

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

Press Note

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JNU administration expresses its concern that some of the office bearers of JNUTA have been unduly inciting the students to indulge in illegal activities of the kind they have been indulged in. Such activities, particularly staging protests in prohibited areas of the campus in clear violation of university rules and court rulings, have adversely affected peace and stability in a campus that is known for its intellectual works. Large number of students, faculty and even other stakeholders of the university seem to have been fed up with a handful of teacher and student activists who take up even trivial issues and twisted facts to disrupt peace just for their narrow political games.

JNUTA office bearers appear to have learnt nothing from their last experience when they called for a 24 hour long protest in front of the Administration Block, despite repeated cautionary notes sent to them to remind that there is a designated place for holding any such protests. It is a reminder that the vast majority of JNU's law-abiding teachers ignored JNUTA president's call and went about their routine work of teaching and research. Disciplinary proceeding, in fact, is in the pipeline against a few teacher protesters who defied the Hon'ble Court order as well as the university rules. It needs reiteration that as per the decision of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, protest of any kind is prohibited within 100 meters of the Administration Bldg. Moreover, the JNU rule prohibits all kinds of protests in an area within 100 meters of the academic complexes which, of course, includes Dr. BR Ambedkar Library.

Unfortunately, on 17 December 2018 some student activists supported by a few teachers and the JNUTA president yet again demonstrably violated the university rules by staging protest demonstration near the said library. More regrettable is spreading of misinformation and making baseless allegations against the administration by the habitual agitators. The repeated allegations of fund cut in the library, despite several clarifications, are deplorable.

JNU administration is always prepared to hold dialogue on any issue in a peaceful atmosphere at all appropriate levels of the administrative structure. Yet, the agitators are hell bent upon running to the media with their propaganda material and tarnish the image of the university in the society at large. The University Court, the supreme body of JNU, recently expressed its displeasure against feeding the media with unfounded facts about the university. It is expected that all the stakeholders of the university respect the sense of the JNU Court.

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