

**JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY
NEW DELHI**

Appeal to the JNU Community

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The JNU Administration takes strong objection to some members of JNU's Teachers' Association and some students' associations feeding motivated misinformation to the media and making completely unfounded allegations of various kinds. JNUTA, in particular, has blatantly been violating the well established rules and regulations of the university and simultaneously issuing press releases with bountiful of false information. Implementation of attendance rules is challenged by invoking emotions against the administration, whereas most of the leaves of faculty members are sanctioned by Chairpersons and Deans and only duty leave applications for foreign travel and leave applied by Deans need the approval of the Vice Chancellor/Rector. Baseless allegations of violation of reservation rules of GOI have been repeatedly made, whereas various Schools/Special Centres/Centres are responsible for setting the question papers, evaluating the answer sheets and marking the viva voce performance of candidates. The administration has no role in the selection of candidates in the various programs of the University and it solely rests with Schools and Special Centers. While making life difficult for the students and teachers by frequently staging protest demonstrations at legally prohibited areas of the campus and not using their licit fundamental rights to freedom of speech and expression in the designated place i.e. Sabarmathi ground, the chronic agitators are complaining about rise in security expenditure!

While making wild allegations on various issues, no credible evidence is put forth and no serious attempts are made to understand the complex issues. Accusations against the Administration for alleged massive cut in the Library budget are a glaring example. When one external entry/exit gate of a reading room in the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Central Library out of many facilities was closed on account of potential fire hazard, politically motivated statements have been made by hiding many facts.

For instance, the said reading room is still open for use of the students. The only difference is that the entrance to this room is now through a gate from inside the library and personal books are not allowed to be brought into this room since this room is part of the central library. The JNU Library rules, which have been in place for years, are very clear about bringing personal belongings into the library:

1. Readers are not allowed to bring their personal books or any printed material (spiral/bound book/photocopied material) inside the Library.
2. Personal belongings like bags (laptop, shoulder, sling), umbrellas, etc. should be deposited at the Property Counter against a token. These are not allowed inside the Library.

It is pertinent to underline that the library has already provided a large reading hall to the students for use of personal books. When students are asked to show their identity cards, some of them abuse the security personnel and, by implication, facilitate the illegal entry by non-registered outsiders! Recently the same students manhandled the security and entered the library with personal books. Therefore, violating library rules and manhandling the security guards at the library for doing their duty in making sure that library rules are followed by a small section of motivated students is condemnable and most unfortunate. If some of JNU's own students violate the time tested Library rules, what kind of message is going across to the society? JNU Library is for the use of registered JNU students and it should remain so.

The JNU Administration makes a sincere appeal to the members of the JNU Community to refrain from believing politically motivated statements. The JNU administration brings it to their notice that the recently held JNU Court, the supreme body of the University" has already expressed its "displeasure" against those who indulge in feeding misinformation to the media for their narrow political gains. Let JNU be a place for intellectual activities it is known for and not slide into a battleground of political activists. The agitators by spoiling the public perception of the University are seriously damaging the future growth and its ranking.



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