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

+ **W.P.(C) 247/2026**

DR. SANDIP ROY & ORS.

....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Aslam Ahmed, Mr. Rohit Jain, Ms.
Shabiesta Nabi, Advocates

versus

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through:

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASMEET SINGH

ORDER

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08.01.2026

CM APPL. 1131/2026& CM APPL. 1130/2026

Exemptions allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

The applications are disposed of.

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1. This is a writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the following prayers:-

”(i) Pass/Issue Writ of Mandamus or order directing the Respondent No. 1 to issue and publish fresh notification clarificatory in nature clarifying that the Impugned Notification dated 27.12.2023 and dated 16.01.2025 are not applicable to the Petitioners retrospectively and consider the Ph. D. degrees of the Petitioners as valid.

(ii) Direct all the Government as well as Private Organizations to consider the Ph.D. degrees of the Petitioners as valid for Higher studies and Employment purpose, Nationally and Internationally with all attestation and approval formalities.

iii) Issue a Writ of mandamus, thereby declaring that the Impugned



Banning Notice dated 27.12.2023 and 16.01.2025 has no retrospective effect and degrees conferred pursuant to Section 22 of the Act are valid for all time;

(iv) Issue a Writ of mandamus thereby declaring that the circular dated 20.11.1970 overrides any directive of the UGC Act in consonance with Section 20 of the UGC Act.

(v) Issue a Writ of Prohibition, thereby restraining and prohibiting the Respondent No.1 from issuing any similar communication or notice in future;

(vi) Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction thereby declaring that the Respondent No. 1 has only power to make recommendations and no power to penalise the Petitioners or the Respondent No. 2 University or in the alternative;

(vii) Initiate an inquiry into the conduct of officers in charge of the UGC for dereliction of their duties and if found guilty be punished with strict action against all the officer of the UGC who have not acted in terms of Section 13 of the Act and are thus liable under the IPC, BNS and the PCA ;”

2. Mr. Ahmed, learned counsel for the petitioners, states among other grounds, that the impugned notifications dated 27.12.2023 and 16.1.2025 are to be construed as prospective in nature.

3. For the said reasons, issue notice to the respondents through all modes including electronic on the petitioners taking steps within 1 week from today, returnable on 13.03.2026.

JASMEET SINGH, J

JANUARY 8, 2026/AS