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**UNLAWFUL CONFINEMENT OF DOS/IHA OFFICE BY OUTGOING
JNUSU OFFICE BEARERS**

The Jawaharlal Nehru University administration strongly condemns the unlawful and disruptive gheraos, protests, and lockdowns carried out by a group of students led by the members of the outgoing JNUSU (2023-24) at the Dean of Students Office, Inter Hall Administration and premises.

Initially, the protests at University were unjustifiably staged under the pretext of an alleged "delay" in announcing the JNUSU elections for the year 2024–2025. Despite repeated assurances, official clarifications, and active engagement with students, the JNUSU office bearers, along with many other students were forcibly entered in the IHA office and locked down on 6th March 2025.

It is important to reiterate that the matter pertaining to JNUSU elections remains *sub-judice*, with essential clarifications awaited from the Hon'ble Delhi High Court. Nonetheless, purely in good faith and to counter unfounded rumours deliberately propagated to disturb campus harmony, the University administration proactively notified the JNUSU elections on 11 March 2025 subject to the outcome of CM Application No. 10899 of 2025 filed in Writ Petition No. 6265 of 2024.

Furthermore, a Grievance Redressal Committee was constituted and duly notified *via* the IHA website on 18 March 2025, to facilitate smooth conduct of the elections. In accordance with prevailing practice, the General Secretary of JNUSU 2023–2024 was formally asked to convene the General Body Meeting (GBM) and initiate UGBM as well as the formation of the Election Committee through an official notice dated 18 March 2025.

Shockingly, even after these decisive steps were taken, the outgoing JNUSU office bearers shifted their narrative, resorting to further unlawful disruption, harassment of staff, and illegal occupation of the DoS and Inter-Hall Administration (IHA) premises.

On 18 March 2025, at approximately 3:30 pm, a group of protesting students, led by the outgoing office bearers of Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU, 2023–2024), forcibly locked the main gate of the Inter Hall Administration (IHA) and the Office of the Dean of Students (DoS) from outside. As a result, IHA staff and officials were unlawfully confined within the premises for several hours. In the course of forcefully closing the gate and applying the lock, a female security guard sustained injuries and had to be immediately rushed to the Health Centre, where she received first aid.

More alarmingly, around 6:00pm, a medical emergency involving the DoS arose, and despite multiple urgent requests, the protesting students deliberately prevented medical personnel, including the Chief Medical Officer (I/C), from entering the premises to provide necessary medical assistance. Such actions reflect a complete disregard for basic humanitarian norms and institutional decorum.

Throughout this period, University officials repeatedly appealed to the protesters for dialogue, making several sincere efforts to amicably resolve the issue. However, the protesting students refused all such efforts and declined to engage with the officials. