

**UGLY Truth of Celebration of Dissent by the Afzal Guru Gang at
Nationalism Classes - An Exercise of 'Academic Legitimization' of
Violence and Separatism**

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Prof. Makarand Paranjape took class titled- 'India's Uncivil Wars?...Tagore. Gandhi-JNU and what is "Left" of the Nation- on March 7 at the Ad-Block. The treatment meted to Prof. Paranjape is an apotheosis of how tolerant 'they' are to dissenting voices in this left-hegemonic campus. The Coterie of Left in JNUSU and JNUTA behaves like JUNTA. It has been befuddling the JNU Community as well as the Country through a camouflage of 'Nationalism Classes' and pretending they are a tolerant community which believes in the concept of debate, deliberation and discussion. They posture that they value the democratic right to dissent. This is however a froth, a chimera and beneath their layers of civility, the real demon thrives. When you peel these layers of disguised civility, the real demon is visible. They try to inveigle that they are rational and objective beings who celebrate dissent, but alas the truth is out in open. Other than class by Prof. Gopal Guru (he was critical of ABVP), none of the speakers have been constructive in their understanding and they had failed to present the positive side of nationalism and have been uncritical in support of left.

Anyone who has seen all the 15 videos of the classes which had taken place at Admin-Block, could easily identify the unusual pandemonium during the lecture by Prof. Paranjape. Even before he started his presentation, a pamphlet was distributed titled 'Let's be Partisan' which provided that, "In Paranjape's nation, Soni Sori has no place." We all know the forces behind such writings. Just because he disagrees with left and has worked on Gandhi and Swami Vivekananda, he is identified as 'Right'. By this definition, even Gandhi and Nehru would qualify as Right. While Prof. Paranjape was making his presentation, when Soni Sori arrived, the Left Student Organization started raising slogans in her welcome for more than 5 minutes and Prof. Paranjape was shamefully compelled to stop. This stands in complete contrast to the culture of JNU where even the highest dignitaries have to silently come when a presentation is being made. This all happened because his view does not fit in their narrative of creation of schism and destruction. He was stopped thrice during his presentation just because he was critical of diabolical narrative of politics in the campus.

When he raised issues and questions which are uncomfortable for the Gang, he was bullied, booed and abused. When he raised the issue that JNU is not a democratic space but in fact it is a Left Hegemonic Space where dissent is silenced, boycotted, brow-beaten and at times brainwashed. He said at times, JNU behaves like a left-dictatorial campus. Prof. Paranjape himself said that he has been a victim of such vilification at an earlier occasion. In leadership of Kanhaiya, a character assassination of Prof. Makarand took place when he was asked whether he is a Sanghi. This is the cost of disagreement. They will erode your credibility as a scholar. This exercise of identification itself reveals the true colour of the Leftist Brigade in Campus. A lot of apolitical as well as neutral students would have experienced that a disagreement with the Left would have led to characterization as 'Immature', 'Less-read', 'aap asamvedansheel hai' (You are uncompassionate) and if you happen to oppose and question them- You will be abused as Sanghi or Fascist- at Dhabas, Mess, Social Media and pamphlets. The left suffers from a condescending tendency where every disagreeing voice is either evil or less intelligent.

When he told Kanhaiya about the factual error in his speech that Guruji Golwalker had never met Mussolini, the JUNTA hollered against him. When he reminded the gathering about the long list of Judicial Murders as well as Political Murders under the rule of Stalin, he was again booed. When he told about the ideological inconsistency and shift of stands of AISF during freedom struggle, the rising noise clearly tells us about their mindset. The teachers as well as students of the Afzal Guru Gang continuously mocked, joked and ridiculed

Prof. Paranjape. Any one witnessing the lectures could easily tell that the tone and tenor of questions which Prof. Paranjape faced from the left cadre was an instance of hooliganism. If anyone of you have a confusion that the conservation Left in JNU is different from the Ultra-left and Maoist of India as well as the brutal acts of mass-murder across World under Stalin, Poly Pot, Mao, he needs to rise from the slumber and confusion. The CPI, CPM have taken clear stand in 1950s and 1960s (CPI (M) was established) that they will put the Constitution to "lock, stock and barrel" at appropriate time. At time of Independence and even in the 1950s they had viewed Constitution as a tool of oppression. (These days they are praising Baba Saheb and are talking about Left-Ambedkerite Unity.) Under the pressure of Nehru Government as well as fear of losing democratic legitimacy, they were compelled to accept Constitution as a tool of struggle. Their official declarations in 1960s tell us that they had only postponed the date of violent revolution. We must stay beware of this possibility.

Kanhaiya's behaviour has been like a chameleon. His position on February 9; position adopted on Feb 10 JNUSU Pamphlet and TV Programs; Criticism of Feb 9 program on Feb 11 and his behaviour after release tells us the contradictions in his position. Demagogy and rhetorical flourish cannot hide the truth for long. Azadi from hunger or interference was not the slogan raised ever on the Campus or on February 9. It's a ploy to dilute it by de-contextualizing its use and distract from core issue so that the left bastion remains secure after a short tremor. Doesn't Kanhaiya's speech a similar pattern where his Azadi slogans changed.

Anyone who has followed the history of Left Movement in this campus could easily identify that Kanhaiya's speech and tone after release does not match with the ideology of left and he has conceded too much to gain popularity and legitimacy in the outer world. He mocked the Primetime shows but had given primetime interviews to almost all the news channels. We must remember that this movement takes name of Ambedkar and Rohith, but almost none of the accused who belong to the Scheduled Caste, Schedule Tribe or O.B.C. had been asked to give the prime-time interview If Kanhaiya was truly dedicated to the cause, he should have asked them to present the views of the accused as well as the JNU Community. Is this not a case of falling in the trap of popularity wherein Kanhaiya and few others (belonging to Higher Caste) are seeing it as an opportunity to milk profit? AISF as a student wing of CPI had clear contradictions with the CPI(M) but he is going to do canvassing for them. What about the ideological beliefs? The objective voices who believe in the idea of 'left' must raise these questions.

We request JNU community to resist this exercise of academic legitimization of the separatism movement, naxal violence as well as the violence by terrorist and separatist in Kashmir. Their effort to delegitimize the authority of the Union of India in Kashmir as well as other parts of India must be critiqued and mocked. This vermin and scumbag must not be allowed to be carried out through the JNU platform. We must oppose these efforts at besmirching the credibility of independent voices as well as opposition voices in the Campus. We cannot let them sully campus. Kanhaiya and Company must not let JNU become agent of exacerbation of the Constitution of India, its institutions as well as its Sovereignty and Integrity of India. We need to protect the four cardinal values of the Constitution of India- (a) Rule of Law, (b) Liberty, (c) Democracy, and (d) Pluralism. Treatment meted to Prof. Paranjape is another example of how these constitutional values are undermined in their rule or hegemony. Liberty, Equality and Fraternity had been identified by BabaSaheb Ambedkar as the driving force of India in its evolution as a democratic nation. The history of Communism and their sinister ploy to divide people through division in name of identity undermines the civic identity of Indian. JNU must rise to the occasion.

Notice- A discussion with Ex-JNUites on the title- 'JNU Image: Tarnished by misguided'- will take place on March 10 at 5 P.M.at Admin-Block, JNU.

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