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Facts Regarding the Untimely Demise of Mr. Deepak Kumar Meena

We humbly pay tribute to Mr. Deepak Kumar Meena, a civil service aspirant, who tragically passed away. Our prayers go out to his grieving family, and we hope they find the strength to bear this immense pain.

In the interest of transparency, we wish to share the key facts related to this unfortunate event, which are as follows :

1. Mr. Deepak Kumar Meena joined us on July 10, 2024, to prepare for the UPSC Civil Service Mains Examination 2024.
2. Until September 10, Mr. Deepak regularly attended the library for his studies. He had prepared highly effective notes and had taken several tests in July and August, consistently achieving good marks. Despite it being his first attempt, his preparation was commendable, and there was a high probability that he would clear the exam in this very attempt. He was equally confident in his own abilities.
3. On the morning of September 11, he did not come to the library with his fellow PG mates. When asked by his friends, he mentioned he would come later, but there was no further contact with him after that.
4. On September 13, Deepak's roommate informed our team that he had not returned to the PG since the 11th and was not answering his phone. Upon receiving this information, our team coordinator made multiple attempts to reach Deepak on his phone, but the calls went unanswered. We immediately informed his family, who were equally concerned as they had also been unable to reach him for two days.
5. The next day (September 14), Mr. Deepak's family arrived in Delhi and filed a missing person report with the police. By this time, his phone had been switched off.
6. Since September 14, the case has been in the hands of the Delhi Police. On September 15, in the presence of Mr. Deepak's family, our team provided the police with the CCTV footage from the library. His friends and acquaintances were also questioned. Investigators collected footage from several other locations, but despite all efforts, no substantial leads were found.
7. The last hope was that Mr. Deepak would reach his examination centre to appear in the mains examination starting on September 20. The police team and family members were present at the centre but Deepak did not reach there. After that, the police team conducted a thorough search in the nearby areas based on the last location of his phone, and his body was found in the bushes near the Delhi University hostel adjacent to Mukherjee Nagar.
8. Mr. Deepak Kumar Meena had never expressed any concerns about stress or pressure to his mentors. According to his mentors and friends, he was a humble and introvert student, with very little likelihood of being involved in any conflict or dispute with anyone.
9. Our Managing Director, Vikas Sir, along with several members of our team, are in constant contact with the Delhi Police. We are currently awaiting the official postmortem report. We will provide all necessary assistance to the Delhi Police as required in this case.