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It is in response to the issues raised yesterday in about JNU. There was gross mis-representation of facts and it created misconceptions in the larger community. JNUTA wants to bring forth certain facts to light:

1. JNUTA has maintained all along that the malicious vilification campaign against JNU is nothing less than blatant attack on the Constitution of India, democracy, and the rule of law. Any justification for such vilification in the aftermath of an isolated incident is equally dangerous.
2. The statements made about JNU were based on hearsay rather than the facts. The truth is that there is no material evidence so far that has established guilt.
3. The High Level enquiry committee is reconstituted only yesterday, so there is no question about any report from the committee.
4. The fact that the only evidence available i.e. the video footage is yet to be authenticated through even first level forensic examination.
5. The aim of the rules of natural justice is to secure justice or to prevent miscarriage of justice. This includes:
 - a. No one shall be a judge in his own case
 - b. No decision shall be given against a anyone without affording him/her a reasonable hearing
 - c. Quasi-judicial enquiries must be held in good faith, without bias and not arbitrarily.
6. Justice must not only be done but must also appear to be done.
7. JNUTA appeals to all citizens of this country to see through this and stand up against this onslaught and protect academic institutions.

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