not postpone, suspend, keep in abeyance or otherwise defer compliance with an operative direction of the competent authority. You were once again directed to assume charge forthwith. The said communication expressly recorded that, till that date, you had not assumed charge of the Boys’ Hostel. You are well aware that the statutory scheme of the Act, places substantial responsibility upon the Vice-Chancellor in relation to the administration and discipline of the University. Section 5 of the Act sets out the powers and functions of the University, including matters concerning residence and discipline, while the Schedule to the Act specifically provides under Statute 24(1) that the final authority responsible for maintenance of discipline among the students of the University shall be the Vice-Chancellor. You were well aware that the absence of the Hostel Warden may bring a state of indiscipline and pandemonium in the Hostel and the University.

2.7. Despite the fact that you were aware of the dire-consequences that could follow in terms of indiscipline, unrest and threat to peace and tranquillity, you, instead of complying, did not assume the charge, as directed to you. Instead you issued hostel-related directions to teaching staff. Your email addressed to Dr. Ravi Prakash Rahul, Associate Warden, Boys’ Hostel, shows that you, without approval of the Vice Chancellor, directed him to handle the matter pertaining to Boy’s Hostel (**Annexure 10**). By another communication, you, without approval of the Vice Chancellor, directed the Associate Warden to remain present in the Boys’ Hostel premises during the night with effect from 23.09.2026, expressly stating that such presence was necessary to ensure the good conduct of students and smooth functioning of the Boys’ Hostel (**Annexure 11**).

2.8 In the absence of an express order or valid delegation of authority by the competent authority authorising you to independently assign or impose such administrative responsibilities upon members of the teaching staff, you could not, merely by virtue of holding the office of Registrar, assume a general and independent authority to make such administrative arrangements contrary to, or outside, the arrangement specifically directed by the Vice-Chancellor.



2.9. That your continued failure thereafter to assume the responsibility assigned to you, coupled with your continued issuance of directions concerning the functioning of the Boys' Hostel, constitutes insubordination, persistent and continuing non-compliance with the directions of the Vice-Chancellor and exercise of a power not vested in you by directing the teaching personnel without demonstrated authority or delegation.

2.10. That your aforesaid acts and omissions, taken cumulatively, makes it a case of insubordination, persistent and continuing defiance, non-compliance with the lawful directions of the Vice-Chancellor coupled with exercise/assumption of powers not vested in you.

You are, therefore, called upon to show cause as to why appropriate action should not be initiated against you for the aforesaid acts and omissions which in itself constitutes insubordination and misconduct in the discharge of your duties, as Registrar, having a potential of bringing indiscipline, unrest and threat to peace and tranquillity of the University and is against the interest of real stakeholders of the University i.e. the Students. You are further called upon to explain the administrative overreach by exercising powers not vested in you.

3. INSUBORDINATION, NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE DIRECTIONS OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, AND ACTS PREJUDICIAL TO THE INTERESTS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS LEGAL REPRESENTATION

3.1. That you, being the Registrar of the University, are statutorily required to comply with the directions and orders of the Vice-Chancellor and are directly responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the proper discharge of your duties and functions, in terms of Section 12(3)(a) and Section 12(3)(h) of U.P. Act No 26 of 2020.

3.2. That on 15.09.2026, pursuant to the directions of the Vice-Chancellor, an Office Order was directed to be issued notifying the reconstitution of the Legal Cell of the University, incorporating therein the names of the faculty members as directed by the Vice-Chancellor. As the Registrar of the University, you were required to give effect to and facilitate implementation of the decision(s) of the Vice-Chancellor as the same is your statutory duty. Instead of implementing and giving effect to the aforesaid decision, you proceeded to raise objections to the Office Order and recorded a note dated 15.09.2026 questioning the proposed constitution of the Legal Cell. In the said note, you referred, inter alia, to writ petitions allegedly having been filed before the Hon'ble High Court challenging the recent recruitments and alleged that a conflict of interest would arise in respect of the proposed members of the Legal Cell. The reference made by you regarding the writ proceedings was factually incorrect, inasmuch as no such writ petition, as referred to by you in your aforesaid note, had in fact been filed or was pending before the Hon'ble High Court. The reasons and basis for placing such incorrect facts, are best known to you (**Annexure 12**).

3.3. That the aforesaid acts and omissions on your part, if established, constitute insubordination and non-compliance with the directions of the Vice-Chancellor, coupled with placing incorrect facts on the official record and conduct prejudicial to the proper functioning and administration of the University.



You are, therefore, called upon to show cause as to why appropriate action should not be initiated against you for disregarding and obstructing implementation of the directions of the Vice-Chancellor concerning reconstitution of the Legal Cell and also for placing incorrect facts on the official record which resulted in creation of a situation of administrative uncertainty.

4. MISCONDUCT CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY'S LEGAL REPRESENTATION

4.1 That Shri Gaurav Tripathi, Advocate, was engaged to represent the University in the proceedings before the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad in Writ-C No. 37012 of 2026, Shubhendu Anand & Another v. State of Uttar Pradesh & Others, and engagement letter dated 14.09.2026 bearing Ref. No. 1770/RPNLUP was issued to him.

4.2 That it has been reported to the Vice Chancellor by said Mr. Gaurav Tripathi, Advocate, that you telephonically contacted him, on more than one occasion, and questioned his authority to appear on behalf of the University and sought to restrain him from continuing to act as counsel for the University.

4.3. That as per communication sent by Mr. Gaurav Tripathi, Advocate, your first such telephonic interaction, with Shri Gaurav Tripathi was made on 23.09.2026, at around 17:12 hours, during which you questioned why he had appeared on behalf of the University in Writ-C No. 37012 of 2026 and questioned the basis of his engagement. You, again, at 14:18 hrs on 24-09-26 called Mr. Gaurav Tripathi, Advocate, and questioned his authority and asked him to refrain from representing the University (**Annexure 13**).

4.4 That the said Shri Gaurav Tripathi was constrained to place the matter before the Vice-Chancellor through email(s). The copy of e-mail is attached herewith for your perusal.

4.5. That your conduct of questioning of the authority of the counsel duly appointed and engaged by the University and your repeated attempts to dissuade him from acting on behalf of the University require specific explanation. The conduct on your part, in relation to counsel already engaged to represent the University in a pending proceeding before the Hon'ble High Court, could have, potentially, created uncertainty and ambiguity regarding the authority of the University's counsel to continue representing the University, notwithstanding the subsisting engagement.

4.6. That the aforesaid conduct had the effect of creating uncertainty and ambiguity regarding the authority of the University's counsel to represent the University before the Hon'ble High Court. Such conduct was particularly prejudicial to the effective and coordinated conduct of the University's legal affairs, especially when the University was required to participate in and comply with directions arising out of the pending proceedings in Writ-C No. 37012 of 2026. Any such phone call is, prima facie, prejudicial to the orderly and coordinated conduct of the University's legal affairs.

You are, therefore, called upon to show cause as to why appropriate action should not be initiated against you for questioning and interfering with the University's subsisting legal representation in pending judicial proceedings and thereby acting in a manner which is, prima facie, prejudicial to the effective administration and legal interests of the University and also brings disrepute to the University.



5. FAILURE TO ACT UPON THE REPORTING REGARDING LOSS OF PEN DRIVE CONTAINING EXAMINATION DATA AND NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE DIRECTION OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

5.1 That on 12.09.2026, Dr. Sonika, Controller of Examinations of the University reported to you regarding the loss of an HP 32 GB silver-coloured pen drive from her handbag while the same was kept in the Examination Cell. In her communication, she specifically brought to your notice that the said pen drive which was missing had data which was of confidential nature and the matter required immediate attention. She specifically requested that the CCTV footage of the Examination Cell be reviewed and the persons who had access to the Examination Cell during the relevant period be identified so as to ascertain the circumstances in which the pen drive went missing. The matter was sensitive in nature and had probable impact on the examination of the University, thus required prompt action including preservation and examination of the relevant CCTV footage and ascertainment of the persons who had access to the Examination Cell during the relevant period. **(Annexure 14).**

5.2. Taking cognizance of the seriousness of the matter, the Vice-Chancellor, on 14.09.2026, specifically directed you to look into the matter on a priority basis. The said direction was clear, specific and required the Registrar to take appropriate and timely action in respect of the complaint made by the Controller of Examinations. **(Annexure 15).**

5.3. That despite the aforesaid information by Dr. Sonika, Controller of Examinations of the University and the specific direction of the Vice-Chancellor dated 14.09.2026, you failed to take appropriate steps to enquire into the matter, secure and examine the relevant CCTV footage, identify the persons who had access to the Examination Cell during the relevant period. You are well aware of the fact that CCTV footage is time-sensitive and may be overwritten in the ordinary course, still no steps were taken to preserve or retrieve the same. You were expected to take immediate steps for preservation and examination of the relevant footage.

5.4. That the aforesaid conduct, prima facie, constitutes failure to comply with a specific direction of the Vice-Chancellor, neglect in dealing with a matter concerning the security and confidentiality of examination-related material, and failure to discharge the responsibilities attached to the office of Registrar.

