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NHRC seeks report on student suicides in Navodaya Vidyalayas

'Half of the 49 students belonged to tribal communities'

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NEW DELHI

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Tuesday served notice on the Ministry for Human Resource Development on the reported suicides of 49 students of the residential Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) over five years.

Taking *suo motu* cognisance of a media report that 49 students had committed

suicide on JNV campuses from 2013 to 2017, the NHRC asked the Secretary of the Ministry for a report in six weeks. It asked whether trained counsellors were available for students, whether there was dedicated staff to ensure students were not left alone and whether there was emergency assistance, including a hotline.

According to the report,

half of the 49 students belonged to Dalit or tribal communities, and the majority were boys.

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अस्पताल से मरीज को बाहर
फेंका, बिहार सरकार को नोटिस
नई दिल्ली : राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार
आयोग ने वैशाली जिले के एक
अस्पताल द्वारा बर्न वार्ड के मरीज को
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फेंक दिया था, जहां कचरा डाला जाता
है। (प्रेट)



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नवोदय विद्यालयों में बच्चों की खुदकुशी पर सरकार को नोटिस

नई दिल्ली। जवाहर नवोदय विद्यालयों में 2013 से 2017 के बीच 49 बच्चों की आत्महत्या के मामले में राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग ने स्वतः संज्ञान लिया है। आयोग ने मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के सचिव को भेजे नोटिस पर छह हफ्ते में जवाब मांगा है। हाल में आई एक मीडिया रिपोर्ट में दावा किया गया था कि पांच वर्ष में नवोदय विद्यालयों में 49 बच्चों ने सुसाइड किया। इनमें आधे से ज्यादा दलित और आदिवासी समुदाय से थे। एजेंसी



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छात्रों की खुदकुशी मामले पर नोटिस

नई दिल्ली। हाल ही में मीडिया रिपोर्ट्स में आई जवाहर नवोदय विद्यालयों में छात्रों द्वारा आत्महत्या की जाने की खबरों का स्वतः संज्ञान लेते हुए राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग ने मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय को नोटिस भेजा है।

एक अंग्रेजी अखबार ने सूचना के अधिकार के तहत मिली जानकारी से खुलासा किया था कि वर्ष 2013 से 2017 के बीच नवोदय विद्यालयों में 49 छात्रों ने आत्महत्या की है। इनमें से अधिकतर छात्र दलित एवं आदिवासी परिवारों के थे। आयोग ने मंत्रालय से प्रशिक्षित काउंसलर की मौजूदगी, बच्चा कमरे में अकेला तो नहीं इसकी जांच के लिए कर्मचारियों की मौजूदगी और काउंसलिंग को लेकर छह सप्ताह में जवाब तलब किया है। (वि.सं)



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बिहार सरकार को नोटिस जारी

नई दिल्ली। राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग (एनएचआरसी) ने वैशाली जिले में एक अस्पताल के बर्न वार्ड से एक मरीज को कथित तौर पर कचरास्थल पर फेंके जाने की खबरों पर बिहार सरकार को नोटिस जारी किया है।

आयोग ने मंगलवार को एक बयान में कहा कि उसने बिहार सरकार के मुख्य सचिव को नोटिस जारी कर चार सप्ताह के भीतर मामले से संबंधित रिपोर्ट तथा मरीज की वर्तमान स्थिति की जानकारी मांगी है।



NHRC Notice to HRD Min Over JNV Suicides



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NHRC seeks HRD ministry's response on suicides in JNVs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

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The rights panel asked the ministry to respond within six weeks on whether trained counsellors were available on the campuses so that students could talk to them about their feelings. Information has also been sought on whether there is dedicated staff to ensure that children are not left alone in rooms, and if emergency assistance through counselling over phone and suicide hotline services are available to them.

