

# Wage unrelenting battle against the RSS/BJP's slander campaign against JNU!

# SFI

## Down with the delay in granting bail to Com. Kanhaiya !

The SFI salutes the students of the university in coming together to giving a resounding message to the Narendra Modi led NDA against the institutional murder of Rohit Vemula, a Dalit Research Scholar from Hyderabad Central University. The turnout at the program showed that notwithstanding the branding of students who fight against the brahmanical order as "anti-nationals" ( the recent of which was at Kuvempu University in Karnataka) and the fascist terror tactics unleashed by the BJP in Delhi the opposition to the RSS/BJP government at the center will not cow down and that more the miseries that are hurled on the students of the country, the more there will be resistance.

### Delhi Police- the legally "armed" wing of the RSS!

The movement against the fascist siege in JNU met another stumbling block today, when Com. Kanhaiya Kumar, the JNUSU President, who was arrested on false charges of sedition, was denied bail and the hearing was deferred for tomorrow. This delay was sought by the Additional Solicitor General representing the RSS captive Delhi Police in order to file the "new" status report as it was a pre-charge sheet bail application. If the statement of Justice Pratibha Rani of the Delhi High Court is any indication, the police was expected to file the status report and therefore this delay is entirely attributable to the lethargy of Delhi Police in handling this case. As of now, it is unclear whether Com. Kanhaiya will be released on bail or not. The Delhi Police which initially stated that they will not oppose the bail of Comrade Kanhaiya has now suddenly decided to oppose his bail and will do so in the hearing tomorrow.

The recent non-production of the requisite report to delay the entire judicial process should be seen in the context of the actions of the Delhi Police in colluding with and surrendering completely to the RSS. Firstly, the Delhi Police reacts with alarming alacrity in slapping very serious sedition charges on a few student leaders in JNU on the basis of a complaint from a BJP MP who has had nothing to do with JNU in the past. The basis of the charges being a highly suspect news report from Zee News( a report which has since been proven to be fake). Secondly, they begin randomly raiding for students in the hostels of JNU with blanket permission from the JNU administration and arrest Com. Kanhaiya on charges of sedition on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February, 2016. Thirdly, to ensure that the due judicial process does not take place and the case is not dismissed immediately, they work in collusion with the hired goons of the RSS ( who also are lawyers) to beat up Comrade Kanhaiya, his lawyers and the pressmen assembled within the Patiala house court complex to disrupt due process of law and justice delivery. The recent sting operation conducted by *Aaj Tak* has brought video evidence of this connivance of the Delhi Police with the hired goons of the BJP/RSS inside the Patiala House court complex. Fourthly and finally, the Delhi Police which showed remarkable ability in persecuting innocent students, refuses to arrest the hired goons of the RSS showing great concern for the life and liberty of these "great" "patriots". All this indicates that the Delhi Police has become a mere appendage of the RSS and its goons and all of its actions have been aimed at subverting justice and delivering violence rather than its reverse.

### The #standwithjnu movement in the current juncture

With every passing day, support from other academicians, students, civil society, artists, political parties etc keep pouring in for the powerful student movement that has taken shape to rise up to the fascist onslaught perpetrated by the reactionary RSS and its cohorts in the Central Government to malign and destroy the left led student movement and legacy in the campus. The other five "accused" in the trumped charges of "sedition" have resurfaced in the JNU campus giving an open poser to the Delhi Police to arrest them from inside the campus. The message resonating from the campus is that given a free and fair trial, the students of JNU shall prove that all charges slapped on them were fake and the ongoing saga has very little to do with 'nationalism' and has everything to do with encroaching upon of freedom of expression and the right to dissent of the people of this country. But the recent actions of the Delhi Police clearly highlight that the trial is going to be about more trumped up charges rather than anything bordering 'free and fair' inquiry.

The recent resurfacing of the other five students and the sudden "empathy" of the administration to not let the police enter the university and the "restraint" exercised by Delhi Police in not wanting to enter the university unless permission from the administration is accorded has given rise to a serious suspicion within the progressive student community in JNU about the nature of the recent stalemate. The SFI sees this as a clear ploy of the RSS/BJP to let this stalemate continue so that it can mold further public opinion in favor of its own position that "JNU is a hub of anti-nationals" and use this pretext to use the worst form of violence inside the university premises to arrest the alleged 'anti-nationals', if and when required. Furthermore, the RSS is very visibly using this interim period to continue with its slander campaign against JNU. The most recent instance being Gyandev Ahuja, a BJP MLA from Ramgarh in Rajasthan , who has given his "facts" about JNU. He has taken it upon himself the pain to count everything from the number of chewed out bones and cigarette butts in JNU to the number of condoms lying outside of JNU and "revealed" these "facts" while leading a march against the "traitors of JNU" in Rajasthan! The barrage of lies and slander on JNU will only continue as each day progresses.

The SFI believes that neither the Delhi police nor the administration is acting independently or acting reflexively based on the protest and the resistance that their actions over the past week entailed. Both are still very much under the influence of the "invisible hand" of the RSS and the only interest they represent and further at this point in time is the interests of the RSS. The SFI appeals to the progressive student community in JNU to be wary of these threats and devise a renewed political offensive against the Sangh Parivar without succumbing to the legal trappings of the "sedition" case which at this point can turn out to be counterproductive to the interests of the JNU student community at large.