

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

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My dear students, staff and faculty members,

When I was living in IIT Delhi campus, I was always inquisitive about JNU that stood right across the road in a 1000-acre sprawling campus. The thought that one day I would head this university never crossed my mind.

When I entered my office in JNU on 27 January 2016, I did not know anyone in JNU. But now in 2022, my wife and I can very fondly say that we met incredible people at JNU and enjoyed very pleasant interactions with you and your families. It was only because of this that we had a joyful stay in the campus.

To be at the helm of affairs of JNU and its transformative growth is a great honor I will cherish for rest of my life. It was indeed a treasured experience to serve this great university.

I consider myself very fortunate to have an incredibly dedicated and efficient team at JNU who took their responsibilities earnestly and delivered the results. Opening of new Schools and Centres, starting of new academic programmes, and making the admission and administrative processes efficient could be realized only because my colleagues had the commitment and conviction to remain focused on the priorities that would enable our University to turn into one of the finest. It was a joy for me to have had the opportunity to work with such amazing colleagues and would ever remain thankful to them.

Committed staff members and officers are the backbone of the university. They never hesitated in serving the stakeholders selflessly and with a sense of belonging. I express my appreciation to them.

Students and colleagues were delightfully receptive to many new ideas and changes that we introduced in academic and administrative functioning of the University. I tried always to be available to all the stakeholders – students, staff and faculty members. We used to have weekly afternoons exclusively reserved for such interactions. During these regular dialogues, I received constructive feedback and suggestions that helped me resolve many issues.

During last few years, we could recruit many young and bright faculty colleagues. Given the passion they have for innovative research and knowledge dissemination, I have an unshakable faith in them to take this university to newer heights in the coming years and decades.

As I leave JNU to join University Grants Commission as its Chairman, I wish all the students, staff and faculty members of JNU a bright future ahead. I remain grateful for your cooperation, support and kindness.

My wife and I will cherish our association with JNU for the rest of our lives.

With warm regards,



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