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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 3181/2025**

**GLOCAL UNIVERSITY THROUGH AUTHORISED**

**REPRESENTATIVE**

**.....Petitioner**

Through: Mr. Aadil Singh Boparai, Mr. Zahid Hussain, Mr. Abhishek Dubey & Mr. Prakaruthi Jain, Advocates.

versus

**STATE (GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI)**

**.....Respondent**

Through: Mr. Sanjeev Bhandari, ASC(Crl) alongwith Arijit Sharma & Ms. Sakshi Jha, Advocates with SI Naresh Kr, Crime Branch.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA**

**ORDER**

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**25.09.2025**

**W.P.(CRL) 3181/2025 & CRL.M.A. 29169/2025(Stay)**

1. Heard and perused the case file.
2. Petitioner herein, inter alia, also seeks an *ad-interim* stay qua the proceedings with respect to FIR No. 140/2025 dated 06.06.2025 under Sections 318(4), 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 61(2) of BNS, 2023, registered at P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi.
3. FIR in hand pertains to a fake degree racket. The petitioner university, an autonomous body established by legislation, asserts through its learned counsel that it has no involvement, criminal or otherwise, qua the allegations in the FIR. Notwithstanding, the impugned notice issued to the university



under the grab of investigation demanding wide ranging information about its daily operations, including confidential personal and professional records of officials, employees, and thousands of students, constituting a roving and fishing inquiry is way beyond the scope of Section 94 BNSS.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner further argues that the notice infringes on fundamental privacy rights and risks data breaches, potentially harming students' careers, and is thus liable to be set aside.

5. *Prima facie*, it appears from the record that based on the same set of allegations, i.e., fabricated/fake degrees being used/issued by and/or to certain students, masquerading themselves to have obtained the same from the Petitioner University, two FIRs on same cause are currently registered.

6. It transpires that the on a police complaint dated 28.01.2025 filed the university, much prior in time, subsequently, due to inaction of the police officials, the learned ACJM-II, Saharanpur vide an order dated 01.09.2025 directed registration of an FIR. The same was thus lodged as FIR no. 41/2025, dated 09.09.2025 under Sections 318(4), 319(2) of BNS, 2023 & 66C, 66D of IT Act, 2008, at Police Station Cyber Crime, Saharanpur.

7. Notwithstanding, while the proceedings with respect to the prior police complaint dated 28.01.2025 were pending in Saharanpur court, another FIR in Delhi on same/similar allegations i.e. one in hand, bearing no. 140/2025 was registered in Delhi on 06.06.2025.

8. It is in this premise that pursuant to the said Delhi FIR, the impugned notice under Section 94/95 of BNSS, has been issued, which is under challenge. Bare reading of the same reflects that roving inquiries have been made from university, some of which have no concern with the allegation of fabrication of the degrees.



9. Issue notice. Learned ASC accepts the notice on behalf of the State. He submits that the FIR registered in Delhi is on a different set of allegation.
10. Be that as it may, let a respond be filed. List on 02.12.2025.
11. In the meanwhile, further proceedings in the FIR bearing no. 140/2025 registered at Police Station Cyber Crime, Delhi shall remain suspended.

**ARUN MONGA, J**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2025/rs/nk**