

### **Resolution of the JNUTA GBM of 16 February 2016**

The JNUTA GBM notes that while the University community has repeatedly reiterated that it stands by the Constitution of India and the values enshrined therein and stands opposed to those who are against the country, the malicious slander and intimidation campaign against JNU and what it stands for is being sought to be raised to an even higher pitch even as the University Administration continues to fail in its responsibility to defend JNU and its autonomy and to ensure the safety and security of the members of the University community. The brutal assault on teachers and students, and also media personnel, at the Patiala House Court on 15<sup>th</sup> February was a reflection of this. The GBM condemns in the strongest possible terms this attack and demands that the police bring the culprits to book. It also condemns the deliberate inaction of the police and demands that action be taken against the police personnel who failed to do their duty. The GBM also condemns the intimidation campaign against teachers in residential areas and demands that the University Administration take immediate steps to investigate the matter and take action against the culprits.

The GBM reiterates that the sedition cases against students should be withdrawn and the JNUSU President be released immediately. The GBM resolved to constitute a legal team to coordinate and oversee the legal aspects of the matter. It also reiterates its demand that blanket permission given by the University Administration to the police to enter the campus be withdrawn immediately.

The GBM is also of the view that the University's decision to summarily suspend eight students from participating in any academic activity before giving them any opportunity to present their case is indefensible on grounds of either natural justice or logic and has only served to bring into question the credibility of the inquiry process initiated by the University Administration. The GBM demands that the current process be replaced by a credible one which inspires confidence in all sections of the University community that the truth will be uncovered.

The GBM thus resolves to continue to extend the support of the teaching community to the ongoing struggle of the students. The GBM decided that JNUTA should organize over the next few evenings a series titled "The Nation Needs to Know" which would involve members of the faculty conducting teach-ins at the Administrative Block on subjects related to the nation. It also resolved to make redoubled efforts to counter in the public the slander campaign against the University. The GBM also decided that teachers should participate in large numbers in a planned Citizen's March in support of JNU in the city on 18<sup>th</sup> February.