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

+ **W.P.(C) 9020/2026**

VARUN AND ORS

.....Petitioners

Through: Dr. Monika Arora, Mr. Subhrodeep Sahah, Ms. Anamika Thakur, Mr. Abhinav Verma and Ms. Aradhya R.,
Advocates.

versus

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

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Tushar Sannu, SC, IHBAS with
Mr. Ritik Anmol, Advocate with Dr.
V.K.S. Gautam (Legal) and Mr. B. P.
Singh (Legal Consultant) for IHBAS.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

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30.07.2026

CM APPL. 48922/2026 (seeking early hearing)

1. For the grounds and reasons stated in the application, the same is allowed and the main writ petition is taken on Board today itself.
2. The application is, accordingly, disposed of.

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3. There is no clarity as to which entity is presently implementing the District Mental Health Programme in the NCT of Delhi. Mr. Tushar Sannu, SC appearing for IHBAS, submits that the Programme is presently being implemented by the Delhi State Health Mission under the Government of



NCT of Delhi. Mr. Gaurav Dhingra, counsel for the Government of NCT of Delhi, on instructions, disputes the said submission. In order to ascertain the correct factual position, both the Respondents are directed to file their Counter Affidavits.

4. The Director, Delhi State Health Mission (DSHM), and the Director, Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences (IHBAS), shall also remain present before the Court through Video Conferencing on the next date of hearing.

5. The next date of hearing i.e., 04th December, 2026, stands cancelled.

6. Re-notify on 20th August, 2026.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

JULY 30, 2026/hc