

Indefinite Hunger Strike

Day 9: Lenin

Day 5: Kanhaiya, President, JNUSU, Chintu, Dipshita, Devesh, Jitendra, Umar Day 3: Fayaz, Sanjeev

**DSF**

Join JNUSU's **Mashaal Juloos**

Tonight, 9:30 pm, Ganga Dhaba to Ad Block

1.02.2016

The movement seeking justice for Rohith Vemula has spread across the country. Students in the University of Hyderabad had boycotted classes and gone on an indefinite hunger strike. Meena Kandaswamy and UoH faculty members also joined the hunger strike in solidarity. Hunger strike also took place in Kolkata and other parts of the country. The DSF had continuously appealed for a united hunger strike in JNU in solidarity with the UoH students. Lenin, former President of JNUSU, Shubhanshu and Suchisree began the indefinite hunger strike in JNU on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January. This was later joined by the JNUSU and other organisations. Today is the ninth day of indefinite hunger strike for Lenin and fifth day for other hunger strikers.

In the meanwhile, there were protests outside the MHRD and RSS office at the call of Joint Action Committee and JNUSU. In the demonstration outside the RSS office, the Delhi police acted like the private army of the RSS. Video clips showing how police and RSS karyakartas are beating up protesting students have gone viral. Many comrades from JNU and other universities were seriously injured. We condemn this hooliganism of Delhi Police in strongest possible terms and warn them not to shield the murders of Rohith Vemula.

The UoH Vice Chancellor Appa Rao and acting Vice-Chancellor Vipin Srivastava have been send on leave. Classes have resumed in the University and indefinite hunger strike has been called off. However, the agitation for justice for Rohith is still ongoing and students in Hyderabad are going into other modes of struggle. At this juncture, the JNU student movement must also fight hand in hand with the students in UoH. We must unitedly fight not only the ABVP, the RSS/BJP, the MHRD's political interventions in the Universities and the University Administration, but also expose casteist and bankrupt political forces like the Congress which is trying to take political mileage from a student movement. We appeal all students to join todays Mashaal Juloos call given by the JNUSU and unitedly resist the modern day dronacharyas.

Sd/- Gargi Adhikari, Vice President, DSF

Pratim Ghosal, Joint Secretary, DSF