You are, accordingly, called upon to explain why, despite the report of the Controller of Examinations dated 12.09.2026, regarding the loss of the pen-drive containing sensitive and confidential examination data and the specific direction of the Vice-Chancellor dated 14.09.2026 to look into the matter on priority basis, no effective action have been taken by and as to why such failure should not be treated as misconduct and dereliction of duty warranting appropriate action.

6. FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT THE DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIFIC DIRECTION OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR REGARDING ISSUANCE OF APPOINTMENT LETTERS TO THE SELECTED ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

6.1. That in the 10th Meeting of the Executive Council of Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj, held on 31.07.2026, Agenda Item No. EC:10/07, relating to the



Recommendations of the Selection Committee for appointment of Assistant Professors, was considered by the Executive Council. The recommendation(s) of the duly constituted Selection Committee(s) were opened before the Executive Council and were placed before the Executive Council for deliberations. The matter was thereafter put to vote and was approved by a majority of 4:2. (**Annexure 16**).

6.2 The Executive Council thereafter expressly resolved that the recommendations of the Selection Committee for appointment of Assistant Professors were approved by majority, and the names of the selected candidates under the respective categories were specifically recorded in the minutes.

6.3. You were physically present throughout the aforesaid meeting in the capacity of the Secretary of the Executive Council. The minutes of the meeting bear your signature in the capacity of Registrar/Secretary, Executive Council.

6.4. That thereafter, the Vice-Chancellor, being the Chairperson of the Executive Council, specifically addressed an email to you (as you hold the office in the capacity of Registrar) directing you to issue the appointment letters to the selected candidates, in view of the approval accorded by the Executive Council. The direction did not require you to undertake any fresh decision-making process or to reconsider the merits of the candidates (as the same is not within your authority, duty or powers) (**Annexure 17**).

6.5. That notwithstanding the aforesaid decision of the Executive Council and the specific direction of the Vice-Chancellor to issue the appointment letters immediately, you failed to take the consequential administrative action of issuing the appointment letters to the selected candidates and thereby failed to implement the decision of the Executive Council.

6.6. Your omission in the manner that you failed to implement the decision of the Executive Council and in one manner refused to issue the letter of appointment to the recruited Assistant Professors of the University on the directions of the Vice-Chancellor, is a material and serious breach of the statutory duty of the Registrar. Section 12(3)(a) of the Act specifically mandates that the Registrar shall comply with all directions and orders of the Executive Council and the Vice-Chancellor. Thus, you are under a statutory obligation to give effect to the decision of the Executive Council and the consequential direction of the Vice-Chancellor.

6.7. Your failure to comply with the decision of the Executive Council and the consequential directions of the Vice-Chancellor is, therefore, not a case of inadvertence or lack of knowledge. You being the Secretary of the Executive Council, participated in the proceedings of the decision of the Executive Council and thereafter received a specific direction from the Vice-Chancellor to issue the appointment letters immediately. Despite such knowledge and direction, the Respondent failed to take the necessary consequential action.

6.8. The aforesaid acts and omissions, prima facie, constitutes failure to comply with the decision of the Executive Council, disobedience and non-compliance with the specific direction of the Vice-Chancellor, and failure to discharge the statutory duties attached to the office of Registrar. You are accordingly called upon to explain why appropriate disciplinary action should not be taken against you for the aforesaid acts and omissions.



You are hereby required to show cause as to why the acts and omissions committed by you, as detailed hereinabove, should not be treated as constituting acts of dereliction of duty, misconduct, insubordination, indiscipline, wilful disobedience of the lawful directions of the Vice-Chancellor, and wilful breach of and non-compliance with the statutory obligations imposed upon you under the provisions of the Uttar Pradesh National Law University Act, 2020, as well as breach of the obligations of integrity and devotion to duty and the requirement to abide by the specific or implied orders governing official conduct under Rule 3(1) and Rule 3(2) of the Uttar Pradesh Government Servants Conduct Rules, 1956, as amended from time to time, applicable to you, and why appropriate disciplinary action should not be taken against you in accordance with law.

The aforesaid acts and omissions, viewed cumulatively, have resulted in failure to discharge the statutory and administrative responsibilities attached to the office of Registrar and have adversely affected the proper administration and functioning of the University, thereby causing continued mismanagement of the affairs of the University and bringing the administration of the University into disrepute.

You are accordingly called upon to submit your written explanation/reply to this Show-Cause Notice on or before 28.09.2026, by 4:00 P.M.

The present Show-Cause Notice is being served upon you through your official e-mail ID as well as in physical form.

In the event that you fail to submit your reply within the aforesaid stipulated time, it shall be presumed that you have no explanation to offer in respect of the charges/allegations contained herein, and the matter shall be considered further in accordance with law on the basis of the material available on record.

Please note that the relevant documents relied upon in support of the allegations/charges contained in this Show-Cause Notice are appended herewith for your reference and for enabling you to submit your effective explanation.



Prof. Usha Tandon
Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj

Annexures: as above



Annex ①

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

WRIT - C No. - 37012 of 2026

Shubhendu Anand And Another

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. And 5 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)	:	Shivam Agarwal
Counsel for Respondent(s)	:	C.S.C.

Court No. - 38

HON'BLE VINOD DIWAKAR, J.

1. Heard Shri Shivam Agarwal, learned counsel for the petitioners and Shri Gaurav Tripathi, learned counsel for the respondent nos.2 & 3.
2. Shri Prabhakar Awasthi, learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent no.6 seeks and is granted a week's time to file a counter affidavit.
3. The case of the petitioners is that petitioner no. 1 is a Ph.D. research scholar and petitioner no. 2 is a student of the Vth Semester of the B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) course in the respondent-University, Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj. Petitioner no. 2 is a resident of the Boys' Hostel of the University.
4. The petitioners state that they do not seek any exemption from the academic standards prescribed by the University. Their grievance is that academic and administrative authority has been used by respondent no. 6 - the Head of the Department of Law and Warden of the Boys' Hostel- as an instrument of caste-based humiliation and retaliation.
5. Petitioner no. 2 submitted a complaint dated 20.08.2026 by electronic mail to respondent no. 3, the Vice-Chancellor, with a copy to Dr. Sonika, Assistant Professor of Law. It is contended that the competent authority of the University has failed to take any action upon the complaint, and has thereby, in effect, shielded respondent no. 6. Petitioner no. 2 is said to have sent repeated reminders and further complaints, but his grievance remains unredressed.

6. Excerpts from the second and third paragraphs of the complaint dated 20.08.2026 are reproduced hereunder, for a proper understanding of the issue raised:

"... Constitutional Law-II is the Gold Medal subject, and I had secured the highest marks in Constitutional Law-I. At the beginning of Fourth Semester, a remark was made by respondent no. 6 to the effect: 'jo constitutional law me highest lekar aya hai, ab mere me lekar aaye.' The concerned faculty member was aware that I had secured the highest marks in Constitutional Law-I. I, therefore, understood it as an indirect reference to me and my previous performance.

I believe that the stricter evaluation of my answer-sheets is due to my caste, as there have been multiple occasions when he, who belongs to an upper caste community, has publicly made intentional insulting remarks concerning caste and reservation, including 'Tum to achchi family se ho, tumhe reservation kyo chahiye?' and comments regarding a current faculty member who was appointed under the reserved category...

I therefore respectfully request that my Constitutional Law-II and other answer scripts be independently reviewed or re-evaluated by another impartial evaluator, subject to the University's rules, to determine whether the same standards and degree of scrutiny have been applied to my answer scripts.

I also request that my identity and this representation be kept confidential to the maximum extent possible, and disclosed only to persons necessary for examining the matter. I am concerned that raising this issue may adversely affect my future academic environment, my relationship with faculty members, or academic opportunities ..."

7. Further allegations of caste-based remarks directed at the petitioners are contained in Annexures 2, 3 and 4 to the petition. Those allegations have not been set out in this order, since their reproduction at this stage would serve no purpose, the matter being yet to be inquired into.

8. It is clarified at the outset that this Court records no finding whatsoever

upon the truth of the allegations made against respondent no. 6 or against any other person. The allegations are serious, and for that very reason they require to be examined by an impartial agency after affording a full opportunity of hearing to the person against whom they are made. Nothing in this order shall be construed as an expression of opinion upon their correctness.

9. Having heard learned counsel for the petitioners, and upon a perusal of the record and of the prayers made in the petition, this Court considers it appropriate to direct the constitution of two Committees.

10. Re-evaluation. The Vice-Chancellor of the respondent-University shall constitute an independent Committee to re-evaluate the answer sheets of petitioner no. 2 in the subjects taught and evaluated by respondent no. 6 in the Vth Semester, and in such other subject or subjects as petitioner no. 2 may indicate. It is directed that:

(i) no member of the Committee shall be a person who evaluated the answer sheets in the first instance, and respondent no. 6 shall have no role, direct or indirect, in the constitution or functioning of the Committee;

(ii) the answer sheets shall be placed before the Committee after masking the identity of the candidate and of the original evaluator, and the Committee shall not be informed of the marks originally awarded; and

(iii) the Committee shall complete the exercise and submit its report to the Vice-Chancellor within one week, and the Vice-Chancellor shall place the report before this Court on the next date of hearing.

