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# Emergency Meeting at NMC Addresses Tragic Suicide of PG Resident Doctor; Urgent Measures Implemented to Tackle Harassment

In response to the devastating suicide of a 27-year-old female 2nd-year postgraduate medical student (as reported in print, electronic, and social media), an emergency anti-ragging meeting was convened today at the National Medical Commission (NMC). The victim, identified as Dr. Preety (name changed), had alleged sexual harassment, physical and mental abuse, and toxicity by her professor and seniors in the Anesthesia department.

The NMC expresses deep condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Preety. The Commission is committed to a comprehensive investigation and ensuring justice for the victim. The NMC also urges all medical institutions to foster a safe and supportive environment for students and pledges to take stringent actions against any form of harassment within the medical community.

### Decisions taken in the emergency meeting:

- 1. The college has been directed to submit a detailed report on the incident by tomorrow, expediting the investigation into the alleged harassment.
- 2. A formal letter will be sent to the State Directorate of Medical Education and Research (DMER) for an independent inquiry. The DMER is required to complete and submit its report within 15 days, ensuring a swift and impartial investigation into the circumstances leading to Dr. Preety's tragic demise.





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3. Pending the inquiry of the incident by the Anti-ragging Committee of NMC, all matters of the medical college under consideration in NMC will be put on hold.

Dr. Yogender Malik (Member of the Ethics and Medical Registration Board and Head Media Division) at NMC stated, "The NMC is steadfast in its commitment to maintaining a zero-tolerance policy towards ragging and sexual harassment. By streamlining the decision-making process and involving external agencies, we aim to create an environment where students can focus on their education without fear or intimidation."

#### **About National Medical Commission (NMC):**

The National Medical Commission (NMC) is India's premier regulatory body overseeing medical education and practice. Committed to upholding the highest standards in healthcare education, NMC ensures the delivery of quality medical education and training across the nation.

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