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Press Release

The Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ) unequivocally condemns the recent happenings within and outside the campus, and rubbishes them as efforts aimed at tarnishing the image of the country's premier academic and research institution.

Besides being the country's top university, JNU since its inception has emerged as an institution which truly captures India's cultural ethos of unity in diversity, catering to students from length and breadth of the country notwithstanding their language, religion and faith allegiance...living in complete harmony aimed at fostering brotherhood and inculcating tolerance.

JNU has always been known worldwide for freedom of expression, free debate and exchange of ideas of any political ramifications. Here, political discourse and dialogue always have been debated in most healthy and intellectual manner.

JNU has been a hotbed of politics since its inception...where not only political and ideological issues of national importance but even of international significance have been raised and discussed freely but they have never been compromised with the country's sovereign interests, keeping intact its focus on academics and research.

Given this, we strongly condemn anti-national activities and sloganeering in and out of the campus by a few miscreants. The University has always taken steps to contain such activities as and when required in the manners they deem fit.

We appeal to the country's media, political parties and socio-cultural organisations to act responsibly with utmost constraint on such sensitive issues. Most importantly, they must keep in mind that JNU's academic environment need not be perceived from the country's political perspective alone.

More importantly in JNU's perspective, it's imperative to keep in mind that the campus is no political arena; and academic & research standards which the vintage varsity has built so laboriously over a period of almost five decades reach all JNUites.

We strongly disapprove all efforts to malign the image of country's premier academic institution; and urge all our present and past students, teaching community, JNU well-wishers to uphold the prestige and dignity of their alma mater and contribute generously to the well-being of the institution.

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