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No. of JNV students who committed suicide during 2013-17

49

Number of students who committed suicide by hanging

42



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NHRC

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Year JNVs started operations

635

Total number of JNVs in the country

2.8 lakh

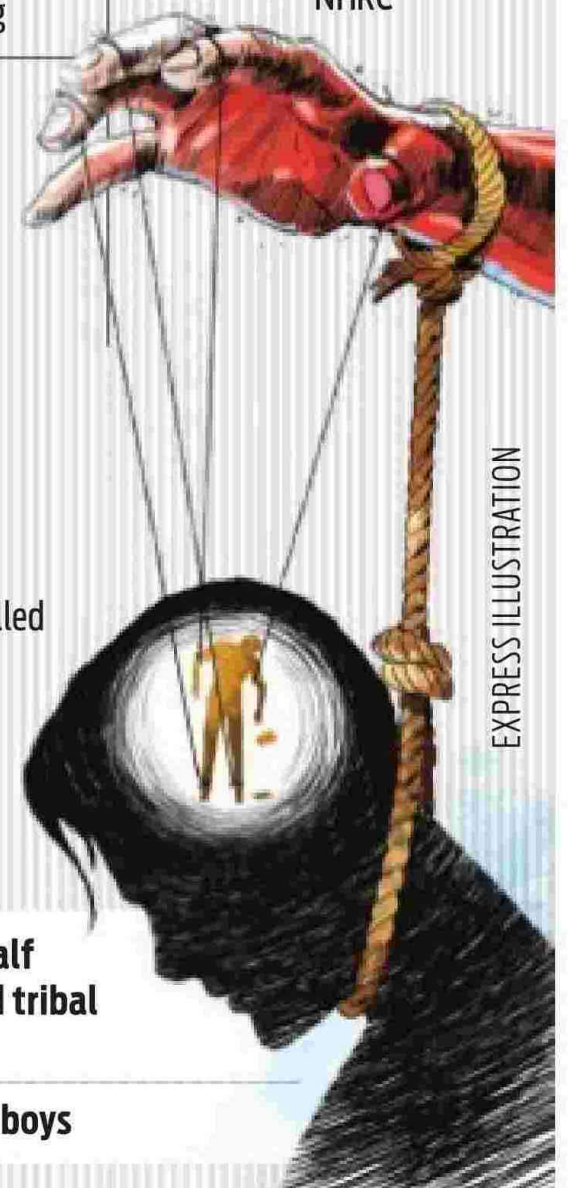
Number of students enrolled in JNVs

5.5%

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Patient found on trash pile at Bihar hospital

**Piyush Tripathi
& Ajay Pandey | TNN**

Patna/Muzaffarpur: National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Tuesday served a notice to Bihar government following reports about a Hajipur Sadar Hospital employee allegedly throwing out a patient from the burns ward on Saturday.

In a statement, the NHRC said it has asked the state chief secretary to submit a report on the violation within four weeks. It added, "The NHRC has taken suo motu cognizance of media reports that a patient from the burns ward of Hajipur Sadar Hospital of Vaishali district was allegedly thrown out by a ward boy at a place where the gar-

bage is dumped. The picture of the patient lying on the waste has also been carried."

The statement said, "Reportedly, he (the patient) was referred by Lal Ganj Referral Hospital for treatment there."

It added, "The right to health and proper medical care is one of the basic human rights. Even if the patient himself went out and collapsed, the incident indicates negligence on the part of the ward attendants/nursing staff of the hospital as he could not be noticed for a long time."

Confirming the lapse, district magistrate (Vaishali) Rajiv Raushan also sought a detailed report on the same from Vaishali civil surgeon Indra Deo Ranjan.



नवोदय विद्यालय के छात्रों की आत्महत्या पर नोटिस

नई दिल्ली, प्रेस : राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग ने वर्ष 2013-2017 के बीच आवासीय सुविधा वाले जवाहर नवोदय विद्यालय में 49 छात्रों की कथित आत्महत्या मामले में केंद्रीय मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के सचिव को नोटिस भेजा है।

जवाब के लिए छह सप्ताह का समय देते हुए आयोग ने पूछा है कि क्या परिसर में ऐसे प्रशिक्षित सलाहकार उपलब्ध हैं, जिनसे किशोर छात्र खुलकर बात कर सकें? क्या कोई ऐसा स्टाफ तैनात है जो यह सुनिश्चित करे कि कमरे में कोई छात्र अकेला नहीं है? क्या उनके लिए टेलीफोन काउंसलिंग के जरिये आपात सहायता और आत्महत्या निवारण हॉटलाइन सेवाएं उपलब्ध हैं?

