

# JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

## Press Note

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It is unfortunate that the elected body of teachers in JNU is indulging in lies and smear campaigns against the JNU administration at a time when university has been taking measures and steps to improving its efficiency and to providing a better and conducive academic atmosphere in the campus.

Online Entrance Examination, to be conducted by National Testing Agency, is major initiative to bring about efficiency and transparency in the entire admission process. The response to NTA's announcement of the administration process has been heart warming.

Shockingly, though, JNUTA office bearers have registered their opposition to it, called for strike, and have been provoking students to join them in creating confusion and sullyng the environment in the campus. The hunger strike by a handful of students has been choreographed by the JNUTA office bearers and the latter's press notes and letters to faculty members clearly betray their intolerant attitude towards all positive reforms and improvements brought about by the Administration.

JNU administration has in the past two years initiated and implemented programmes which aim at placing the university among the top educational institutions of the world. The two major new schools of study, the School of Engineering and the School of Management and Entrepreneurship, have opened new opportunities to the youth of our society to get professional education and training. The response to JNU's B.Tech and MBA programmes has been overwhelming even as the teaching for B.Tech in the School of Engineering has already began in July 2018, and the MBA course is going to be rolled out in July 2019.

The university received Rs 19 crore from the UGC recently, which is being utilised to improve university's infrastructural and library facilities. But the JNUTA office-bearers along with a handful of student activists have been spreading lies and rumours that the administration has reduced the annual funds for the library. There has been not a single reduction in the seats for M.Phil and PhD programmes of study, yet the incessant lies spread by some members of JNUTA only contribute towards tarnishing the university's image. The current policy of delinking M.Phil from PhD programmes will benefit students who could complete their research degrees in time and a shorter duration. But JNUTA officer bearers appear determined to oppose all policies aimed at improving the opportunities for the students and enhancing the standard of the university.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.



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