11. Inquiry into the allegations. For an inquiry into the grievances raised by the petitioners, including those contained in Annexures 2, 3 and 4 to the petition, Smt. Archana Singh-I, learned Judge, Small Cause Court, District Court, Prayagraj, and Shri Arun Kumar Yadava, learned Special Chief Judicial Magistrate, Prayagraj, are requested to conduct an inquiry and to submit a report to this Court.

12. The objective of the inquiry shall be to ascertain whether students belonging to the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes have been subjected to caste-based humiliation or discrimination by respondent no. 6, or by any other person employed in or working for gain in the University, and whether the complaints made in that behalf were dealt with by the

University in accordance with the applicable regulations.

13. The inquiring officers shall record the statements of the petitioners and of such other persons as they consider necessary, including respondent no. 6, and shall be at liberty to call for such records of the University as may be required. The Registrar of the University shall extend full cooperation and shall make available all records called for.

14. Before recording any conclusion adverse to any person, the inquiring officers shall put the substance of the allegations to that person and afford him or her a reasonable opportunity of explanation, and the report shall record the opinions and recommendation, if any to substance of the explanation so furnished.

15. The inquiring officers shall take such measures as they consider appropriate to protect the identity of any student who deposes before them, having regard to the apprehension of retaliation expressed in the complaint dated 20.08.2026.

16. The report shall be submitted in a sealed cover before next date of hearing.

17. The Vice-Chancellor shall ensure that neither petitioners are subjected to any adverse consequence, academic or administrative, on account of the institution of these proceedings or of any statement made in the course of the inquiry. It is further directed that, until further orders, respondent no. 6 shall not be assigned any role in the evaluation of the answer scripts of petitioner no. 2, or in any disciplinary or hostel-related matter concerning either petitioners. The Respondent no.6 shall be relieved henceforth from all administrative responsibilities till the completion of the enquiries immediately after receipt of a copy of this order.

18. The Vice-Chancellor shall also place before this Court a short affidavit stating whether the University has constituted an Equal Opportunity Cell and a Committee for the redressal of grievances of students belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, in terms of the applicable University Grants Commission Regulations; the composition thereof; the action taken upon the complaint dated 20.08.2026 and upon the reminders said to have been sent; and the reasons for which no action appears to have been taken. In the same manner, the Registrar shall also file the personal

affidavit.

19. The Registrar (Compliance) shall transmit a copy of this order forthwith to the Vice-Chancellor of the respondent-University, and to the two inquiring officers named hereinabove, through the District Judge, Prayagraj in a sealed cover, separately, along with photocopy of the writ petition.

20. The Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar of the respondent-University shall maintain strict confidentiality in respect of the subject matter of these proceedings, and shall disclose the same only to such persons as are necessary for compliance with this order, so that no adverse effect is caused to the academic or administrative environment of the University, or to the interests of any person concerned. The inquiring officers shall likewise ensure that the proceedings of the inquiry, and the identity of the persons who depose before them, are kept confidential.

21. Put up this case as fresh on 24.09.2026 at 12:00 p.m.

September 16, 2026
Anil K. Sharma

(Vinod Diwakar,J.)



Annex (2)

Vice Chancellor <vc@rpnlp.ac.in>

Forwarding Order dated 16.09.2026 passed in WRIC no. 37012 of 2026 for kind consideration.

3 messages

office <office.advshivam@gmail.com>

19 September 2026 at 20:24

To: vc@rpnlp.ac.in, registrar@rpnlp.ac.in

I am pleased to submit herewith the order passed by the Hon'ble Allahabad High Court in WRIC no. 37012 of 2026 [Shubhendu Anand and Another vs State of U.P. & 5 ors].

The same is being forwarded for your kind perusal and consideration.

The relevant order is enclosed for ready reference.

Warm Regard,
Mr. Shivam Agarwal
Advocate Allahabad High Court

BBALLB; LLM; Master of Business Laws [National Law School of India, Bengaluru];
Certified Mediator [Indian Institute of Corporate Affair, New Delhi]

Mob: 8793644000
Alternate no. 9455068006

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Vice Chancellor <vc@rpnlp.ac.in>

21 September 2026 at 11:25

To: Financial Controller <fc@rpnlp.ac.in>

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Senior Professor (Dr.) Usha Tandon | वरिष्ठ प्रोफेसर (डॉ) उषा टंडन
Vice-Chancellor | कुलपति



Dr. Rajendra Prasad
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Vice Chancellor <vc@rpnlp.ac.in>
To: Assistant Registrar <ar@rpnlp.ac.in>

21 September 2026 at 11:58

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From: office <office.advshivam@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, 19 Sept 2026 at 20:24

Subject: Forwarding Order dated 16.09.2026 passed in WRIC no. 37012 of 2026 for kind consideration.

To: <vc@rpnlp.ac.in>, <registrar@rpnlp.ac.in>

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Vice Chancellor <vc@rpnlp.ac.in>

Serious displeasure regarding failure to apprise the Vice-Chancellor of the order dated 16.09.2026 passed by the Hon'ble High Court in Writ-C No. 37012 of 2026

1 message

Vice Chancellor <vc@rpnlp.ac.in>
To: Registrar RPNLUP <registrar@rpnlp.ac.in>

20 September 2026 at 22:46

To,
The Registrar,
Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj
Prayagraj

Subject: Serious displeasure regarding failure to apprise the Vice-Chancellor of the order dated 16.09.2026 passed by the Hon'ble High Court in Writ-C No. 37012 of 2026

Dear Mr. Pandey,

1. It is a matter of serious concern and displeasure that the order dated 16.09.2026 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad in Writ-C No. 37012 of 2026, Shubhendu Anand and Another Vs. State of U.P. and 5 Others, was not brought to the immediate notice of the undersigned by you, despite the fact that you were fully aware of the said order and had received a soft copy thereof.
2. It is pertinent to record that on 19.09.2026 at about 20:24 hours, Shri Shivam Aggarwal, learned counsel appearing for the student-petitioners, had forwarded the soft copy of the aforesaid order by e-mail to the undersigned as well as to you. Thus, you were fully aware of the order, its contents and the directions issued therein.
3. Further, the Registrar (Compliance), Hon'ble High Court had separately transmitted the said order to the undersigned in compliance with the specific direction contained in paragraph 19 of the order of the Hon'ble High Court. The said direction specifically contemplated transmission of the order to the Vice-Chancellor of the University.
4. In these circumstances, it was not merely administratively desirable, but was expected of you, particularly in view of your statutory responsibilities as Registrar and in the context of compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court, to immediately apprise the undersigned of the order and to place before the undersigned all relevant facts and directions requiring institutional compliance.
5. You are well conversant with the provisions of Section 12(3) of the Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj Act, 2020 (U.P. Act No. 26 of 2020). Section 12(3)(a) expressly casts upon the Registrar the duty to "comply with all directions and orders of the Executive Council and the Vice-Chancellor."
6. Likewise, Section 12(3)(h) expressly provides that the Registrar shall "be directly responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the proper discharge of his duties and function." The statutory scheme, therefore, leaves no ambiguity regarding the nature and extent of responsibility attached to the office of Registrar.
7. In the instant case, despite having knowledge of the order passed by the Hon'ble High Court since 19.09.2026 at about 20:24 hours, you did not apprise the undersigned of the order or of the directions contained therein. Your omission assumes greater seriousness as the said order contains immediate and specific directions requiring action by the University authorities, including directions concerning evaluation of answer scripts, constitution and functioning of committees, inquiry proceedings, administrative responsibilities and maintenance of confidentiality.
8. In such circumstances, prompt, accurate and responsible communication of the order to the Vice-Chancellor was of paramount importance. It was necessary to ensure that the University could take timely and coordinated steps for complete compliance with the judicial directions.
9. It is, therefore, difficult to comprehend why, despite having complete knowledge of the order and being fully aware of its contents, the matter was not immediately brought to the notice of the undersigned. The reasons for such omission are best known to you. However, such an omission could have resulted in avoidable delay in institutional compliance and could potentially have exposed the University to serious administrative and legal consequences.

10. Your conduct, in the circumstances, reflects a serious lack of diligence, promptness and the degree of responsibility expected from an officer holding the office of Registrar. The casual and callous approach towards a subsisting judicial order of the Hon'ble High Court is strongly deprecated.

11. You are well aware that any delay in bringing a subsisting judicial order containing immediate and time-bound directions to the notice of the competent authority may impede timely compliance and may expose the institution and its officers to avoidable consequences. Such an omission, therefore, cannot be treated as a mere routine or inconsequential administrative lapse.

12. The undersigned hereby conveys serious displeasure over the aforesaid omission. You are directed to ensure that, henceforth, every order, judgment, direction or communication issued by any Court or statutory authority having any bearing upon the academic, administrative, financial or legal functioning of the University is immediately and without any avoidable delay placed before the Vice-Chancellor, along with all relevant particulars and the action, if any, required to be taken thereon.

13. The responsibilities attached to the office of Registrar demand the highest degree of diligence, promptness, coordination and institutional accountability, particularly in matters involving judicial orders and statutory authorities.

