

Jawaharlal Nehru University

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Message to the JNU Community

The JNU Administration is committed to make quantitative and qualitative improvements in the all-round functioning of the university.

The issue of attendance was discussed in the last Academic Council meeting and a decision was taken to make attendance compulsory in all academic programs. As decided in the same Academic Council meeting, a committee was set up to devise the mechanism for implementing it.

On the basis of the recommendations of this attendance committee, the administration has communicated with the relevant stakeholders through circulars to maintain records of students' attendance.

The JNU administration has had several rounds of discussions with the Deans as well as Chairpersons for smooth implementation of the attendance policy. The JNU administration including the Vice Chancellor have also discussed this attendance issue with the JNUSU representatives. Several students have met the Vice Chancellor multiple times to discuss the attendance rules and clarify certain issues.

There are some students, however, who have not only been non-compliant of the attendance rules but also have been preventing fellow students to attend classes by calling for strikes, blockading the entrance to the school buildings, staging marches, holding meetings at class hours and, worse, by blocking the main road of the university for days together. This has caused enormous hardship and difficulties for the elderly, sick, school children and the

visitors to the campus. In spite of several requests made by the JNU administration, the road bloc still continues. The administration will take appropriate further action against them as per rules.

It is even more unfortunate that during the protest demonstrations on 10 February 2018, some students went to the extent of damaging the university property at the administrative block. This is a clear violation of High Court's decision prohibiting any kind of protests within 100 meters of the administrative building.

It is unfortunate that the JNUSU office bearers have also been found blatantly violating not only university rules but also orders of the Honorable High Court of Delhi. In addition, the administration has cautioned the JNUSU in writing against violating the court order. Yet its representatives have not refrained from resorting to actions in violation of university rules and court orders and is under proctorial inquiry.

The JNU Administration seeks cooperation from all the stakeholders for peaceful and sincere implementation of university rules.

Registrar