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To
His Excellency,
The Hon'ble Governor of Bihar &
Chancellor of State Universities,
Raj Bhavan,
Patna – 800022, Bihar

Date: 5.4.2025

Subject: Urgent Appeal for Immediate Action Regarding Administrative and Ethical Concerns at Patliputra University

Hon'ble Sir,

I'm writing to you as the Chairman of Mithilalok Foundation, an organization committed to the socio-cultural and educational development of Bihar. Recent developments at Patliputra University have raised profound concerns regarding the institution's governance, ethical standards, and the safety of its officials.

1. Threats Against the Registrar by the Acting Vice Chancellor:

It has come to our attention that the Registrar of Patliputra University, Professor Nagendra Kumar Jha, has been subjected to intimidation by the Acting Vice Chancellor, Professor Sharad Kumar Yadav. Reports indicate that on March 29, 2025, individuals associated with the Vice Chancellor approached Prof NK Jha's residence with the intent to coerce him into signing official documents. This incident led Prof NK Jha to file a formal complaint at the Bahadurpur Police Station, expressing concerns for his personal safety. Such actions not only compromise the integrity of the university's administration but also create an environment of fear and mistrust among staff members.

2. Misconduct by MLC Shri Nawal Kishore Yadav:

During a Senate meeting on April 3, 2025, MLC Shri Nawal Kishore Yadav reportedly used indecent and threatening language towards Prof N K Jha, even going so far as to threaten physical harm. Such behaviour from an elected representative is not only unbecoming but also sets a detrimental precedent for the respect and safety of academic professionals within the state.



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Our Humble Appeals:

In light of these distressing events, we earnestly request your esteemed office to:

1. Conduct a Thorough Investigation: Initiate an impartial inquiry into the allegations against the Acting Vice Chancellor concerning the intimidation of the Registrar and other administrative irregularities.
2. Address the Conduct of MLC Shri Nawal Kishore Yadav: Take appropriate measures to address the misconduct exhibited by the MLC during the Senate meeting, ensuring that elected representatives uphold the dignity and decorum expected in academic settings.
3. Ensure Safe and Ethical Governance: Implement measures to safeguard the university's administration from undue influences and ensure that all officials can perform their duties without fear of intimidation or harm.
4. Restore Institutional Integrity: Take steps to restore the credibility and integrity of Patliputra University, ensuring that it remains a beacon of academic excellence and ethical governance.

Your Excellency's prompt attention to these matters will not only uphold the sanctity of our academic institutions but also reinforce the trust of the citizens of Bihar in the state's commitment to education and ethical governance.

Sincerely yours,

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An ambulance stuck in a traffic jam after Chaiti Chhath Puja festival at Marine Drive in Patna on Thursday.

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PPU showdown turns ugly at senate meet

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PATNA: The showdown between registrar of Patna-based Pataliputra University, NK Jha, and acting vice chancellor Sharad Yadav, who is also V-C of Aryabhata Knowledge University (AKU), had its impact at the senate meeting on Thursday.

The meeting turned ugly at the outset when BJP MLC Nawal Kishor Yadav took on the registrar and allegedly used foul language in public, which other members did not approve of and intervened to calm down the situation.

Later both the acting V-C and the registrar presented their side of the story at the senate, which was basically called to pass the budget of the university. The registrar said there had not been any precedence of getting the syndicate proceedings signed the same day at midnight in a manner that was done.

After the initial outburst, normal business was taken up, which included passage of the budget, vetting of recent promo-

tions granted during the tenure of acting V-C and recommendation of disciplinary action against the principal of Dwarika College in Patna over alleged financial irregularities.

Dwarika College is one of the colleges where the appointment of junior persons as principal had been raised in Bihar Assembly and later the Raj Bhawan had also sought removal of juniors from former V-C RK Singh.

Though the senate meeting was over, the bitterness was not. One of the senate members later said it was unfortunate to be witness to such a situation, when the members needed to discuss ways of pulling the university out of the mess. Senate member Ajay Yadav cited the CAG finding of alleged irregularity in ₹4.5-crore purchase of books in the university and sought probe.

"If there are differences between the V-C and the registrar, there is chancellor's office and the department would look into it. Pataliputra University was one of the three new universities carved out of old ones by the Nitish Kumar government

with a lot of hope," he added.

Governor Arif Mohammad Khan, who happens to be chancellor of state universities, is out of Patna and is supposed to be back on Friday. "I am also with him. We will look into the matter once we are back," said principal secretary to the governor Robert L Chongthu.

Sources in Raj Bhawan said the process for the selection of Pataliputra's University V-C was set to begin from April 5 and in view of the deteriorating situation, it could be completed at the earliest.

Meanwhile, after the registrar lodged a police complaint alleging intimidation by some of the university officials who landed at his house in the escort vehicle of the V-C around midnight of March 29-30, which got corroborated through the CCTV footage, the V-C also wrote to the DGP to get the matter probed.

Jha has also apprised Raj Bhawan, education minister and the additional chief secretary (education) about the situation. He was also expected to meet the DGP.

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