14. As regards compliance with the directions contained in the aforesaid order of the Hon'ble High Court, you are directed to present yourself before the undersigned at 9:00 A.M. on 21.09.2026, so that the directions contained in the order may be examined comprehensively and appropriate, effective and time-bound steps for ensuring complete compliance may be taken.

15. You are expected to come prepared with all relevant records, communications and information concerning the receipt of the aforesaid order and the steps, if any, taken by your office pursuant thereto, so that the matter may be dealt with effectively and without any further delay.

Prof Usha Tandon

--Senior Professor (Dr.) Usha Tandon | वरिष्ठ प्रोफेसर (डॉ) उषा टंडन

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Sr. Prof. Dr. Usha Tandon
Vice Chancellor

Ref. No.- RPNLU/9nt./04

Dt. - 21/09/2026

From:
Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj
Prayagraj

To:
Mr. Varun Kumar Pandey
The Registrar,
Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj
Prayagraj

Subject: Immediate compliance with the directions passed vide order dated 16.09.2026 by the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad in Writ-C No. 37012 of 2026

Please be apprised of the order dated 16.09.2026 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad in Writ-C No. 37012 of 2026, Shubhendu Anand and Another Vs. State of U.P. and 5 Others.

You are hereby directed to take immediate steps for ensuring strict compliance with the directions contained in the aforesaid order of the Hon'ble High Court.

Accordingly, you are hereby directed to immediately issue a communication to Dr. Deepak Sharma, the Head of the Department of Law, who is arrayed as Respondent No. 6 in the aforesaid writ petition, informing him that, in compliance with the aforesaid order of the Hon'ble High Court, he shall, with immediate effect, stand relieved from all administrative responsibilities assigned to him until further orders or till completion of the enquiries, as directed by the Hon'ble High Court.

It is, therefore, expected that you shall ensure that the aforesaid communication is issued to Dr. Deepak Sharma forthwith. Furthermore, all concerned personnel of the University shall be suitably informed so that the directions of the Hon'ble High Court are implemented in letter and spirit.

A copy of the communication issued to Dr. Deepak Sharma be placed on the relevant official record and in his personal file; and furnished to the undersigned forthwith for further necessary compliance.

Prof. Usha Tandon
Vice-Chancellor

21/09/26



DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY PRAYAGRAJ
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Annex 5

Sr. Prof. Dr. Usha Tandon

Vice Chancellor

Ref. No. - RPNLU/Int./08

Dt. - 21/09/26

From:

Vice-Chancellor

Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj
Prayagraj

To,

Mr. Varun Kumar Pandey

The Registrar,

Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj

Subject: Assignment of responsibility of Warden of Boys' Hostel

You are aware of the orders dated 16.09.2026 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad in Writ-C No. 37012 of 2026, Shubhendu Anand and Another Vs. State of U.P. and 5 Others.

The Hon'ble Court vide order mentioned in para supra has directed that "...It is further directed that, until further orders, respondent no. 6 shall not be assigned any role in the evaluation of the answer scripts of petitioner no. 2, or in any disciplinary or hostel-related matter concerning either petitioners. The Respondent no.6 shall be relieved henceforth from all administrative responsibilities till the completion of the enquiries immediately after receipt of a copy of this order...."

Complying with the above orders you have already been directed to issue Office Order(s) effecting that Dr. Deepak Sharma is relieved from the administrative responsibilities, including that of the responsibility of the warden of the Boy's Hostel.

With a view to ensuring the uninterrupted and effective administration of the Boys' Hostel, you are hereby assigned the additional responsibility of Warden of the Boys' Hostel, in place of Dr. Deepak Sharma, with immediate effect.

In your capacity as Warden, you shall be responsible for ensuring the day-to-day administration, discipline and proper functioning of the Boys' Hostel. You shall discharge all duties and responsibilities, whether direct or ancillary, attached to the office of Warden in accordance with the applicable University rules, regulations, orders and directions issued from time to time.

With a view to ensuring an uninterrupted and effective discharge of the responsibilities entrusted to you as Warden, and having regard to the requirement of maintaining effective supervision and administration of the Boys' Hostel, you are required to reside in the University premises which has a dedicated residential accommodation for the Warden. Your

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residential presence at the Hostel premises shall facilitate effective and beneficial supervision of the residents, the Hostel mess and other facilities of the Hostel, as well as prompt attention to any contingency, emergency, disciplinary situation or any other matter requiring the immediate intervention or presence of the Warden.

The aforesaid assignment shall remain effective until further orders, or until such time as the competent authority makes any further arrangement in this regard, subject always to the directions of the Hon'ble High Court.

You are to ensure that the affairs of the Boys' Hostel continue to be managed smoothly and that all necessary administrative and disciplinary matters relating to the hostel are dealt with strictly in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations.

The aforesaid arrangement is with immediate effect, and all concerned personnel for the administration of the Boys' Hostel may be informed accordingly.

You are, therefore, directed to assume the aforesaid responsibility with immediate effect and ensure continuity in the administration of the Boys' Hostel.

 21/09/26 5 p.m.

Prof. Usha Tandon
Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University
Prayagraj



वरुण कुमार पाण्डेय
(पी.सी.एस.)
कुलसचिव

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Annex 6

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Phone: 7007398503

पत्रांक: 1792 /RPNLUP

दिनांक- 22 /09/2026

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डॉ. राजेन्द्र प्रसाद राष्ट्रीय विधि विश्वविद्यालय,
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सेवा में,

वार्डन / सहायक वार्डन (गर्ल्स/बॉयज हॉस्टल),
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प्रयागराज (उत्तर प्रदेश)

विषय: छात्रावास मेस में उत्पन्न हो रही समस्याओं के संबंध में।

अधोहस्ताक्षरी के संज्ञान में यह आया है कि छात्रावास मेस के संचालन एवं प्रबंधन के संबंध में छात्रों को कुछ समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। छात्रों द्वारा भोजन की गुणवत्ता एवं मात्रा, स्वच्छता एवं साफ-सफाई, भोजन परोसने में समयबद्धता, मेन्यू तथा मेस की समग्र व्यवस्थाओं के संबंध में चिंताएँ व्यक्त की गई हैं।

उपरोक्त के दृष्टिगत, आपसे अनुरोध है कि कृपया इस विषय में आवश्यक रूप से संज्ञान लेते हुए छात्रों द्वारा उठाई गई चिंताओं के संबंध में तथ्यों की जानकारी प्राप्त करें। साथ ही, आपसे यह भी अनुरोध है कि छात्रों एवं संबंधित मेस प्रतिनिधियों के साथ बातचीत कर समस्याओं को समझें तथा उचित सुधारात्मक उपाय सुनिश्चित करें।

छात्र प्रतिनिधियों एवं मेस प्रबंधन के साथ उचित बैठक भी आयोजित करें, ताकि छात्रों की समस्याओं का पारदर्शी एवं रचनात्मक तरीके से समाधान किया जा सके। भोजन की गुणवत्ता, रसोई एवं भोजन कक्ष की स्वच्छता, अनुमोदित मेन्यू का पालन तथा अन्य संबंधित पहलुओं की भी तदनुसार समीक्षा की जाए।

आपसे अनुरोध है कि इस संबंध में चिन्हित समस्याओं एवं की गई कार्रवाई के संबंध में एक संक्षिप्त रिपोर्ट यथाशीघ्र अधोहस्ताक्षरी को प्रस्तुत करना सुनिश्चित करें।

छात्रों के लिए उचित मेस सुविधाएँ एवं संतोषजनक वातावरण सुनिश्चित करने में आपके सहयोग की सराहना की जाएगी।

भवदीय

(वरुण कुमार पाण्डेय)
कुलसचिव

प्रतिलिपि- माननीय कुलपति महोदया, डॉ० राजेन्द्र प्रसाद राष्ट्रीय विधि विश्वविद्यालय, प्रयागराज को सादर सूचनार्थ।

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Date- 21 /09/2026

सेवा में,

माननीया कुलपति महोदया,

डॉ. राजेन्द्र प्रसाद राष्ट्रीय विधि विश्वविद्यालय,

प्रयागराज (उत्तर प्रदेश)

विषय: पत्र संख्या RPNLU/Int./08 दिनांक 21/09/2026 के संदर्भ में — छात्र छात्रावास (Boys' Hostel) के वार्डन / चीफ वार्डन के अतिरिक्त प्रभार के निर्वहन में असमर्थता एवं वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था के संबंध में।

संदर्भ:

1. माननीया कुलपति महोदया का पत्र पत्रांक: RPNLU/Int./08, दिनांक 21/09/2026
2. अधोहस्ताक्षरी का पूर्व पत्र पत्रांक: 1776/RPNLUP, दिनांक 18/09/2026

आदरणीया महोदया,

उपर्युक्त संदर्भित पत्र (RPNLU/Int./08) का संदर्भ ग्रहण करने का कष्ट करें, जिसके माध्यम से माननीय इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय द्वारा रिट याचिका (Writ-C No. 37012 of 2026: शुभेंदु आनंद व अन्य बनाम उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य व 5 अन्य) में पारित आदेश दिनांक 16.09.2026 के अनुपालन में डॉ. दीपक शर्मा के स्थान पर अधोहस्ताक्षरी (कुलसचिव) को छात्र छात्रावास (Boys' Hostel) के वार्डन का अतिरिक्त प्रभार ग्रहण करने तथा विश्वविद्यालय परिसर में स्थित आवास में निवास करने हेतु निर्देशित किया गया है।

