

We are extremely disheartened by the way things have turned out the past few days. It saddens us even more to hear that the content continues to be picked up by various news and media posts promoting it for no good reason other than personal benefit. The reason we are reaching out to you all today is to ensure that our silence is not to be taken as our weakness. We wish this had never happened and wished no one had betrayed our sister's trust and took her video only to publicly humiliate her while publicizing it as an act of altruism. The ill-intent was clear when our request to remove the post was declined without a feeling of guilt. But who cares about honesty, dignity and privacy these days when everyone craves for something to talk about, someone to become a victim and these social platforms are incubators for such wrongful acts without repercussions that always leave many hurt and helpless while glorifying the wrongdoers.

We want you to know that we are aware of Srijana's situation and her illness needs careful consideration on so many levels. We have and will continue working with doctors and caretakers who have decades of experience working with such cases and treat patients with humanity and dignity. Srijana is also in constant touch with the family and any action that needs to be taken for her wellness can and should solely be left to us, her family. We want you to know that the family and friends are united more than ever and no one can think of her goodwill better than us.

The posts and news articles may get removed from social media and the internet but the content creators and their collaborators need to understand that the damage they have caused to the family and friends are irreparable and their actions reprimandable. Many of you had asked how you could help. The only thing we need from each one of you is to leave us and Srijana alone so we can focus our time and energy to work with her doctors to make it right for her.

In days to come, we will appreciate full cooperation from each one of you to act genuinely by stopping proliferation of such posts and any content related to Srijana. And for the content creators, collaborators and news seekers, we implore that you honor Srijana's privacy and not violate her trust again.

Last but not the least, we are overwhelmed by the relentless support of our friends, families and well-wishers on this crucial matter. We wouldn't have been able to contain the situation to this extent without help from each individual.

- Shrestha Family