

# JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

Message from the Vice-Chancellor about COVID-19

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Jawaharlal Nehru University has been for the past few weeks alerting and sensitizing the JNU community through daily briefings and circulars, which are in conformity with Central and State Governments' advisories. In these difficult times, such advice to help prevent spread of COVID-19 should be strongly followed by all of us. We request, therefore, that we all adhere to the advisories issued from JNU and from the Government periodically. Following on our earlier communications, a large number of students have already left the campus. I would like to assure the International students of JNU that their essential daily requirements like mess food and sanitary facilities will continue to be provided by the Inter Hall Administration. The JNU administration is conscious of the fact that parents/relatives must be concerned about their safety in these difficult times. But there is no need to panic. We all need to be aware and vigilant in taking appropriate precautions.

I would also like to appeal to every member of JNU community that we express our profound gratitude to the staff of the University's essential services, like health centre, electricity, water, sanitation, administration and indeed the security staff, who are working diligently to maintain our normal routine. I request you, in solidarity with the entire nation, to observe the "Janata Curfew" on Sunday, 22 March 2020, from 07:00 a.m. to 09:00 p.m. Also, let us not forget to express our appreciation for the staff of our essential services in the campus as well as in the entire nation at 5.00 PM on Sunday by clapping and ringing bells in our residences and balconies. This gesture from us will further energize and encourage these bravehearts who have pressed themselves in the service of the nation and of humanity. In these war-like times, together we shall fight this global pandemic to keep us all safe.



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