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Rs 3 lakh for cop-chase victim's family

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New Delhi: The National Human Rights Commission has directed Delhi's police commissioner to pay Rs 3 lakh as compensation to the next of kin of a man who suffered injuries and died after being chased by some cops early this year.

The police had also failed to shift Dharmender Rajput to hospital

The NHRC directed the commissioner to send within four weeks details of departmental action taken against the police officials concerned.

The recent directives came on a petition filed by rights activist and Supreme Court lawyer Radhakanta Tripathy, who alleged that the victim had succumbed to injuries after hitting a police barricade "negligently" set up on a flyover in the capital's Geeta Colony in January.

Earlier, in April, the additional commissioner of police, vigilance, had informed the NHRC that on the intervening night of January 19 and 20, Dharmender, driver of a tempo, had been signalled to stop at a police picket but accelerated and hit the barricade.

The cops gave chase and Dharmender, who was reportedly drunk, hit the flyover wall and suffered serious injuries. The cops then called up his family and asked them to shift Dharmender to a hospital where he died.

Tripathy, in his complaint to the NHRC, had said Dharmender died because of the negligence of the police who were duty-bound to shift the injured man to a hospital.

He sought an independent probe against the police officials concerned and compensation for the victim's family.

Delhi police had informed the commission that head constable Naval Kishore and constable Prabhu Yadav, allegedly responsible for the incident, had been suspended and a departmental probe initiated against them.

The commission found it apparent from the report that the police officials concerned had not taken steps that could have saved the victim's life.

The panel directed that Rs 3 lakh be paid to the victim's family as compensation and sought a report on the final action taken against the officials concerned.



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NHRC member stresses on skilled labour at IIM session

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: Dnyaneshwar Manohar Mulay, NHRC member and former Secretary to the Government of India, on Saturday visited IIM Shillong to deliver an expert session on 'Contribution of Indian Diaspora to India's Development: Prospect and Challenges'.

The session commenced with a discussion initiated by Mulay on the significance of Diaspora and its various forms, while also highlighting the importance of skilled labour and student fraternity for enhancing the prospects for India.

The 'Passport Man of India' talked about the various initiatives for Indian immigrants such as Pravasi Bhartiya Samman, Know India Program for youth, and the strategic relevance of such



NHRC member and former secretary to the Government of India Dnyaneshwar Manohar Mulay speaks during a programme at IIM Shillong, on Saturday

events in helping to maintain a relationship with them as well as in opening further opportunities.

In addition, he shared the art and science of conducting trans-national negotiations, and the role of storytelling and goodwill to culminate a successful negotiation.

Having extensive experience of 26 years in the Indian Foreign Services, Mulay enlightened the audience about the intangible and valuable assets of India such as culture, language, tradition and diversity, which if channelised in the right direction, can be the foundation for India to be a global leader.

"A country becomes great when it creates its own narratives, own beliefs and not superstitions. With borrowed ideas, we can never be a superpower," quoted Mulay.

Visibly intrigued by the session, participants of the Post Graduate Programme for Executives posted several questions in the backdrop of their recent China Immersion. Mulay was also felicitated by Rohit Joshi, Chairman of the Post Graduate Programme for Executives, IIM Shillong.

The session was of importance for the participants of IIM who are being honed to become the potential resources for strengthening business relations between India, China, and emerging economies.