2013-17 के बीच
49 छात्रों
की कथित आत्महत्या की रिपोर्ट पर
आयोग ने लिया संज्ञान

आयोग ने मंगलवार को जारी एक बयान में कहा है कि सात मामलों को छोड़कर अन्य सभी में छात्रों द्वारा कथित आत्महत्या फांसी से लटककर की गई और उनके शवों को सहपाठियों या स्कूलकर्मियों ने देखा। मानवाधिकार आयोग ने वर्ष 2013 से वर्ष 2017 के बीच पांच वर्षों में नवोदय विद्यालय के 49 छात्रों के परिसर में आत्महत्या करने संबंधी मीडिया रिपोर्ट का स्वतः संज्ञान लिया है।

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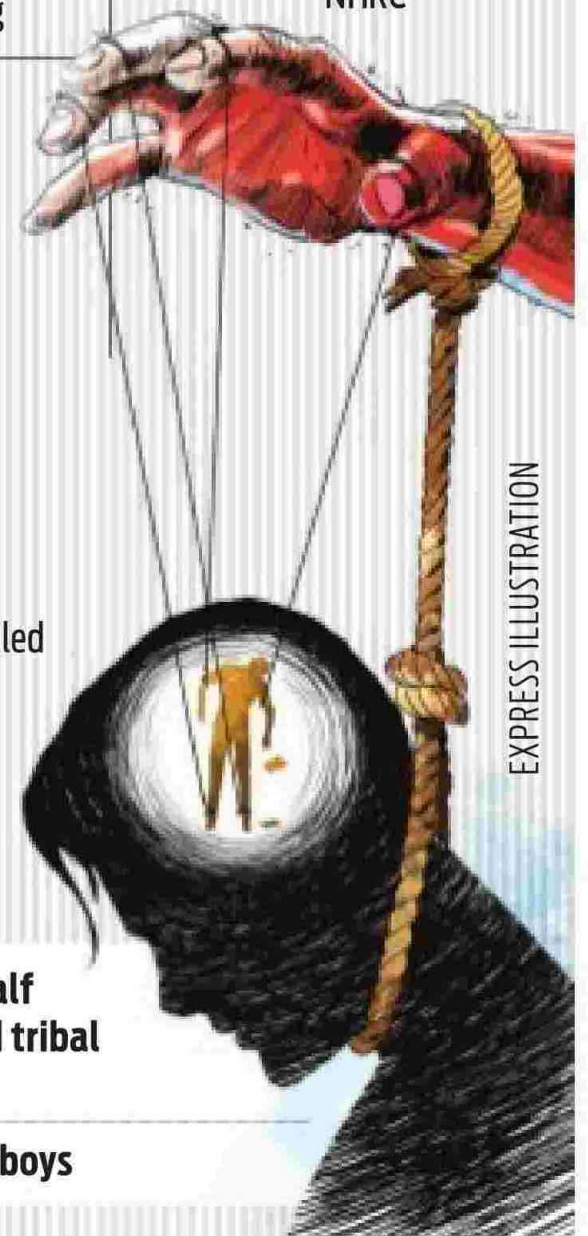
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एनएचआरसी ने एचआरडी को भेजा पत्र

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एनएचआरसी ने कहा कि आयोग ने गंभीर चिंता व्यक्त करते हुए केंद्रीय मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के सचिव को नोटिस जारी किया है। बयान में कहा गया है कि आयोग ने सचिव से छह सप्ताह में जवाब तलब करते हुए पूछा है कि क्या परिसर में ऐसे प्रशिक्षित सलाहकार उपलब्ध हैं, जिनसे किशोर छात्र खुलकर बात कर सकें और उनके साथ अपनी भावनाएं साझा कर सकें।



