

SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL (DEEMED UNIVERSITY)

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STATEMENT OF TRUTH

In the light of the several posts, being circulated in social / print media, it is pertinent to counter mis-representation of facts and point out the true facts:

- 1. Symbiosis International [Deemed University] was invited by the then Government of Andhra Pradesh to set up an Off-Campus in Mamidipalli [now Telangana]. The Off-campus was started in the year 2014.
- 2. The University has established grievance redressal, disciplinary mechanism, Internal Complaints Committee as per UGC Guidelines and Regulations.
- 3. Ms. Apoorva and Ms. Snigdha, two of the students of Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, were involved in repeated disciplinary violations over the last 1-2 years, which includes abuse of social media, damaging the reputation of the Institute, disrupting the classroom, campus and hostel life, amongst others. Pertinently, these two students were also instigating other students by manipulating information to serve their self-interest to avoid TNG [Term Not Granted] / CNG [Course Not Granted], due to less attendance, a list of which was published on 22.10.2018. In the past, these two students were also involved in misbehaviour with Campus Administrator, Staff and Security Guards. They have indulged in indiscipline during Institute / National level events organized on campus and made false reports about fellow students causing great discomfort to those students.
- 4. Disciplinary Committee meetings were convened on several occasions, to give the students a fair opportunity to represent themselves, however, these students and their parents, did not attend.
- 5. The University was in receipt of a mass petition from other fellow students informing that these two students have had an adverse impact on them, which was affecting their academics. In order to address the concern of the larger students' community on campus and to maintain a peaceful environment during examination, a detailed Inquiry was conducted.
- 6. After detailed Inquiry, to ensure conducive and peaceful environment on the Campus, and to enable the other students to study for the ongoing examinations, in the Interim, these two students were asked to vacate the campus. The students however, disobeyed the bonafide directions, creating a law and order situation on the campus. These students also circulated false stories to media and police.
- 7. It is clarified that action against these two students has no relation to their reporting the instance of sexual harassment against an Assistant Professor. The Internal Complaints Committee has taken cognizance of the Complaint and has already suspended the Assistant Professor on 16.10.2018.
- 8. It is therefore evident that these students are trying to mis-represent the facts. It is important to note that this was orchestrated to divert the attention from the core issue of disciplinary misconduct by these two students and derive benefits of exemption from TNG/CNG.

Registrar

Symbiosis International [Deemed University]