इस संबंध में अत्यंत आदरपूर्वक निम्नलिखित तथ्य आपके सादर संज्ञान एवं पुनर्विचारार्थ प्रस्तुत हैं:

1. पूर्व में प्रेषित असमर्थता पत्र:

अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा पूर्व में ही पत्र पत्रांक: 1776/RPNLUP दिनांक 18/09/2026 के माध्यम से चीफ वार्डन / वार्डन के अतिरिक्त प्रभार से कार्यमुक्त किए जाने तथा उक्त दायित्व के निर्वहन में अपनी असमर्थता से आपको विधिवत अवगत कराया जा चुका है।

2. परिनियम एवं यूजीसी (UGC) नियमों की स्थिति:

विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम, परिनियमों एवं विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (UGC) के संगत नियमों/मार्गनिर्देशों में कुलसचिव (जो कि विश्वविद्यालय का पूर्णकालिक प्रधान प्रशासनिक अधिकारी होता है) को छात्रावास वार्डन का प्रभार सौंपे जाने अथवा इसके लिए बाध्य किए जाने का कोई विहित प्रावधान नहीं है। कुलसचिव पद के व्यापक प्रशासनिक एवं विधिक उत्तरदायित्वों के रहते वार्डन स्तर के दैनिक एवं आकस्मिक कार्यों का सुचारू निर्वहन व्यावहारिक व प्रशासनिक दृष्टि से अत्यंत कठिन है।

3. **आवासीय परिसर की अपूर्णता एवं समय-सीमा:**

आपके पत्र में यह उल्लेख किया गया है कि छात्रावास के सतत पर्यवेक्षण, अनुशासन, मेस व्यवस्था एवं आकस्मिक परिस्थितियों के त्वरित निस्तारण हेतु वार्डन का विश्वविद्यालय परिसर में निवास करना अनिवार्य है। इस संबंध में सादर अवगत कराना है कि वार्डन हेतु निर्धारित आवासीय परिसर को नियमानुसार रिक्त करने में, लगभग 6 माह का समय अपेक्षित है। अतः तात्कालिक रूप से उच्च न्यायालय के आदेश के पालन हेतु परिसर के पास में पूर्व से निवासरत असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर का किया जाना उचित होगा।

4. **प्रशासनिक सुगमता एवं निकटस्थ संकाय सदस्य की उपलब्धता:**

छात्रावास प्रशासन की सुगमता, विद्यार्थियों की सुरक्षा एवं आकस्मिक आवश्यकताओं के दृष्टिगत सामान्यतः छात्रावास के निकट निवास करने वाले संकाय सदस्यों (Faculty Members) को ही वार्डन का प्रभार सौंपा जाना स्थापित प्रशासनिक परंपरा एवं नियमसंगत है। विश्वविद्यालय में ऐसे सहायक आचार्य (Assistant Professors) कार्यरत हैं जो परिसर के अत्यंत निकट निवास करते हैं और इस दायित्व का तत्परता से निर्वहन कर सकते हैं।

5. **सक्षम संकाय सदस्य का प्रस्ताव:**

विशेष रूप से, डॉ. प्रकाश त्रिपाठी (सहायक आचार्य) विश्वविद्यालय परिसर के अत्यंत निकट निवास करते हैं। अतः प्रशासनिक सुगमता, कार्य की निरंतरता तथा माननीय उच्च न्यायालय, इलाहाबाद के आदेश के पूर्ण समादर एवं प्रभावी अनुपालन के दृष्टिगत यह सर्वथा उचित, व्यावहारिक एवं न्यायसंगत होगा कि डॉ. प्रकाश त्रिपाठी (सहायक आचार्य) को छात्र छात्रावास (Boys' Hostel) के वार्डन/चीफ वार्डन का अतिरिक्त कार्यभार सौंपा जाए।

6. **पारिवारिक देखभाल, मानवीय आधार एवं मा0 उच्च न्यायालय के आदेश के त्वरित अनुपालन हेतु:**

अधोहस्ताक्षरी के बच्चे बहुत छोटे हैं और मेरे साथ ही मेरे वृद्ध माँ-बाप भी निवास करते हैं, इन परिस्थितियों में इन्हे अकेला छोड़कर कहीं और निवास करना मेरे लिए संभव नहीं है।

अनुरोध:

अतः माननीया कुलपति महोदया से सादर विनम्र अनुरोध है कि अधोहस्ताक्षरी के पूर्व प्रेषित पत्र (पत्रांक: 1776/RPNLUP दिनांक 18/09/2026) एवं उपर्युक्त व्यावहारिक व विधिक परिस्थितियों पर सहानुभूतिपूर्वक विचार करते हुए मुझे वार्डन के अतिरिक्त प्रभार से अवमुक्त रखने की कृपा करें तथा माननीय उच्च न्यायालय के आदेश के सम्मानजनक अनुपालन हेतु डॉ. प्रकाश त्रिपाठी (सहायक आचार्य) को यह प्रभार सौंपने संबंधी संशोधित आदेश निर्गत करने का कष्ट करें।

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दिनांक- 23 /09/2026

सेवा में,

माननीया कुलपति महोदया,
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विषय: लड़कों के छात्रावास (Boys' Hostel) के वार्डन का अतिरिक्त उत्तरदायित्व संभालने के संबंध में जारी कार्यालय पत्र संख्या RPNLU/Int./12, दिनांक 22.09.2026 के संबंध में मार्गदर्शन प्राप्त किए जाने के विषयक।

संदर्भ: आपका कार्यालय पत्र संख्या RPNLU/Int./12, दिनांक 22.09.2026।

महोदया,

उपर्युक्त विषयक एवं संदर्भग्रहित पत्र के संबंध में सादर अवगत कराना है कि लड़कों के छात्रावास के वार्डन के रूप में अतिरिक्त प्रशासनिक दायित्व सौंपे जाने एवं विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम के विधिक प्रावधानों के परिप्रेक्ष्य में प्रशासनिक एवं विधिक स्थिति स्पष्ट किए जाने हेतु प्रमुख सचिव (न्यायिक) एवं विधि परामर्शी, न्याय विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश शासन से पत्रांक:-1799/RPNLUP दिनांक:-23.09.2026 के माध्यम से औपचारिक मार्गदर्शन/परामर्श मांगा गया है।

अतः उक्त के संबंध में शासन स्तर से मार्गदर्शन/परामर्श प्राप्त होने तक की अवधि में स्थिति को विचारणीय रखने तथा मार्गदर्शन प्राप्त होने के उपरांत ही अग्रिम कार्यवाही संभव है।

पत्र आप महोदया को सूचनार्थ एवं अवलोकनार्थ सादर प्रेषित है।

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Annex 9

Sr. Prof. Dr. Usha Tandon
Vice Chancellor

Ref. No. - RPNLU/Int/15

Dt. - 24/09/26

From:
Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj

To,
Mr. Varun Kumar Pandey
The Registrar,
Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj

Subject: Compliance of direction regarding assumption of additional responsibility of Warden Boys' Hostel – reg.

Reference:

1. This office letter No. RPNLU/Int./08 dated 21.09.2026;
2. This office letter No. RPNLU/Int./12 dated 22.09.2026; and
3. Your letter Ref. No. 1800/RPNLUP dated 23.09.2026.

The undersigned is in receipt of your letter Ref. No. 1800/RPNLUP dated 23.09.2026, whereby you have informed that, with regard to the additional responsibility of Warden of the Boys' Hostel, you have sought administrative and legal guidance from the competent authorities of the State Government and Law Department and have requested that the matter be kept under consideration until such guidance is received.

The contents of your aforesaid communication have been carefully considered.

At the outset, it is clarified that there is no objection to your seeking appropriate administrative or legal guidance from any competent authority. However, it has already been conveyed to you in unequivocal terms that mere submission of a representation or reference seeking administrative and legal guidance does not operate to postpone, suspend or keep in abeyance an administrative direction already issued by the competent authority of the University, unless a specific order to that effect is passed by the competent authority.

Consequently, the direction contained in this office letter No. RPNLU/Int./08 dated 21.09.2026, and reiterated subsequently, continues to remain operative and is required to be complied with.

You are well aware that Section 12(3)(a) of the Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj Act, 2020 (UP Act No 26 of 2020) specifically requires the Registrar to comply with all directions and orders of the Executive Council and the Vice-Chancellor and Section 12(3)(h) further makes the Registrar responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the proper discharge of his duties and functions.

The statutory scheme of the Act does not provide that a direction of the Vice-Chancellor can be kept in abeyance merely upon the Registrar seeking administrative or legal guidance from another authority. Accordingly, unless and until the competent authority passes a specific order modifying, staying, rescinding or otherwise altering the existing arrangement, the direction already issued by the Vice-Chancellor continues to operate.

