

## **Jawaharlal Nehru University**

### **Summary & update of the Events -Mahi-Mandovi Hostel (Incident happened on the night of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016)**

1. An incident of brawl between two students occurred at Mahi-Mandovi hostel around 11.00 p.m. on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.
2. As noted in the Warden's report, (i) the incident took place during the election campaign for members of the hostel committee, and (ii) Mr. Vikrant Kumar went to canvass and when he knocked at the door of Mr. Najeeb Ahmed, resident of room 106, Mahi-Mandovi; Najeeb slapped Vikrant without any provocation in the presence of Mr. Ankit Kumar (214-Mahi) and Sunil Pratap (122- Mahi).
3. The Wardens of the hostel had a meeting that night to resolve the issue. The issue was resolved with some disciplinary measures as Najeeb admitted his mistake of initiating the brawl, as noted in the Wardens' report on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
4. On 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Mr. Mohit Pandey with some students met Rector I and DoS in Rector I office during noon time and discussed the issue. They informed that Mr. Najeeb Ahmed was missing from the hostel and that his family had come to the campus and filed a missing complaint with the police. Later in night, a warden meeting happened to discuss the scuffle among the students.
5. On 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Police (Vasant Kunj) came to look for the student. On 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016, evening, DOS office issued letters to the senior warden of all students' hostels, requesting them to look for Mr. Najeeb in their hostels. The JNU Security was directed to look for the student in the campus area. Police also visited the hostel and searched in the campus.
6. On 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Reports sent by the Wardens from the hostels mentioned that there was no trace of Mr. Najeeb. In the morning at 9:30 am, senior administration officials, including the Vice Chancellor had a

meeting on the issue, and all the avenues were explored to trace the student.

7. As a follow up, on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016, a letter was written to SHO, Vasant Kunj (north), informing that the student has not come to the hostel till now, and requested the police to expedite the search process.
8. On 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 evening, the student representatives met with the administrative officials and the Vice-chancellor and discussed the issue. The Administration was regularly in contact with the Police to obtain updates. A press note was issued detailing what steps have been taken in this matter and how administration is putting all efforts to trace the student.
9. Proctorial investigation of this incident was also initiated on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
10. On 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Police came to the hostel and investigated the matter as informed by the wardens.
11. On 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016, in the morning at 9:30 am, senior administrative officials and the Vice-chancellor had a meeting to discuss the progress in the case and what steps should be taken to resolve the matter. A letter was again written to the Police, Vasant Kunj (north), to search the student as soon as possible.
12. A press note was issued with the updates in the matter to inform the progress of the case on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
13. On 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016, evening, Rector I, rector II and DOS met with the joint representation of JNUTA, JNUSU and JNUSA and they were apprised of the steps taken to address the issue.
14. On 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016, at 6 pm in the evening, the JNU administration including the Vice-chancellor met the family of Mr. Najeeb Ahmed, and explained to them all the steps being taken to locate him. Also the family was assured that all possible steps are being taken to trace him. They expressed their grievances related to the incident, and asked why JNU

hostels are not having any CCTV camera. They strongly felt that this could have been very helpful in this case.

15. On 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016, at 9:30 am, the JNU administration including the Vice-chancellor had a meeting to discuss the progress made and the steps being taken in this matter.
16. The JNU Administration building was under seizure by the agitating students from 2:30 PM on 19<sup>th</sup> October.
17. Repeated appeals by the Administration and discussion with the student representatives were ignored and the unlawful confinement continued.
18. The Vice Chancellor and all other senior officials were confined to the building throughout the night until 2:15 PM of 20<sup>th</sup> October.
19. Every day, the administration is sending letters to the police to expedite the process to locate Najeeb.
20. On 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016, A provost committee headed by ADoS-I started working on the report received from the Warden Committee and the incident, to come with the facts and recommendations to be submitted to the Vice chancellor.
21. On 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016, appeals were sent to JNUSU to refrain from unlawful modes of protest and to join hands with the JNU administration in locating Najeeb. A simultaneous appeal was also sent to the entire JNU community to proactively join hands with the JNU administration in our efforts.
22. Vice-chancellor along with Rector met the Delhi Police Commissioner and other top police officials on 24 October 2016, to express the anguish and concern of the JNU community about the missing student and to request the Police to expedite the search process.
23. On 24 October 2016, JNU administration officials, including Vice chancellor, called a meeting with the office bearers / representatives of JNUTA, JNUSU, JNUOA, JNUSA, and hostel president and all wardens of Mahi-Mandovi. Vice chancellor apprised them with all the efforts being taken by the administration as well as police to trace Najeeb. He also informed about his

meeting with the Delhi Police Commissioner in this regard today, and requested to pass on any information they have to help find Najeeb.

