

Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa Samastipur (Bihar)-848125

O.O.No.342/Regr./RPCAU, Pusa

Office-Order

dated: 22.07.2022

After accident of a student of the University, followed by his death in the night of 21.05.2022, there was an incidence of vandalism by the rampant students leading to the loss of University properties. To control the situation, the University had declared "Sine die" and hostels were got vacated. A Campus Level Committee was constituted vide 0.0.No. 82/RPCAU,Pusa/Registrar, dated 22.05.2022 to find out the facts and to establish guilt of the involved persons, followed by recommendations for taking necessary measures to create peace in the campus and restoration of academic activities.

The Campus Level Committee had submitted its report on 02.06.2022 with certain recommendations. The competent authority had then constituted a three men committee consisting of senior officers (Deans and Directors) vide 0.0.No. 21/PGCA/RPCAU, Pusa dated 10.06.2022. The three men committee did not submit its report due to reasons know to them only and meanwhile the University Level Committee was constituted vide 0.0. No. 250/Regr./ RPCAU,Pusa dated 20.06.2022 in light of the "Regulation for Residential Instruction (R.R.I.)" in practice.

The University Level Committee had under gone through its meetings on different dates and ultimately the report was submitted to the Vice-Chancellor on 12.07.2022. After observing the report, the matter was remanded by the Vice-Chancellor for reconsideration. The University Level Committee was advised to submit the report within 03 days. However, the Chairman of the Committee has further sought 03 days' time for submission of report.

As the terms and reference of the University Level Committee was to review the report of the Campus Level Committee, upon which there were observations of the Vice-Chancellor in respect of infirmities in the report, the Vice-Chancellor has sufficient reasons to believe that review process of the report of Campus Level Committee by the University Level Committee may take time. The Vice-Chancellor believes that the enquiry should be fair and in the manner that the guilty should not **escape** and the innocent should not be punished. Undoubtedly, the fair process of enquiry will comprise collections of evidences, interrogation of suspected students as well as derivation of findings on the basis of facts and circumstances of the case of vandalism and indiscipline.

The academic activities in the University are suspended from last two months and the enquiry is still in process. The prolonged suspension of academic activities has jeopardized the curricular research activities too. The teachers and staff of the University are running under reduced work load, which is neither in their interest nor in the interest

of the University. Therefore, after considering the situation in holistic manner, the Vice-Chancellor has taken the following decisions:-

- 1. The suspended academic programme of the University will restore with effect from 02.08.2022 to stream line the academic calendar.
- 2. For ensuring peace in the University, all Undergraduate students of CAET, Bio tech Programme and College of Community Science are put under conduct probation provisionally, till completion of enquiry by the University Level Committee. However, the cases of guilty persons will be regulated by the outcome of the enquiry.
- 3. The University level disciplinary committee is suggested to go through the entire documents and evidences collected by the Campus Level committee for making specific recommendations in light of the facts of the case. The findings of University level disciplinary committee is expected to be relied upon the evidences collected in the enquiry process by following the principle that "guilty should not be exempted and innocent should not be punished". The University level committee will however continue to conduct enquiry till submission of report and needful action there upon.
- 4. The faculties are advised to take all measures for timely completion of the courses allotted to students and their on-going research activities.

The above decisions are taken in the interest of the University.



By order of the Vice-Chancellor

(Mritunjay Kumar) Registrar

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- 13. Dr. P. K. Mishra, Chancellor, RPCUA, Pusa.
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