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## 24-hours Notice - Student Protest

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To: Student Council &lt;studentcouncil@nluo.ac.in&gt;

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Dear Students and members of the Students Council,

I believe that your ignorance of how to read statutes comes from your inexperience in litigation and interpretation of statutes.

The provision you mention where the VC may take interim measure cannot relate to a decision already taken by the Academic Council. It is like asking the High Court to stay a decision of the Supreme Court in exercise of its extraordinary powers it has under the Constitution.

The issue of opening the Academic Block was being discussed with the Registrar. He had suggested a meeting with concerned faculties. I am not aware of what happened thereafter and no council member has informed me of the talks with the registrar.

Instead I receive a 24 hours protest notice.

It is very strange that you think 24 hours notice serves only a statutory purpose. It also means that it is a warning to the administration that either we solve the issue within that time or we go on protest.

And the timing of the protest notice is very remarkable. It is given on a University holiday. The time chosen is when community members are going to come to the University to the knowledge of all concerned. Also at a time when we had clearly told the students council that Review Commission is visiting on 27-28 Jan.

You are very concerned about the University ranking going down. We are also concerned about it. Hence, we are focussed on improving the academic, infrastructure, cultural, outreach programmes so improve the image of the University.

It would have been constructive if the students council will look at the report and marking for NAAC ranking to find out where the students can play a role to improve the ranking. For example we are getting zero on alumni contribution. We have very low marking in public perception. There are some more relating to research output and students feedback.

Protests like this does nothing to improve the ranking. It only lowers the image of the university when our students start writing against the university in social media. The prospective employees are also reading that. All this is counter productive to what you claim to aspire for.

I had promised the student council members that i will be available for conversation after 28th and I reiterate that.

The administration is as much interested in peaceful resolution of all issues and believes that all issues may be resolved peacefully.

It is upto the students to decide the best course of action for them and their University.

The UGC guideline obligates the university to create a mechanism for student consultation. NLUO has created that mechanism by provision of the Students Council. It is the students who do not want to be part of that mechanism. We are at the fag end of Jan 2025 while the current academic session began in July 2024. The students council membership was finally completed just ten days or so back after my repeated reminder to initiate the process of creating a student council. The members till date have not been able to hold internal elections and chose the four representatives and that too despite umpteen reminders from me. I once again request the members of the students council to elect their executive members, constitute various committees for student activities and participate constructively in improving the ranking of the University. I hope that you are aware of the various criteria which determine ranking and how much marks are allocated on the basis of students participation. Lowering in ranking is not a reflection on the administration alone but a reflection on the lowering of standards all along including the feedback from students and public perception.

With Warm Regards,

Prof. Ved Kumari  
Vice Chancellor  
NLUO

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