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Statement of Prof. Prasad Krishna, Director, NIT Calicut, on the unfortunate demise of Mr. Agin S. Dileep, an ex-student of NIT Calicut, Kerala

At the outset, I would like to express my deep sense of grief at the unfortunate demise of Mr. Agin S. Dileep, a former B.Tech student of NIT Calicut, who was studying at Lovely Professional University, Punjab. On behalf of faculty, staff and students of NIT Calicut and on my personal behalf, I extend our deep condolences to the parents and family members of Agin. May his soul be guided to its correct destination.

Mr. Agin S Dileep took admission for the B.Tech Programme in Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) in NIT Calicut in the year 2018. Even after four years of study at NIT Calicut, he could not successfully complete the first year courses. The Institute had given three more chances for him to clear the backlog courses of the first year. Unfortunately, even at the end of his four years of study in NIT Calicut until June 2022, he could not complete 10 courses from the first and second year of the programme. The entire courses from the third and fourth year of B.Tech were also remaining. Under these circumstances, as per the Institute academic regulations, he had no choice but to discontinue his B.Tech studies in NIT Calicut.

Subsequently, Agin submitted a request through his department (CSE) for permission to continue the programme. The Department Consultative Committee (DCC) of CSE department decided not to recommend his request, as he was not eligible to continue the programme, as per the academic regulations. The minutes of the meeting was later forwarded to the Dean (Academic).

After that, Mr. Agin met me in my office to discuss the issue. At that time, two more faculty members were also present there. I have briefed him about the B.Tech regulations by which he has already utilized the maximum possible number of chances for clearing the first year and second year courses. At that time, Agin told me that he was actually interested in doing a different education programme on 'Design' and not interested to pursue Computer Science and Engineering Programme. I have earnestly advised him to pursue his passion, if he wishes so. The conversation was extremely cordial as witnessed by our other two faculty colleagues.

Later, on another occasion, Agin met his Faculty Adviser (FA), along with his father. The FA also apprised them of the Institute Regulations, and his ineligibility to continue the programme as per the senate rules. Agin's father got convinced about it and informed his plan to get his son admitted to another programme of his choice. Agin and his father also met me in my office. I have reiterated the Institute Regulations to them and his ineligibility to continue the current programme. I told Agin's father to facilitate him to pursue his real passion.

Both of them left my office, convinced about the situation. We were not aware of his whereabouts after that. It was only through the media reports yesterday that I came to know about the tragic demise of Agin, while he was pursuing a Design programme at LPU, Punjab.

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