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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 9020/2026 & CM APPLs. 42294/2026, 42296/2026**

VARUN AND ORS

.....Petitioners

Through: Dr. Monika Arora, Mr. Subhrodeep
Saha, Ms. Anamika Thakur, Mr.
Abhinav Verma, Mr. Aradhya R.,
Advocate.

versus

**INSTITUTE OF HUMAN BEHAVIOUR AND ALLIED SCIENCES
(IHBAS) AND ANR**

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Tushar Sannu, Mr. Priyankar
Tiwari and Ms. Pulak Gupta Joshi,
Advocates for IHBAS.

Mr. Gaurav Dhingra and Mr.
Shashank Singh, Advocates for
GNCTD.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

% **10.07.2026**

**CM APPL. 42295/2026 (seeking exemption from filing dim and illegible
copy of annexures)**

1. Exemption is granted, subject to all just exceptions.
2. The Applicant shall file legible and clearer copies of exempted documents, compliant with practice rules, before the next date of hearing.
3. Accordingly, the application stands disposed of.

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4. The Petitioners, who were engaged by the Respondent No. 1 (Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences¹) under the District Mental Health

¹ "IHBAS"



Programme,² *inter alia*, seek directions for reinstatement with continuity of service, regularisation of their services and grant of consequential monetary and service benefits. The Petitioners allege that their services were terminated orally on 16th June, 2026 without issuance of any written order, notice or opportunity of hearing, which is stated to be arbitrary, illegal and violative of Articles 14, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India.

5. Issue notice. Mr. Tushar Sannu, counsel for Respondent No. 1 and Mr. Gaurav Dhingra, counsel for Respondent No. 2, accept notice.

6. Counter affidavit be filed within a period of four weeks from today. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within two weeks thereafter.

7. On an objection being raised by Mr. Gaurav Dhingra, counsel appearing for GNCTD, that the Delhi State Health Mission is a necessary party to the present proceedings, the Delhi State Health Mission is directed to be impleaded as Respondent No. 3.

8. Let the amended memo of parties be filed before the next date of hearing. Issue notice to the newly impleaded Respondent No. 3 by all permissible modes, upon filing of process fee, returnable on the next date of hearing

9. Mr. Dhingra further submits that he shall obtain instructions as to whether the Petitioners can be reinstated in service.

10. Re-notify on 16th July, 2026.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

JULY 10, 2026/hc

² “DMHP”