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Urgent Measures Needed to Prevent Student Suicides: ABVP Calls for Strong Action

Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad is deeply distressed by the incident of a student's suicide at IIT Delhi on Friday. Within two months, this is the second case of a student's suicide at IIT Delhi. The increasing occurrences of student suicides among those preparing for competitive exams and seeking admission to prestigious educational institutions across the country are extremely saddening. Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad urges the central government, state governments, educational institutions, various stakeholders, coaching providers, and society as a whole to immediately take steps toward finding a solution to this significant issue.

It should be taken into consideration that in the city of Kota alone, in the past 8 months, incidents of 23 students committing suicide have come to light. In recent months, concerns about student suicides due to academic pressure and other reasons have consistently emerged in various cities across the country, including central universities, IITs, and other institutions. Strong measures need to be taken to prevent this. In the National Executive Committee Meeting of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad held in Pune in May 2023, ABVP called for the creation of stress-free educational environments and the passed the proposal titled "Campuses should be Centers for Joyful and Meaningful Student Life" to prioritize the physical and mental well-being of students.

ABVP National General Secretary, Shri Yagywalkya Shukla, said, "There is an increase in student suicides, which is extremely worrisome and unfortunate. It is necessary to identify the causes of mental pressure on students and take appropriate steps. Every student is unique in their own way, which parents must understand. It is imperative that the government takes immediate and effective measures to prevent the increasing incidents of student suicides. Additionally, other stakeholders in the education sector must come forward to address this serious issue. Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad is starting with the '*Anandmayi Sarthak Chhatra Jeevan Abhiyan*' to reduce student mental stress and create stress-free environments."

(This Press Release has been issued by Central Office Secretary Digambar Pawar)