

# JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

Press Note

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The persistent student agitation in JNU has severely affected the academic life of the university. Students of School of Social Sciences (SSS), School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies (SLL&CS) and School of Arts and Aesthetics (SAA) are particularly faced with difficulties in preparing for the end semester examinations due to complete lockdown of the schools by the agitators.

Out of desperation, innocent students are writing to the officials for assistance so that they would be able to complete their academic requirements without disruptions. Thousands of students seemingly have been undergoing mental stress. Loud sloganeering at odd hours has been causing enormous disturbance to school going children of the university employees and anxiety to the elderly.

Everyday some agitating students are preventing the staff from entering the administrative building. If the closure of admin building continues like this, the salaries of the contractual staff cannot be disbursed in time which will severely affect their livelihood and their families. The administration is also not able to (i) clear medical bills of the ailing employees, (ii) give permissions for special medical treatments for life threatening illnesses, (iii) process fellowship forms of the students and (iv) other important approvals required for the academic and administrative functioning of the University. The international students of JNU are particularly affected by the above as their visa deadlines are approaching. This obstruction to administrative functioning by the agitating students is causing enormous financial loss to the University as well.

Repeated appeals by the administration for calling off the harmful agitation have fallen on deaf ears.

The Administration reiterates that the end semester examinations will be conducted as per schedule, so that the academic careers of thousands of students are saved.



Registrar