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

+ W.P.(C) 13371/2025

AVIJIT GHOSH AND ORS

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Rishabh Gupta, Mr. Pranjal Abrol, Mr. Gurupal Singh and Ms. Shreya Bajpai, Advs.

versus

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Vasanth Rajasekaran, SC with Mr. Karan Prakash, Mr. Harshvardhan Korada, Mr. Om Bali and Ms. Deepshikha Kumar, Advs. for JNU.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS MAHAJAN

ORDER

% **01.09.2025**

CM APPL. 54812/2025 (exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Application stands disposed of.

W.P.(C) 13371/2025 & CM APPL. 54811/2025 (stay)

3. The present petition has been filed seeking following relief:

*“a. Issue a Writ/ Direction/Order quashing the impugned Orders dated 03.07.2025 passed by the Respondent University against the Petitioners; and
b. Issue a Writ/ Direction/Order quashing the impugned Orders dated 17.07.2025 and 23.07.2025 passed by the Respondent University against the Petitioners; and
c. Issue a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the Respondent University to allow the registration of the Petitioners in the monsoon semester 2025; and
d. Grant the litigation costs in favour of the Petitioners;*



and”

4. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners submits that before passing the impugned orders whereby fine of Rs.5,000/- each has been imposed on the petitioners, the respondent/University has not complied with the principles of natural justice in terms of statute 32(5) of the JNU Act.
5. In view of the above, issue notice. Mr. Vasanth Rajasekaran, learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of respondent/JNU accepts notice.
6. Let counter affidavit be filed within a period of three weeks.
7. Rejoinder thereto, be filed within a period of two weeks thereafter.
8. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that the monsoon semester has started and the petitioners have not been permitted by the respondent/University to register themselves for the said semester for the reasons that fine of Rs.5,000/- has been imposed on each of the petitioners.
9. He submits that without prejudice to the rights and contentions, the petitioners will deposit fine of Rs.5,000/-.
10. The learned counsel for the respondent submits that in the event the petitioners deposit fine of Rs.5,000/- as undertaken, petitioners will be allowed to register themselves for the monsoon semester. The statement is taken on record and the respondent shall remain bound by the same.
11. Re-notify 18.11.2025.

VIKAS MAHAJAN, J

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025/N.S. ASWAL