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**Press Note**

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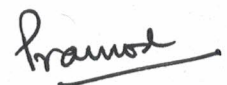
The adjourned 143<sup>rd</sup> Academic Council meeting was concluded on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Many important agenda items related to students, faculty and Schools/Centres were discussed and passed. The JNU administration thanks all the AC members who extended their cooperation in conducting the meeting in the face of attempts by representatives of JNUTA and JNUSU to disrupt the proceedings from the very outset.

It is regrettable that a few teachers backed by the JNUTA president repeatedly kept shouting to prevent the chairperson from allowing other members to give their views. A very small group of teachers with student representatives repeatedly pressed the demands to speak on each and every item and some of them kept on speaking loudly without the permission of the chair.

More reprehensible is the act of the student representatives who stood up from their seats, rushed close to the well and began to take pictures and video record despite the repeated request by the chair not to do so. More unlawful and unfortunate is the misuse of such recording by the JNUSU president who posted selected clips on the social media even when the meeting was going on. Even after the meeting, deliberate attempt by JNUTA and JNUSU office bearers to spread lies and misinformation in the social media to defame a sacrosanct body like the Academic Council is highly condemnable.

Strange was the manner in which JNUTA office bearers, instead of their participating in the deliberation, were engaged in collecting signatures from other members and pushed for registering their dissent in the middle of the discussion. The Registrar refused to accept such unprecedented behavior; even as the Vice-chancellor repeatedly stated that all dissents will be noted as per the established practice in the formulation of the minutes.

The patience demonstrated by a vast number of AC members is truly remarkable and their sincere participation in the deliberation on various items made it possible for the Academic Council to take decisions on many crucial issues affecting the careers of the students as well as faculty members.



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