

Streets of Delhi teach Nationalism to RSS-BJP! The fight is on!

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The JNU Solidarity March from Mandi House to Jantar Mantar on 18 February 2016 witnessed a massive turnout of people from all walks of life. About 15,000 students, teachers and others marched to demand the immediate and unconditional release of arrested JNUSU President Kanhaiya Kumar, end to police raj and witch-hunt of students, dropping of sedition charges and the withdrawal of "academic suspension" of students. It was a massive outpour of people's anger against the RSS-BJP's machinations to brand the entire JNU as 'anti-National'. Marches have been organized in Patna, Kolkata, Calicut, Bangalore, Chennai, Guwahati and many other cities.

This happened despite the best efforts of the university administration to persuade students of JNU not to join the protest march outside the campus. The statement released by the Vice-Chancellor said: "While we appreciate your right to protest, we are concerned for your safety outside the campus. We therefore request you to reconsider the decision of taking out a march outside the university".



The truth has now come out that most of the evidence produced by the government was fabricated. Those who have fabricated the evidence and propagated it must be punished under the law. In spite of this, the shameless media trial continues, with its target shifting from JNUSU president to ex-DSU activists.

It should be clear that under the false allegation of being "anti-national" the RSS-BJP have mounted an all India attack against the

Indian people. The attack mounted by the RSS under the patronage of this BJP-led NDA government against the Jawaharlal Nehru University see this as part of a larger design by the communal forces to carry forward their agenda in institutions of higher learning. This systemic pattern is clearly visible in the incidents in Film & Television Institute of India, Hyderabad Central University leading to the tragic suicide of Rohith Vemula, the incidents in IIT Chennai and now in Jadavpur University.

RSS-BJP and all its affiliates have given a call to 'expose the anti-nationals of JNU' through programmes across the country from February 18 to 20. It is clear that the RSS-BJP is mounting an open attack on the democratic and constitutional rights of the people. Further, such attacks are part of the efforts to sharpen communal polarisation in the country to also divert the attention of the people from the growing burdens being imposed upon them by the total failure of this NDA-led Modi government on all fronts.

The conference of the vice-chancellors of Central Universities has passed a resolution, which among other things also resolves that, "At a central place at every university, the national flag will be flown prominently and proudly." News report says that the national flag has to be flown in poles of fixed height of 207 feet. The very timing of this resolution has made various sections in media to link it to the ongoing debate on 'nationalism'. We would like to tell the ministry that yes; the students will indeed hold high the national flag. We will do so and fight the anti-nationals who are selling the education, land, mines, rivers and futures of the people of this country. We will do so and carry forward the rich traditions of the generations of Indian people who gave their blood to ensure that this flag replaces the union jack of the British. We will do so to ensure that the future of this country is not dictated by those who were collaborators of the British, when Indians were fighting and dying in the freedom struggle.

The unprecedented unity shown by the students has emboldened the struggle against the current regime. We must intensify our efforts many times more. A march is being organized in DU on 20th February (tomorrow) in solidarity with JNU. Students of Hyderabad are coming to the national capital on 23rd with the demand to punish the killers of Rohith. Let us be clear, from Hyderabad to JNU, the enemy of Universities today is one-the enemy is RSS!