

Act, 1991 does not in any way affect the validity of delegation contained in the Presidential Notification issued under Article 239," the note said.

A senior bureaucrat said that the main objective of the said provision is to prevent unauthorised people from intruding the matters of a State by instituting State prosecutions, and

Notification issued under Article 239. We therefore hold that the sanctions under Section 50 of POTA and Section 196 of Cr.P.C. were accorded by a competent authority"

was also on the panel which selected Singh as the Vice Chancellor. Then he was made honorary professor with Singh's approval. How can this information be an oversight, it is nothing but a calculated move."

DU helpline turns lifeline for many students

They mostly ring to discuss their 'failed, troubled' relations

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A helpline started just a few days ago to offer free counselling to Delhi University students is receiving back-to-back calls as the "phone keeps ringing" with students seeking constant help.

"From the time our counselling helpline opens, the response is tremendous. The counsellors attend calls from across the university and majority of the students seeking help over troubled relations

with their family and friends," Chairperson Delhi University Women's Association (DUWA) Neelanjana Singh told *The Pioneer*.

Singh said the students have mostly expressed about the depression caused by "failed" and "troubled" relations which are triggered by stress.

"Our counsellor speaks from five minutes to longer duration - depending on the seriousness of the problem. We find throughout the calls keep increasing and then they are

put on automatic waiting so that the counsellor does not miss out on them," she added.

The varsity's 'Mind Body Centre' which initiated to offer counselling through helpline earlier provided a face-to-face counselling to female students and faculty but the new facility is for male students as well.

Besides personal issues, students have also called to seek help while enquiring about the courses and syllabi. However, the DUWA chairperson said issues other than personal are directed to the concerning authority or department.

The telephonic and email helpline started accepting queries from October 5. "The



toll-free number for the helpline is 1800 3000 7303.

The callers can make their queries from 3 pm to 5 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Those calling beyond

these timings can leave the message on voicemail and the counsellors will call them back," said Nilanjana, wife of varsity Vice Chancellor Dinesh Singh.

The Pioneer had last week reported that the capital is battling the worst dengue outbreak since 1996.

The South MCD is the worst off at 2432 cases, followed by North MCD at 2307

Government making reporting the viral disease mandatory to prevent and control outbreaks in 18 endemic states/union territories, including Delhi, Kerala, Tamil

IN MCD.

Till October 3, at least 7,606 dengue cases and 25 deaths were reported. On October 8, the South Delhi Municipal Corporation

in 2012 while 2011 saw 551 cases in the same period. In 2010, over 4,000 cases were reported in the same duration.

September alone recorded

The cases multiplied three times as compared to the data of second week of September which had record