

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

Appeal to Protesting Teachers and Students

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Some teachers have demanded to “reinstate the faculty members who were summarily dismissed from their administrative posts as dean/chairpersons” ; to “put on hold implementation of all the decisions” regarding holding of M. Phil/PhD viva through video conferencing, mandatory attendance for students, de-linking of M. Phil/PhD programmes etc.

All these demands are completely unreasonable and tantamount to going against JNU rules and regulations.

The JNU Administration, in fact, has implemented only those decisions that are as per the rules of the university and based on the approval of the statutory bodies of the university. Such demands cannot be acceded to, since it would be violation of the decisions of the Academic Council and Executive Council.

JNUTA has manifestly violated the university rules by organizing protests, demonstrations and marches in the prohibited areas of the university, despite reminders sent by the Administration. This is an inexcusable example of teachers misleading the students who look up to teachers for inspiration.

It is the protests and marches organized by JNUSU and JNUTA, lockdown of some Schools and preventing the ingress and egress of other students, teachers and the staff that have raised the “anxiety” level of law abiding JNU Community members and not the decisions by the statutory bodies of the university.

The Administration urges the JNUTA and JNUSU office bearers to refrain from all those activities that have vitiated the academic atmosphere of the university and prevented normal functioning of various offices.

The administration appeals to all persistent agitators not to create obstructions for a vast number of students from across India studying in JNU and who aspire to complete their studies in time and in a peaceful and academic atmosphere. Needless to say a large number of them come from poor background and marginalized sections of the society.

Registrar