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Press Release by IIT Bombay Faculty Forum

The Faculty Forum of IIT Bombay stands strongly with our colleague Prof. Suryanarayana Doolla.

We would like to clarify that :-

- 1) Contrary to several reports in the media, Prof. Suryanarayana Doolla has not been suspended from his service from IIT Bombay, and continues to be a member of the faculty of the institute in good standing.
- 2) We are given to understand that he has been temporarily relieved from his duties as Dean (Administrative Affairs) of the institute, to enable independent unbiased investigation of the unfortunate incident on 18th September 2026.
- 3) Prof. Suryanarayana Doolla is a distinguished faculty of IIT Bombay, who has won several accolades and awards, including two awards for excellence in teaching, which are decided purely on student feedback. During his long tenure as Dean (Student Affairs), he was instrumental in setting up several initiatives for the welfare of the student community of our campus.

We are distressed by the vilification of our colleague's reputation by false and misleading reports that have appeared in the media. We also reiterate that we are pained by the sad demise of our student due to the unfortunate incident on 18th September 2026.

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Note: The Faculty Forum of IIT Bombay is a formal body of the institute, consisting of ~750 members, through which faculty members at IIT Bombay can voice opinions to the institute and other bodies.