



Don't make us fool..

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Dear Friends,

JNU is a public sphere which shapes opinions of present and future generation, located right in the heart of national capital and represents the aspirational goals of millions of youth out there. So clearly we cannot have the public-private divide and say that we are not responsible for our actions and words. The JNU is passing through a period of turmoil and disruption. We criticize the instance of violence and abuse which our students and teachers are facing because of the mistake of the dominant left in the campus as well as a section of JNUSU and JNUTA. The JNUTA trying to shield it as act of dissent is horrendous. Another painful development is that today when a section of teachers were organizing a press-conference against the use of University Machinery as well as platform of JNUTA in support of those shouting anti-India slogans as an exercise of democratic dissent, a violent section of Left Leadership man-handled, thrashed, intimidated and abused the teachers in front of the sections of JNUTA. The other section failed to protest against the culprits. A question in mind of many of you is whether the entry of police in campus was necessary and is it not hurting the autonomy of the institution. We must like to bring to the notice of students that there is a clear demarcation between the arenas of 'public accountability of the University' and 'zone where University is sufficient to manage its internal affairs'. We categorically deny this as a case of encroachment on the autonomy of the University. There have been articles published in the national newspaper that ABVP is acting like the goons of the campus. In this milieu, we wish to raise some points:

IS JNU a part of India or outside Jurisdiction of India?

The reason why we support police action is that the issue no more remains an issue where the 'University' and 'rest of the instrumentality of the State' could exist as isolated silos. The live streaming of the incidence as well as the propaganda on February 9 has unleashed the backlash in the society at large. In light of this as well as for the safety of the student of Campus that police intervention was necessary. Further, India has a thicket of institutions whose authority overlap and none exercise the monopoly over the power. This was a case wherein the disciplinary action will not be sufficient because these kinds of people will keep doing the same when they go out of campus. We believe that they are the culprit of the India. In this backdrop, it demands action/enquiry at two level- University as well as Police. Further only the interrogation will let us identify who were the outsider celebrating this message. Umar Khalid in his interview to News X clearly says that his application for the event was forwarded by a teacher. Who is the teacher and why had he not pointed this out. Why the Dean of Students has failed to object to the event on his own. We demand an answer in this regard. The University had failed to show the resilience and capability to marginalize such voices. JNUSU says that they believe in the integrity of India but why have they not acted suo motto against this event. They were their to actually defend them. Kanhiya's speech on February 10 as well allegiance to the unity and integrity of India is an act of intelligence in hindsight which shows their shallow commitment to ideology as well as idea which flattens on the first strike of hammer.

We have been reading a lot about the police clampdown and efforts for militarization of the campus. They are invoking the cliché of 'Encroachment of University space'. As the inputs of the Delhi Police as well as the eye-witness account goes, it was not a case of indiscriminate arrest or raid. The Police after having the details of the specific students made the raids. Further when for last three years such events were taking place where Flag was burned

and Atzal had been celebrated as martyr, University failed to deal with it stringently even after repeated complaints. In this backdrop, we support the police action. JNUTA has never condemned such acts.

Why is JNUTA compelled to rise from Kumbhakaran Slumber?

JNUTA's statement is full of jargon, rhetoric and is verbose in style and content. The press release on part of JNUTA takes two contradictory stand about the February 9 events- (a) It criticizes the sloganeering; (b) It opposed the incident as stifling of democratic dissent. As far as the criticism goes, it is a historical press release, as it is the first time in the living memory of the students that JNUTA criticized any such event. What made them rise from this slumber? It is the reaction across the media and country where people have out-rightly criticized the event as shameful and unacceptable. Compelled by this, they have to utter this with deepest regret. This criticism is a criticism in form and not in substance. Even a section of JNUTA still openly supports such voices. When they and call for Human Chain and demand the release of 8 students who were raising anti-India slogan, their stands appear hypocritical, shallow and fails to convince any right-thinking individual. They had already taken a biased position. You talk about democratic dissent, when people are celebrating the attackers on Parliament, the temple of democracy.

Why do we say this? The reason is they say that they intend to secure the right of democratic dissent. Whose democratic dissent are they talking about? The teachers alleging this at the Ad-block supports the position that University must have space for all hues of ideas. Can proponents of violence and bloodshed be a dialogical partner? Bhikhu Parikh in his book 'Debating India' while initiating discussion between the Gandhi and Osama Bin says that the academician's writing cannot be disassociated with the wider world of politics. Those sloganeering are not reasonable person worthy enough for discussion. A faculty of SIS yesterday tried to present it a case of militant but not violent movement. This is an effort to create chimera. The sloganeering celebrated only the terrorist and artillery as source. The people out on streets are ready to be violent with us because of the mistake of the few.

Whether Dissent against Anti-national sloganeering makes ABVP student as goons/ storm trooper?

Yesterday, Prof. Nivedita Menon in her article in **The Hindu** classified as 'storm trooper'. We have a question to the respected madam as well as the section of JNUTA that why do you forget that we are also your student. Why are you trying to marginalize by show of strength We have also qualified the entrance exam and are part of JNU community. Why the dissent against the larger narrative makes us **GOONS**. The teachers who recognize the University as a place where ideas of all sorts must blossom try to ridicule us. This is unacceptable and unbecoming of teachers. Please rethink. You are tolerant and sympathetic towards the secessionist and supporters of violence but exercise allergy and hatred towards the ABVP and nationalist. We demand an answer for this.

ABVP believes in Indian Value System where we cherish the Guru-Shishya parampara. It is for the first time that ABVP and JNUTA is having this face-off. We did not start it. We were compelled to criticize for the behaviour and swiftness of JNUTA to protect the downright condemnable attempt. Their attempt to represent it as a strategy of RSS takes a nose dive because it was not we who organized the event. We were compelled to react.

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