24. The administration sent letters to the police to expedite the process to locate Najeeb again on 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
25. On the pursuance of the JNU administration, now police has increased the reward money to Rs. one lakh for providing the information about missing of Najeeb in leading daily news papers. (25<sup>th</sup> October, 2016)
26. On 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Police along with JNU security searched JNU campus and forest areas to trace Najeeb. IHA also directed all the Wardens to search hostels. JNU Administration is in constant touch with police.
27. On 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016, the Vice chancellor made several efforts to contact the family of Najeeb through phone in order to update them about the ongoing efforts of JNU administration to search him. Today, in the evening, senior officials of JNU administration including Vice chancellor had meeting with JNUTA representatives and other faculty members in the administrative building and updated them about all the efforts taken by the JNU administration to find Najeeb.
28. The administration sent letters to the police to expedite the process to locate Najeeb again on 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
29. On 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016, CSO informed the administration that Police again searched JNU green area with the help of Security Guards and the effort was also video recorded.
30. The administration sent letters to the police to expedite the process to locate the whereabouts of Najeeb again on 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
31. On 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Police team with JNU Security guards searched Sanjay Van, adjacent to the JNU campus.
32. The administration sent letters to the police to expedite the process to locate the whereabouts of Najeeb again on 31<sup>st</sup> October and 01<sup>st</sup> November 2016.

33. On 01st November 2016, a committee, headed by a Proctor has been constituted to investigate the confinement of the Vice-chancellor and top Administrative Officials on 19-20 October 2016, in the JNU administrative building by a large number of students led by JNUSU.
34. The administration sent letters to the police to expedite the process to locate the whereabouts of Najeeb on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016.
35. On 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016, the administration appealed to JNU community not to politicize the issue and also expressed the concern over uncooperative approach of JNUTA and JNUSU towards finding a solution. Despite all efforts by the Administration, pamphlets, posters, demonstrations, dharnas, unlawful confinement and offensive sloganeering have been going on. Attempts are being made to disturb the normal functioning of the administration, and conduct of academic activities, including examinations.
36. The administration sent letters to the police to expedite the process to locate Najeeb on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016.
37. The administration has issued letters instructing all those who are staging protest and public meetings, sit-in, hunger strike, etc near the administration building, to shift their venue away from the administrative and academic buildings, and not hamper the smooth functioning of the university. Such activities near the Administrative building are against the University Rules (Statute 32(5) of the university) as well as the Rulings of the Honorable High Court of India in many such cases.
38. On 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016, early in the morning, a bag containing a pistol and live rounds was found at the north gate of the campus that raises a grave concern about safety and security of students and other residents of the campus. Taking serious note of such incidences, the administration is in the process of installing CCTV cameras at the gates of the campus and other relevant public places inside the campus.

39. During 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016, the administration was in regular contact with the police and sent letters each day requesting them to expedite the process to locate the whereabouts of the missing student.
40. On 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016, the administration came to know that now Delhi Police's Crime Branch will be investigating the case of the missing student.
41. On 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016, the administration issued letters to JNUSU and advised them not to organize Juloos and protest gathering involving people from outside on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at Ganga Dhaba, as announced by JNUSU. Since, a large number of outsiders may create unrest and a security threat inside the campus. In the light of recent happenings, this is of utmost importance to maintain the safety and security of the campus. Therefore, administration also advised JNUSU not to allow outsiders to stay at Students Activity Centre (Teflas) in the night.
42. On 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016, the administration came to know about the police (Joint Commissioner of Police, Crime) investigation stating that they have traced the driver of the auto-rickshaw who Ahmed hired on October 15 from Jawaharlal Nehru University to reach the campus of Jamia Millia Islamia, as reported in the newspapers.
43. The Proctorial inquiry related to the incident is also progressing.
44. The JNU administration was in regular contact with the police during 15-20 November, 2016. The administration wrote letter to police to expedite the process to locate the missing student and ensure his safe return to the campus.
45. On 01 December 2016, the JNU administration issued a press release clarifying that despite all the steps being taken to trace the missing student, certain groups of students and the university's students union have been consistently spreading false information and making unfounded allegations against the administration. Outsiders are invited into the campus to participate in agitations aimed more against the administration and less on the need for all-out cooperation in the efforts made by the administration

to locate Najeeb. Unnecessary politicization of this incident has created hindrances for locating the missing student and resolving the issue.

46. The JNU administration was in regular contact with the police during 21 November to 02 December, 2016. The administration wrote letter to police to expedite the process to locate the missing student.
47. With respect to this incident, the Proctorial enquiry is progressing.
48. The Proctorial enquiry is concluded and decisions are implemented.
49. Police again searched whole JNU campus, however, no trace of the missing student was found.
50. The JNU administration is in regular contact with the police to locate the missing student.