

Jawaharlal Nehru University

An Appeal to the JNU Community

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This is to appeal to the entire JNU Community to make all efforts possible to restore normalcy in the campus and allow the Schools/Centres to function without interruptions. Some Schools/Centres, such as the School of Art and Aesthetics, Centre for French and Francophone Studies, and centre for Historical Studies have been locked down or blockaded by some agitating students. As a result, holding of JNU Entrance Examinations-related viva-voce, M. Phil/ PhD viva voce, classes, mid-semester examinations are facing enormous difficulties. The interests of student and teacher community have been damaged beyond repair. The attendance rule adopted by JNU on the basis of clear-cut UGC Rules and decision of the university statutory bodies is already in operation and percentage requirements, if not fulfilled, will affect a large numbers of students, who are not party to such agitations, picketing and strikes, as well.

For last several days, the campus has been witnessing agitations, noisy congregations at Admin Building and once in a residential area in gross violations of the established university norms and rules and the Honourable High court's clear directions. While the agitators make loud sloganeering and beat drums, the staff members have found it difficult to work in peace. The sincere administrative staff, who work hard for the smooth functioning of offices to facilitate processing of matters related to student and teacher affairs, are bearing the brunt due to the agitators.

JNUTA and JNUSU have combined their efforts by calling for total university strike that does not serve the interests of JNU community and they are to be blamed for the prevailing chaos in the campus.

The Administration stands by the rules and regulations and is determined to resolve any genuine grievance or difficulty of the JNU community according to the rules, regulations and norms of the university. Thus the JNU Administration appeals to the agitators, strikers and protesters to refrain from their activities that have already harmed the interest of the JNU Community and damaged the image of the university.

Registrar