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[Signature]

It is further pertinent to reiterate that Statute 24(1) contained in the Schedule to the Act (UP Act No 26 of 2020) provides that the final authority responsible for maintenance of discipline among the students of the University shall be the Vice-Chancellor.

In the present circumstances, Dr. Deepak Sharma, the erstwhile Warden of the Boys' Hostel, has been divested of the administrative responsibilities connected with the Boys' Hostel pursuant to the circumstances arising from the order dated 16.09.2026 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad. Consequently, an appropriate administrative arrangement is required to ensure continuity of supervision and administration of the Boys' Hostel.

The communications submitted by you subsequent to the issuance of the aforesaid direction make it evident that you have not, till date, assumed charge of the Boys' Hostel pursuant to the direction issued by this office. The continued absence of a designated officer having charge of the Boys' Hostel is a matter of administrative concern, particularly having regard to the requirements of student safety, security, welfare, discipline and effective supervision. The University cannot reasonably be expected to allow such an administrative vacuum to continue. This vacuum may initiate a state of pandemonium.

If any competent authority subsequently issues any order or direction having the effect of modifying, staying or otherwise altering the existing arrangement, the same shall, of course, be duly considered and acted upon by the University in accordance with law. Until receipt of any such specific order, however, the existing direction remains fully operative and is required to be complied with.

You are, accordingly, once again directed to assume charge as Warden of the Boys' Hostel forthwith, in terms of this office letter No. RPNLU/Int./08 dated 21.09.2026

For avoidance of any ambiguity, it is specifically recorded that your letter dated 23.09.2026 seeking administrative/legal guidance shall not be treated as compliance with the direction to assume charge, nor shall the pendency of the said reference be treated as a ground for withholding, postponing or deferring compliance with the direction already issued.

You are, therefore, directed to take charge forthwith and submit a written compliance report to the undersigned immediately thereafter, indicating the date and time of assumption of charge and the details of the records, documents and other materials taken over. Once you have previously assumed the charge of chief warden you acquiesced to the fact that you can look into the hostel matters

This communication shall be placed on the relevant official record of the Hostel.

Prof. Usha Tandon

Vice-Chancellor

Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University
Prayagraj

24/09/26



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Annex 10

विषय: छात्रावास मेस में उत्पन्न हो रही समस्याओं के संबंध में।

अधोहस्ताक्षरी के संज्ञान में यह आया है कि छात्रावास मेस के संचालन एवं प्रबंधन के संबंध में छात्रों को कुछ समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। छात्रों द्वारा भोजन की गुणवत्ता एवं मात्रा, स्वच्छता एवं साफ-सफाई, भोजन परोसने में समयबद्धता, मेन्यू तथा मेस की समग्र व्यवस्थाओं के संबंध में चिंताएँ व्यक्त की गई हैं।

उपरोक्त के दृष्टिगत, आपसे अनुरोध है कि कृपया इस विषय में आवश्यक रूप से संज्ञान लेते हुए छात्रों द्वारा उठाई गई चिंताओं के संबंध में तथ्यों की जानकारी प्राप्त करें। साथ ही, आपसे यह भी अनुरोध है कि छात्रों एवं संबंधित मेस प्रतिनिधियों के साथ बातचीत कर समस्याओं को समझें तथा उचित सुधारात्मक उपाय सुनिश्चित करें।

छात्र प्रतिनिधियों एवं मेस प्रबंधन के साथ उचित बैठक भी आयोजित करें, ताकि छात्रों की समस्याओं का पारदर्शी एवं रचनात्मक तरीके से समाधान किया जा सके। भोजन की गुणवत्ता, रसोई एवं भोजन कक्ष की स्वच्छता, अनुमोदित मेन्यू का पालन तथा अन्य संबंधित पहलुओं की भी तदनुसार समीक्षा की जाए।

आपसे अनुरोध है कि इस संबंध में चिन्हित समस्याओं एवं की गई कार्रवाई के संबंध में एक संक्षिप्त रिपोर्ट यथाशीघ्र अधोहस्ताक्षरी को प्रस्तुत करना सुनिश्चित करें।

छात्रों के लिए उचित मेस सुविधाएँ एवं संतोषजनक वातावरण सुनिश्चित करने में आपके सहयोग की सराहना की जाएगी।

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प्रतिलिपि- माननीय कुलपति महोदया, डॉ० राजेन्द्र प्रसाद राष्ट्रीय विधि विश्वविद्यालय, प्रयागराज को सादर सूचनार्थ।

कुलसचिव

Annex (11)



Regarding Daily Parent Calling Record & Daily Submission to Registrar Office



Inbox



Registrar RPNLUP 11:51

to me ▾



Dear

Dr. Ravi Rahul Prakash (Associate Warden Boys Hostel)

It is directed to you that, as part of our continuous efforts to strengthen hostel administration and monitor student welfare, Associate Warden is requested to interact with the parents/guardians of at least 10-15 students daily.

Please find attached the official format for the "Daily Parent Interaction Register / Call Log Report".

Kindly maintain this calling record on a day-to-day basis and ensure that the consolidated daily report is emailed to the Registrar's Office at the end of each working day.

Key points to cover during the calls:

- General well-being and health status
- Hostel discipline and routine adherence
- Academic attendance and progress
- Any grievances, suggestions, or concerns raised by parents

Thank you for your cooperation and timely compliance.

PFA.

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Regards

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Annex 12

टिप्पणी एवं आदेश

विषय: विश्वविद्यालय के लीगल सेल (Legal Cell) के पुनर्गठन के संबंध में।

कृपया माननीय कुलपति महोदया के ईमेल दिनांक 15.09.2026 के माध्यम से प्राप्त 'कार्यालय आदेश' (Office Order) का अवलोकन करने का कष्ट करें, जिसके द्वारा विश्वविद्यालय के लीगल सेल का पुनर्गठन निम्नलिखित सदस्यों के साथ किया जाना प्रस्तावित है-

- डॉ. सोनिका, डीन
- डॉ. स्वाति कुमारी मवाडिया, एसोसिएट डीन
- डॉ. गरिमा सिंह, एसोसिएट डीन
- श्री विवेक त्रिवेदी, असिस्टेंट डीन
- श्री यश सक्सेना, असिस्टेंट डीन

इस संबंध में विधिक एवं प्रशासनिक दृष्टि से सादर संज्ञान में लाना है कि उपरोक्त नामित सदस्यों के नियुक्ति के सम्बन्ध में माननीय उच्च न्यायालय में रिट याचिका(ए) विचाराधीन/दाखिल है। उक्त स्थिति के दृष्टिगत, संबंधित सदस्यों को विश्वविद्यालय के लीगल सेल में नामित किया जाना विधिक शुचिता एवं 'हितों के टकराव' (Conflict of Interest) के आधार पर प्रशासनिक दृष्टिकोण से विचारणीय हो सकता है।

तथापि, समिति के गठन एवं सदस्यों के मनोनयन का अंतिम अधिकार सक्षम प्राधिकारी (माननीय कुलपति महोदया) के कार्यक्षेत्र में निहित है। यदि माननीय कुलपति महोदया प्रशासनिक आवश्यकता एवं संस्थागत हित को दृष्टिगत रखते हुए उचित समझें, तो वे स्वविवेक से इन सदस्यों को समिति में बनाए रखने अथवा उपयुक्त संशोधन करने हेतु निर्णय ले सकती हैं।

पत्रावली सादर अवलोकनार्थ एवं यथानिर्णय आदेशार्थ प्रस्तुत है।

[Signature]
15/09/26
Registrar



Annex (13)

Vice Chancellor <vc@rpnlp.ac.in>

Clarification

3 messages

Gaurav Tripathi <gauravtripathi@gmail.com>
To: vc@rpnlp.ac.in

24 September 2026 at 09:13

Date: 24.09.2026

To,
The Vice Chancellor,
Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University,
Prayagraj.

Subject: In furtherance of telephonic conversation with the Registrar on phone no. 7007398503, I seek clarification regarding my engagement as University Counsel.

Madam,

On 23.09.2026, at 17:12 hours, I received a phone call from the Registrar of the University enquiring about the University's next step in Writ C No. 37012 of 2026 (Shubhendu Anand v. State of Uttar Pradesh), following the intervention of the Division Bench in Special Appeal Defective No. 694 of 2026 (Dr. Deepak Shukla v. State of Uttar Pradesh). I apprised him of the directions given, in response to which he raised the following questions, as set out below:

1. **Registrar:** Why did you (University Counsel Gaurav Tripathi) appear on behalf of the University in Writ C No. 37012 of 2026?

Reply: You (the Registrar) have signed my engagement vide letter dated 14.09.2026 (Ref. No. 1770/RPNLUP) and have given me standing instructions to receive all notices and to appear in all matters of the University. The University received the writ petition directly and I was directed to appear as and when the case is taken up.

2. **Registrar:** You are not the empanelled counsel, and since RPNLU is a State University, it shall be represented by the Standing Counsel.

Reply: My engagement has been approved by the Competent Authority, with intimation to the Vice Chancellor. If your regulations provide for any other mechanism, kindly apprise me of the same. Universities possessing their own statutory identity are independent bodies in themselves, and are therefore entitled to engage counsel of their own choice.

3. **My Question:** Are there any regulations framed for such engagement?

