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COURT OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN)

दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग / Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

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भारत सरकार/ Government of India

Case No. CCPD/15197/1101/24

Dated: 25/02/2026

In the matter of—

Complainant

Mr. Nipun Kumar Malhotra

Versus

Respondent

1. The Registrar, University of Delhi

registrar@du.ac.in

2. The Principal, Kalindi College

kalindisampark@kalindi.du.ac.in

I. Hearing:

1.1. A hearing in hybrid mode (online/offline) was conducted on 03.09.2025, wherein the following attendees were present:

Sl. No.	Name of the parties /Representatives	For Complainant/ Respondent	Mode of Attendance
1.	Mr. Nipun Kumar Malhotra	Complainant	Absent
2.	Adv. Parv Garg	Counsel for Respondent No. 1	Online
3.	Mr. Satish Kumar, Consultant	Respondent No. 2	Online

2. RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

2.1. The complainant submitted that on 29.02.2024, he was invited to the Kalindi College for a lecture on disability and inclusion. On arrival, he found that access to the hall involved climbing steps without proper accessibility arrangements. He was offered physical carrying, which he refused, citing dignity and safety concerns. Though taken through an alternate entrance with a ramp, steps were again encountered before the stage. He stated that the incident caused humiliation, violated Sections 16 and 44 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, and highlighted the denial of accessibility to persons with

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disabilities. He prayed for (i) appropriate penal action against the college, and (ii) the conduct of an accessibility audit of the institution.

2.2. Respondent No. 2 acknowledged that certain issues existed but submitted that repairs and improvements were being undertaken and that ramps are now available in most buildings. He also submitted that accessibility measures had since been undertaken, including the provision of ramps in all buildings, and that repair and renovation work was in progress to address remaining gaps.

2.3. Respondent No. 1 submitted that the issue pertained mainly to the college and recalled that earlier recommendations had been issued for accessibility audits in June 2024. He assured cooperation and the undertaking of the required exercise for Kalindi College.

2.4. It was observed that despite the RPwD Act having come into force in 2016, the accessibility compliance in the college was still incomplete. It was emphasised that accessibility was a statutory obligation and delay in compliance was unacceptable.

2.5. The Court recommended that an Accessibility Audit of Kalindi College be conducted within 15 days from the date of this Record of Proceedings.

(a) The audit shall cover:

- i. Physical accessibility (ramps, lifts, classrooms, stage, toilets, etc.);
- ii. Digital accessibility (website and online platforms);
- iii. Barrier-free environment as per the UGC Guidelines, Supreme Court directions, and RPwD Act, 2016.

(b) The Audit Committee shall consist of:

- i. A representative of the University of Delhi,

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- ii. A government-recognised accessibility professional, and
- iii. A representative of persons with disabilities.

2.6 The Audit Report shall be submitted within 21 days to this Court, with a copy furnished to the complainant.

3. This is issued with the approval of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.

Yours faithfully,

(Praveen Prakash Ambashta)
Dy. Chief Commissioner

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