मरीज को अस्पताल से बाहर फेंकने पर बिहार सरकार को नोटिस

■ नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)।

वैशाली जिले के हाजीपुर सदर अस्पताल से एक मरीज को बाहर फेंकने की घटना पर राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग ने बिहार सरकार को नोटिस जारी किया है।

आयोग के अनुसार वार्ड बॉय पर एक मरीज को निकालने का आरोप है। मरीज बर्न वार्ड में भर्ती था। उसे कूड़ाघर में फेंक दिया गया। उसे लालगंज रेफरल अस्पताल से इलाज के लिए हाजीपुर भेजा गया था।

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NHRC notice to govt over reported suicide of 49 JNV students in 5 yrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT

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The commission observed that intelligent students with a rural background are entrusted to the care of JNVs.

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NHRC notice over suicide cases of 49 JNV students from 2013-17

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NEW DELHI, 01 JANUARY

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"It is a matter of fact, that the teenagers during this age

(adolescence) face difficulties as they undergo a transition into adulthood.

Teenagers may often get confused and develop a feeling of being isolated.

"It is also a matter of fact that many suicides are committed by the people who are depressed and are not able to cope up with stress," the NHRC said. The commission said as per medical science, suicidal tendencies do not just appear out of the blue and people usually show a number of warning signs.

If trained counsellors are available, behavioural changes, suicidal tendencies and depression among students can be spotted in time, and with guidance and counselling, suicides can be controlled, it observed.

"According to the media report, carried on the December 24, the JNVs, started in 1985-86, have become a pass-

port out of poverty for thousands of underprivileged children.

"Since 2012, these schools have consistently recorded a pass percentage of over 99 per cent in Class 10 and over 95 per cent in Class 12, which is far better than private schools and CBSE's national average," the NHRC statement said.

The news report also "reveals that 41 out of 46 JNVs are facing a serious challenge" and that there are "635 JNVs with 2.8 lakh students".

"A total of 2.53 lakh students in the age group of 9 to 19 were enrolled across roughly 600 JNVs for the year 2017. That same year, the number of suicides touched 14," the statement said quoting from the media report.

"The news report reveals that the suicide rate that is per population of 1,00,000 at JNVs for 2017 works out to 5.5," the statement added.



JNV deaths: NHRC sends notice to HRD ministry

New Delhi, Jan. 1: The NHRC has sent a notice to the HRD Ministry over the reported suicide of 49 students, including Dalits, of residential Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) between 2013 and 2017.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in a statement on Tuesday said, reportedly, "all, except seven, were suicides by hanging, and the bodies were discovered either by classmates or members of the school staff".

"The NHRC has taken suo motu cognisance of a media report that 49 students of the residential Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) committed suicide in campus over five years, from 2013 to 2017," the rights panel said.

Half of the deceased students were Dalit and tribal, and a majority of them were boys, the report said.

The JNVs are reported to be the central government's pace-setting residential schools for talented children from rural India, the NHRC said.

Expressing its serious concern, the commission has issued a notice to the secretary of the Union ministry of human resource development (HRD), it said.

It has sought information within six weeks on whether trained counselors are available on campuses to whom adolescent students can open up and talk about their feelings, the commission said.

Information has also been sought on whether dedicated staff are there to ensure that children are not left alone in rooms, and emergency assistance through telephone counselling and suicide hotline services are available to them, the rights panel said.

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जवाहर नवोदय छात्रों की आत्महत्या पर आयोग ने मांगा जवाब

नई दिल्ली, 1 जनवरी (भाषा)।

राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग ने वर्ष 2013 से 2017 के बीच आवासीय जवाहर नवोदय विद्यालय में दलित छात्रों सहित 49 विद्यार्थियों की कथित आत्महत्या के मामले में मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय को नोटिस भेजा है।

राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग (एनएचआरसी) ने मंगलवार को एक बयान में कहा, 'सात मामलों को छोड़कर अन्य सभी मामलों में कथित आत्महत्या फांसी से लटककर की गई और शव या तो सहपाठियों या स्कूलकर्मियों को मिले।' मानव अधिकार निकाय ने कहा, 'एनएचआरसी ने वर्ष 2013 से वर्ष 2017 के बीच पांच वर्षों में आवासीय जवाहर नवोदय विद्यालय (जेएनवी) के 49 छात्रों के परिसर में आत्महत्या करने संबंधी मीडिया रिपोर्ट का स्वतः संज्ञान लिया है।' बयान में कहा गया है कि इनमें से आधे छात्र दलित व जनजातीय थे। आत्महत्या करने वालों में अधिकतर लड़के थे। एनएचआरसी ने कहा कि आयोग ने गंभीर चिंता व्यक्त करते हुए केंद्रीय मानव संसाधन विकास

मंत्रालय के सचिव को नोटिस जारी किया है। बयान में कहा गया है कि आयोग ने सचिव से छह सप्ताह में जवाब तलब करते हुए पूछा है कि क्या परिसर में ऐसे प्रशिक्षित सलाहकार उपलब्ध हैं, जिनसे किशोर छात्र खुलकर बात कर सकें और उनके साथ अपनी भावनाएं साझा कर सकें। उसने कहा कि इस बारे में भी जानकारी मांगी गई है कि क्या यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए स्टाफ उपलब्ध है कि कोई भी छात्र अपने कमरे में अकेला नहीं हो और क्या उनके लिए टेलीफोन काउंसलिंग के जरिए आपात सहायता और आत्महत्या हॉटलाइन सेवाएं उपलब्ध हैं या नहीं। आयोग ने कहा कि इतनी अधिक संख्या में अनुसूचित जनजातीय व अनुसूचित जाति समुदायों के छात्रों के आत्महत्या करने की घटनाएं भी समाज के लिए चिंता का विषय है।

उसने कहा कि प्रशिक्षित सलाहकारों की मदद से छात्रों में व्यवहारात्मक बदलावों, आत्महत्या की प्रवृत्तियों और अवसाद को समय पर पहचाना जा सकता है और उचित दिशानिर्देश व सलाह से आत्महत्या की घटनाओं को रोका जा सकता है।

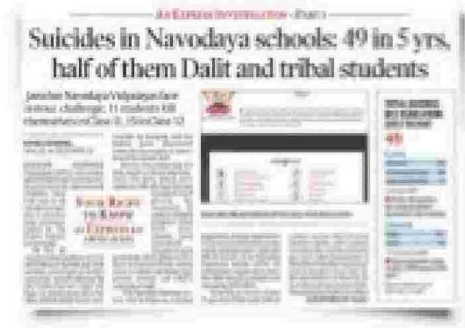


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NHRC to govt: Respond in 6 weeks on JNV suicides



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EXPRESSING "SERIOUS concern" over the findings of an investigation by *The Indian Express* on student suicides in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Tuesday issued notice to the school education secretary in the HRD Ministry seeking a response within six weeks.

On December 24, 2018, *The Indian Express* reported that the central government's residential schools for talented rural children witnessed 49 student suicides from 2013 to 2017, including that of 25 Dalit and tribal students.

The investigation also revealed that there are no trained counsellors on campus, and that it's largely left to "overburdened" teachers to look after the welfare of students.

Taking suo motu cognizance of the findings, the NHRC, headed by former Chief Justice of India H L Dattu, directed the ministry to submit its response on three aspects: whether trained counsellors are available on campus; if there is dedicated staff to ensure students are not left alone in their rooms; and whether students have access to emergency assistance through

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counselling over telephone and a suicide hotline service.

“The Commission has observed that the contents of the media report, if true, cannot be ignored or overlooked as this reported pattern of suicides by so many students in JNVs might still increase, if not checked in time with appropriate measures... The proportion of suicides of students from the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities is also a matter of concern for a society, which aspires for an inclusive growth,” the NHRC said.

Citing the findings of The Indian Express investigation, NHRC said a total of 2.53 lakh students in the age group of nine to 19 were enrolled across roughly 600 JNVs for the year 2017 and that in the same year, the number of suicides touched 14.



नवोदय विद्यालयों में 2017 तक 49 बच्चों ने की खुदकुशी, इस पर केंद्र को मानवाधिकार नोटिस

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