Registrar's Reply: No regulations have been framed.

4. **Registrar:** I will engage the Standing Counsel for further matters.

Reply: If you (the Registrar) have withdrawn my engagement, a letter relieving me of the same may kindly be issued.

Madam, under such ambiguity it is difficult for me to proceed further unless you clarify the position.

Thanking you,

(Gaurav Tripathi)
Advocate

Vice Chancellor <vc@rpnlp.ac.in>
To: Gaurav Tripathi <gauravtripathi@gmail.com>

24 September 2026 at 10:20

Dear Mr. Tripathi,

I am in receipt of your communication regarding the telephonic conversation held with the Registrar on 23.09.2026 concerning your engagement as University Counsel and your appearance on behalf of the University in Writ-C No. 37012 of 2026, Shubhendu Anand & Another v. State of U.P. & Others, as well as the subsequent proceedings arising therefrom.

At the outset, it is placed on record that the University acknowledges and appreciates the professional manner in which you have discharged your responsibilities as its Counsel. Your efforts to safeguard the interests of the University are duly appreciated.

I further clarify that you shall continue to represent Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj, as its Counsel in matters entrusted to you, unless and until any contrary decision is taken by the Competent Authority and formally communicated to you in writing.

You may, therefore, continue to discharge your professional responsibilities on behalf of the University in accordance with the instructions issued by the Competent Authority from time to time.

As far as the assertions allegedly made during the aforesaid telephonic conversation referred to in your email, I wish to make it clear that this is certainly a matter of concern. Any aspersions cast upon your authority, professional standing, or conduct in the discharge of your duties as University Counsel are deprecated.

The circumstances in which such statements were made, and the implications arising therefrom, shall be examined by the undersigned in accordance with the applicable rules and procedures. Appropriate steps, as may be warranted upon such examination, shall be taken to ensure that the dignity and professional standing of the University's Counsel are duly protected.

You may, therefore, continue to represent the University in all matters presently entrusted to you and take all necessary steps for protecting and advancing the University's legal interests, subject to instructions issued by the Competent Authority.

I place on record my appreciation for your continued professional assistance to the University.

Prof Usha Tandon
Vice-Chancellor

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Senior Professor (Dr.) **Usha Tandon** | वरिष्ठ प्रोफेसर (डॉ) उषा टंडन

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Gaurav Tripathi <gauravtripathi@rpnulup.ac.in>

To: Vice Chancellor <vc@rpnulup.ac.in>

24 September 2026 at 15:25

To,
The Vice Chancellor,
Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University,
Prayagraj.

Madam

I again received the phone call from the same number directing me that my engagement has been revoked by an order. I should refrain from appearing before the Court, to which I requested that the order be formally communicated to me to which further reply came that soon it will be communicated to you but has been signed.

Madam your morning email to me was encouraging but the phone call to me at 14:18 is discouraging and is raising controversy which is against the interest of University kindly take notice.



Amma (16)

Vice Chancellor <vc@rpnlp.ac.in>

Urgent

2 messages

RPNLUP doe <doe@rpnlp.ac.in>

12 September 2026 at 22:52

To: Registrar RPNLUP <registrar@rpnlp.ac.in>

Cc: Vice Chancellor <vc@rpnlp.ac.in>

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Kindly let me know if any further details are needed from my end.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Regards,

Controller of Examination

Vice Chancellor <vc@rpnlp.ac.in>

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**Minutes
of the
10th Executive Council Meeting of RPNLU, Prayagraj
Friday, 31 July 2026 at 04.00 P.M.
Hybrid Mode**

Members Present:

1. Senior Prof. (Dr.) Usha Tandon,
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RPNLUP
(Chairperson)
2. Prof. Arun Mohan Sherry (online)
Former Director, IIIT Lucknow
Currently Director, IIM Shillong
(Member)
3. Shri. Dinesh Singh (online)
Special Secretary
Nominee of Principal Secretary, Law
(Member)
4. Prof. Bibha Tripathi (online)
Faculty of Law, BHU
(Member)
5. Dr. Sonika,
Assistant Professor RPNLUP
(Member)
6. Dr. Suchit Kumar Yadav,
Assistant Professor, RPNLUP
(Member)
7. Shri. Varun Kumar Pandey,
Registrar, RPNLUP
(Secretary)



The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor welcomed the esteemed members of the Executive Council -both in person and online. Then, agenda items were presented and after detailed discussions and deliberations, the following decisions were taken by the Executive Council.

Agenda Item No: EC: 10/01

Confirmation of Minutes of the Ninth Meeting of the Executive Council

The Ninth meeting of the Executive Council of Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj was held on 28th April, 2026 in the Vice-Chancellor's Chamber. On the request of some of the members, meeting was held in hybrid mode. The agenda item stated that the draft of the Minutes of the meeting was circulated via email to the esteemed members for their approval with comments if any, within specified time with the remarks that if nothing is heard from their side, the Minutes shall be deemed to be approved. The House was apprised that no Minutes were circulated via email and that was found to be the correct position. Thereafter, the annexed minutes were read by the esteemed members. The annexed Minutes of the meeting were placed for confirmation of the Executive Council. One of the esteemed members enquired if the draft Minutes can be circulated to all the members in both electronic and physical form, and the finalized Minutes bear the signatures of all the members. To this, the Chairperson apprised the House that in this age of digital India, circulation of minutes via email is the most convenient and efficient way. Since esteemed members of EC are from different places outside Prayagraj, sending the draft minutes via traditional post will adversely affect the efficiency of the process. On the point of Minutes bearing the signature of all members of EC, the Chairperson clarified that it is a well-established and consistently followed practice across universities that Minutes are prepared by the Secretary and approved by the Chairperson and are placed in the next meeting for confirmation.

Resolution:

The Executive Council confirmed the Minutes of the Ninth Meeting of the Executive Council held on 28th April, 2026.

Agenda Item No: EC: 10/02
The Academic Calendar for A.Y. 2026-27

The Academic Calendar for Academic Year 2026-27, taking into consideration the guidelines of regulatory bodies, was prepared by the Head of Department, Law; and Controller of Examination, RPNLUP. The Academic Calendar had been approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 13 July, 2026.

Resolution:

The Executive Council approved the Academic Calendar for Academic Year 2026-27.

Agenda Item No: EC: 10/03
Detailed Syllabus for B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) V Semester

The detailed syllabus for the V Semester of B.A.LL.B. (Hons) program had been prepared by the teachers concerned in consultation with subject experts. It had taken into consideration the suggestions made by the Academic Council in previous meeting such as: the nomenclature of the title of the course/paper aligns with the nomenclature suggested by BCI; the name of the case is mentioned in the Case- List but not in the Unit; inclusion of the Objectives and Outcomes of the Program along with the Objectives and Outcomes of the course and full mention of LTP (Lecture, Tutorial and Practical). The matter had been approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 13 July, 2026

Resolution:

The Executive Council approved the detailed syllabus for the V Semester of the B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) programme.

Agenda Item No: EC: 10/04

Detailed Syllabus for LLM (Public Law) on Criminal Law

The detailed syllabus for LLM (Public Law) program on Criminal Law had been prepared by the teachers concerned in consultation with subject experts. It consisted of two papers viz: 1.) International Criminal Law for the LL.M. I Semester and 2.) Principles of Criminal Law and Contemporary Issues for LL.M. II Semester. The matter had been approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 13 July, 2026

Resolution :

The Executive Council approved the detailed syllabus for the LL.M. (Public Law) programme in Criminal Law, comprising the following papers:

- 1. International Criminal Law – LL.M. I Semester**
- 2. Principles of Criminal Law and Contemporary Issues – LL.M. II Semester.**

Agenda Item No: EC: 10/05

Shubhendu Anand Plagiarism case

Mr. Shubhendu Anand had been enrolled as PhD student (Enrolment No. 2025/NLUP/PH002) at the university. His research synopsis titled "A Study on Addressing Dark Patterns Appurtenant to Digital Consumerism of Minors in India" was found as a verbatim and complete plagiarized synopsis which was used by his real brother Mr. Shantanu Anand, a Ph.D. scholar at the Faculty of Law, University of Allahabad. His matter had been investigated by the Departmental Academic Integrity Panel (DAIP) and Institutional Academic Integrity Panel (IAIP). The recommendations of IAIP had been approved by the Board of Research in its meeting held on 08.07.2026. The matter had been also been approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 13 July, 2026

Resolution:

Executive Council approved the recommendations of the Institutional Academic Integrity Panel (IAIP) in the plagiarism case of Mr. Shubhendu Anand (Enrolment No. 2025/NLUP/PH002), as approved by the Board of Research in its meeting held on 08 July 2026 and the Academic Council in its meeting held on 13 July 2026.

Agenda Item No: EC: 10/06
Introduction of Value-Added Courses

University got a proposal from Chakra Dialogues Foundation (CDF) to launch a credit-based course on "Comprehensive National Power". Comprehensive National Power (CNP) is a concept used in geopolitics and international relations to assess a country's overall strength and influence. The Concept Note highlights that "national power is not just built on missiles and GDP figures. It is built on legal architecture on treaties negotiated, sanctions enforced, territorial claims adjudicated, cyber norms defined, and international institutions shaped. The lawyers, public law specialists, and policy professionals who understand this intersection are among the most consequential figures in India."

