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**Unite Against JNU Administration's Brazen Violations of All Due Processes to
Impose the UGC Notification and Massive Seat Cuts, Adamant Refusal to
Address Students' Concerns and Use of FIR and Police Machinery to
Victimise Protesting Students!**

JNUSU appeals to the student community to
**Join *Juloos* against JNU Administration's FIR on Students
19th Feb Sunday, @9pm from Ganga Dhaba to Ad Block**

JNU administration has blatantly refused to answer any questions and concerns of the students & teachers of the university who have been struggling against the authoritarian imposition of the agenda of seat cuts and scuttling of reservations and socially inclusive admission policies in the name of 5 May 2016 UGC Notification. It has been spreading plain falsities in the media and now it has unleashed police machinery on the protesting students. Such brazen misuse of administrative powers and state machinery by the present VC in a bid to wipe out the futures of hundreds of students and future academic potential of JNU is going to be a dark phase in the glorious history of this university.

JNUSU's Hunger strike has now entered the 18th day; while the students from centres after centres & batches after batches, who came to ad-block seeking answers from the VC since 9th February, continue to remain ignored by the administration. It is in this context that JNUSU council meeting on 11th February decided that students will not leave the Ad Block until the administration doesn't come to address their questions and concerns. At no point JNUSU gave any call for any blockade. However administration has been claiming that students have illegally seized the administrative block. The reality is that it is the administration which is illegally attempting to impose the UGC gazette notification.

Now FIR has been filed by the administration against the JNUSU leadership and student activists for 'Stopping the administrative functioning'. It is the administration itself which has become the biggest hurdle in front of the normal functioning of university by refusing to initiate any meaningful dialogue with the students and faculty members and continuing with rampant violations of all due procedure of decision making.

We would like to underline that the UGC notification was pushed in an authoritarian manner by the VC in the 142nd AC meeting and keeping at bay any discussion or deliberation. The issues of the UGC Notification and its mischievous use to cut seats and change JNU's admission policy - a step that gravely affects the student community- was never kept in any AC as agenda item in part A where student representatives are a part. Such a very significant policy level decision without taking opinion of one of the major stakeholders of the university and which is going to affect the students drastically, goes against all precedents as well as the statutes of JNU and thus constitutes a grave illegality on the part of the administration. JNUSU cannot allow the administration to carry on with such grave violations that threaten to wipe out the future of hundreds of students aspiring for admissions in research programmes in JNU.

The issue was placed only in the Part B of 142nd AC meeting, where there is no student representation. And the teachers too have testified in unison from the very day of the AC meeting, that UGC notification was neither "discussed" nor "approved" but *bulldozed* in the part B of 142nd AC meeting! Further, on a closer scrutiny of administration's own version of the "Agenda and Minutes of 142nd AC- Part B", it is amply clear that the specific clause (6.5) of "supervisor-researcher ratio" in the UGC Notification was kept as a separate item in the agenda under the title "to be discussed." The "minutes of 142nd AC- Part B", circulated by the administration, DO NOT RECORD any "discussion" or "adoption" of this specific clause of the UGC Notification. When, even as per administration's own version, the "supervisor-researcher ratio" clause of UGC circular has NOT been "adopted" by JNU's AC, what is prompting the VC to interpret and impose it through arbitrary circulars and press conferences?

The VC has squarely failed so far to answer any of our questions about the grave procedural lapses as well as the about the academic rationale of the seat cut move that he is trying to impose. **No change in admission policy will be allowed to happen unless the 142nd AC meeting is reconvened and due deliberations are done.** Due procedures and statutory bodies of the university like the AC cannot be trampled upon to impose such far-reaching policy level changes in the admission policy.

It needs to be reiterated that the current impasse in the university is a creation of administration. The VC, who hasn't bothered to meet the students until now has been giving mischievous, contradictory and misleading statements to media with a single point agenda to impose seat cuts. Administration has also been resorting to sinister tactics to pit one section of university against another.

In the last one year JNU community has valiantly fought back the RSS-BJP agenda to dismantle and destroy the university using state machinery. We are confident that this renewed phase of #ShutDownJNU will be defeated with the rock solid unity of the entire JNU community.

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