

Jawaharlal Nehru University

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Press Note

The JNU administration received a report from the Registrar about the unruly behavior and misconduct of three student representatives, Mr. Mohit Pandey, Ms. Satrupa Chakraborty and Mr. Tabrez Hassan, during the proceedings of the Academic Council meeting on June 16th, 2017. Despite repeated requests by the Chairman not to video record, according to the report, these students continued to record the proceedings of the meeting. Mr. Mohit Pandey indulged in yet another unlawful activity by posting a selected clip of the recording on the social media in the midst of the Academic Council Meeting.

The Chief Proctor of the University, on the basis of prima facie evidence of such misconduct, has suspended these students from participating in the University's Statutory Bodies and Committees until the outcome of a Proctoral inquiry.

While many important agenda items related to students, faculty and Schools/Centres were thoroughly discussed and passed, violation of norms and rules by these students left an appalling impression in the minds of several external members of the Academic Council from around the country.

More deplorable is the engagement of JNUSU representatives in spreading misinformation and lies through the social media and press releases, such as the canard that they were not allowed to speak. Secondly, the general public is being fed with a misinformation that their dissent was not being noted. Neither the students' representatives nor teachers' representatives prepare minutes of meetings, but a small group of them are virtually demanding a role in preparation of minutes!

Some of the members (special invitees) of the Academic Council, moreover, have been unfortunately criticized in the press release of the JNUSU. The Academic Council is Statutory Body of the University which deliberates and takes decisions on important academic matters. Disrupting the functioning of such an august body is highly deplorable. The JNU Administration has followed the statutory provisions of the university by adopting disciplinary measures against the student representatives who sought to disrupt the Academic Council meeting through unlawful means.



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