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Mandatory attendance row: 'Researchers shouldn't be evaluated by how often they show up on campus'

Research students and their supervisors at JNU and other institutions agree that being compelled to mark attendance interferes with their work.

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Students taped the doors of teachers in protest against compulsory attendance marking at JNU. | JNU Students' Union

Last week, Jawaharlal Nehru University removed **nine** heads of department and chairpersons of schools from their administrative posts for opposing an attendance policy it introduced in **January**.

The policy made attendance marking compulsory, not only for all classroom teaching, but also for research scholars enrolled in the university's MPhil and PhD programmes. There is no classroom teaching for researchers, and their meetings with their supervisors do not follow a fixed schedule either. But they are now required to sign in at their school or

