

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE / CELL

Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur

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Information from the Publicity Committee/Cell on the Times of India - Article dt. 12.05.2020

It has been brought to the notice of the Institute Authority that an article has been published in The Times of India, 12th May, bearing the Title “After Duty Nurse Barred Home Entry”. In the public interest, the Institute Administration wishes to clarify the issue.

The authorities have maintained a disciplined conduct over the entry and exit of its residents inside the campus from the beginning of the lock down. The Institute complied with the directives of the Government of India in this regard. This step was necessary to stop the spreading of COVID-19 in the campus. However, the Institute has allowed all persons engaged in emergency services including those in Health services to work with proper intimation and permission.

There are already some persons working in the Health Care Sector who are plying to their work as at the NRS Hospital and nearby to the South Howrah General Hospital regularly from the beginning of lock down but with prior permission. In fact, wards of some of the residents have started going to offices which have opened lately. The security has been instructed to check the necessary permission papers and also do thermal checking during entry.

In the case of the referred Nurse, Ms. Susmita Hansda, it appears that she could not produce the approval of the competent authority at the entry gate because of which the security personnel refused to allow her to enter the campus. However, the Institute is investigating the matter to find if there is any communication gap that created the alleged difficulty to the said resident. It is needless to mention that the health and safety of the residents of the campus are on our top priority and cooperation of all the members is required to fight against COVID-19. IEST, Shibpur is committed to serve the nation to the best of its ability and shall never take resort to any method that will undermine the process of serving humanity.

I appeal to all the print and electronic media to confirm the facts from the Publicity Cell of the Institute before reporting such news, which may tarnish the image of this esteemed Institute.

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