The UGC encourages Value-Added Courses that are credit-based electives. Designed to boost holistic development, VAC focuses on life skills, constitutional values, ethics, and sustainability. Students earn stackable credits by choosing from diverse, multi-disciplinary subjects. The matter has been approved by the Board of Studies in its meeting held on 08.07.2026. BOS has recommended that it can be introduced as 2 credit online course under the title "CNP and Public Policy". The matter was placed before the Academic Council. On being apprised that, CDF has proposed 10 Modules for 50 hrs course; for 30 hrs course, modules will be selected from those 10 modules and may also be taken from outside those 10 modules; it will be open for the students of this university as well as outsiders; and it will be a certificate course rather than a diploma course, the matter was approved by the Academic Council meeting held on 13 July, 2026. The Concept Note from CDF is attached herewith.

Resolution:

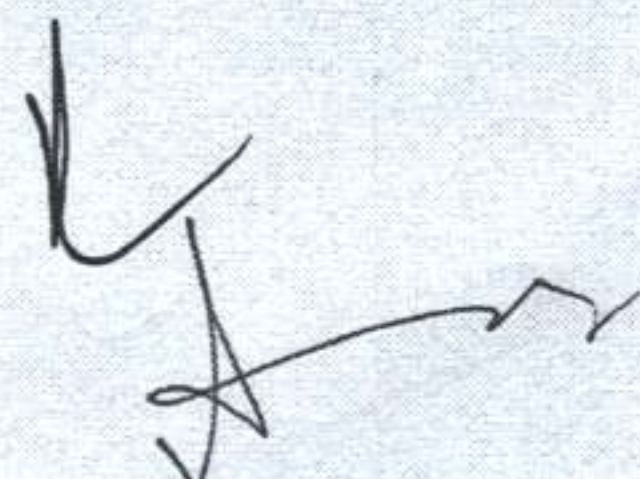
The Executive Council approved the introduction of the 2-credit online Value-Added Certificate Course titled "CNP and Public Policy" in collaboration with Chakra Dialogues Foundation (CDF), as recommended by the Academic Council.

Agenda Item No: EC: 10/07
Recommendations of the Selection Committee-Asst. Professors

Pursuant to the Advt. No. RPNLUP/Faculty 03/2026 dated 06-03-2026, the interviews for the posts of Assistant Professors in Law were conducted from 22nd July to 30th July, 2026 at the

Vice Chancellor's Chamber. The recommendation of the Selection Committee in the sealed envelope was opened and placed for the approval of the Executive Council so that appointment letters can be issued without any delay. On being enquired by the House on the shortlisting criteria, the Chairperson apprised the House that no ratio between the number of vacancies and the number of candidates to be called for interview was ever prescribed by the Executive Council. Although the issue was discussed in one of the meetings of the Executive Council, no resolution was passed adopting any such shortlisting ratio. On being further enquired, the Chairperson apprised the House that a total of 680 applications were received in response to the advertisement. Upon scrutiny, 569 candidates were found eligible. Since no ratio had ever been approved by the Executive Council, all eligible candidates were afforded an opportunity to appear before the duly constituted Selection Committee. Ultimately, 367 eligible candidates appeared before the Selection Committee for interview. The Chairperson further briefed the House that the criteria to assess the candidates in the interview included subject knowledge, communication skills, research aptitude and willingness to contribute to the corporate life of the university. Thereafter as desired by esteemed members, the information on academic qualifications of EACH selected candidate- 10th standard marks, 12th standard marks, B.A./LL.B. marks, LL.M. marks was provided to the House. Further information was provided on the Ph.D. degree, the publications, the name of university from where the degree was obtained and the teaching/research experience of EACH selected candidate. Thereafter, a comparative chart containing category-wise statement of ALL candidates indicating their complete mandatory qualifications and other requisite particulars was scrolled down on the screen. On being further asked, the tabulation chart containing the marks awarded to each candidate by the duly constituted Selection Committee was also shown to the House. On the query that why the Registrar of the university was not involved in the selection process, the Chairperson apprised the House that UGC guidelines don't prescribe for the inclusion of Registrar in the selection committee.

Two of the esteemed members were still not satisfied with the information provided to them regarding the criteria adopted for the interview such as written examination. Thereafter the agenda was put to voting and was passed with the majority of four : two. Prof. Arun Mohan Sherry, Dr. Sonika, Dr. Suchit Kumar Yadav and Senior Professor (Dr.) Usha Tandon voted in favour of the agenda. Prof Bibha Tripathi and Sh. Dinesh Singh voted against the agenda.



Resolution:

The Executive Council, by majority, approved the recommendations of selection committee for the appointment of Assistant Professors as follows:

SELECTED CANDIDATES

SC of UP Category-

1. Ravi Prakash Rahul
2. Tanya Sagar

OBC- NCL of UP Category-

1. Gaurav Singh Sachan
2. Aakriti Sharma
3. Nikita Chaudhary
4. Mudit Soni

EWS of UP Category-

1. Vivek Trivedi

UR Category -

1. Swati Kumari Mawandiya
2. Keerty Dabas
3. Garima Singh
4. Yash Saxena
5. Astha Misra

WAITING LIST-

Waiting List (SC of UP Category)-

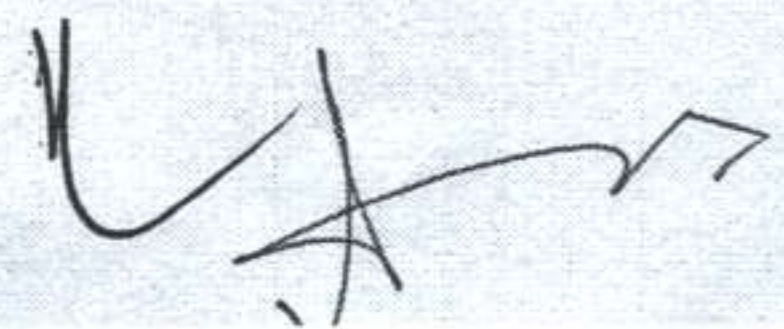
1. Omlata Rai
2. Saransh Singh

Waiting List (OBC-NCL of UP Category) -

1. Gaurav Kumar
2. Kunwar Gaurav Pratap Singh
3. Aman Kumar
4. Arpit Yadav

Waiting List (EWS of UP Category) -

1. Abhishek Tripathi



2. Pranav Pandey

3. Priyanshi Shukla

Waiting List (UR Category)–

1. Anjali

2. Aradhya Singh

3. Jagriti Mishra

4. Bhoomika Saxena

5. Vidit

6. Bharat Sharma

Agenda Item No: EC: 10/08

Recommendations of the Selection Committee-Asst. Registrar

Pursuant to the Advt. No. RPNLUP/AR/2026 dated 28.04.2026, the interview for the post of Assistant Registrar was conducted on 31st July, 2026 at 9.00 a.m. at the Vice Chancellor's Chamber. The recommendation of the Selection Committee in the sealed envelope was opened and placed for the approval of the Executive Council. On being enquired as to why 22 candidates were called for interview when only 20 candidates had to be called; the Chairperson apprised the House that candidates placed at Serial Nos. 20, 21, and 22 secured identical marks. In order to ensure fairness and to avoid arbitrary exclusion of any candidate on account of the tie, all three candidates were invited to appear for the interview.

Resolution:

The Executive Council approved the recommendations of selection committee for the appointment of Assistant Registrar as follows:

SELECTED CANDIDATE–

Amit Shukla

WAITING LIST –

1. Raghvendra Mishra

2. Virendra Kumar

3. Shashank Singhal

Agenda Item No: EC: 10/09

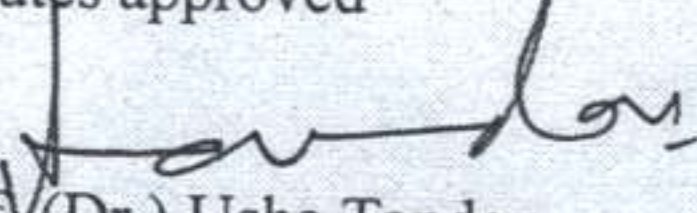
Any other Matter

No matter arose under this item.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Shri Varun Kumar Pandey
Registrar
Secretary, Executive Council

Minutes approved


Senior Prof. (Dr.) Usha Tandon
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor
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Annex (17)
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31 July 2026 at 21:01

Vice Chancellor <vc@rpnlp.ac.in>
To: Registrar RPNLUP <registrar@rpnlp.ac.in>
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To,
Sh. Varun Kumar Pandey
Registrar
Dr Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj

Dear Mr Pandey,
As the Secretary of Executive Council, you know that in today's Executive Council Meeting, the agenda for the Recommendation for the Selection Committee for Assistant Professors in Law has been approved by the majority of EC members.
You are ,hereby, asked to issue the appointment letters for the selected candidates IMMEDIATELY.

Regards
Usha Tandon

Senior Professor (Dr.) Usha Tandon | वरिष्ठ प्रोफेसर (डॉ) उषा टंडन
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