

Jawaharlal Nehru University

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It is very unfortunate that since this morning some students have forcibly occupied the Administration building and prevented the entry of staff and officers. Even students who have their work in Administration building, were prevented to enter the bldg. The blockade of the Administration bldg is unlawful and unjust and, therefore, Administration requests the students to immediately vacate the Administration bldg and let the University function normally.

The students' agitation with regard to UGC Regulation 2016 is unwarranted. Administration has already explained several times to the JNU community including the agitating students that the progressive admission policy of JNU will be retained within the framework of UGC Regulation 2016, for example, retaining deprivation points, reduction of weightage given to *viva-voce* marks, relaxation of marks at legally appropriate stages to follow constitutionally sanctioned reservation policy, etc.

The students' agitation thus is not only vitiating the academic atmosphere of the University but also harming the interests of the vast majority of students who have come from different parts of the country and the world in the pursuit of higher education. Meanwhile, a handful of students are responsible for tarnishing the image of JNU and sending the wrong signals to the people across the country about the state of the affairs in the campus.

In addition, even though, the JNU administration has given an appointment to the JNUSU representatives for a discussion on the admission policy on the basis of a written demand from JNUSU President. It is very unfortunate that he refused to even accept the letter mentioning the date and time of the meeting. Some student representatives are insisting that the Administration must address the gathering of agitating students. Discussion cannot be carried out in the large gathering of agitating students. The Administration reiterates that the student representatives are welcome to meet the JNU Administration for a discussion on Monday (13th Feb 2017) at 9:00 am.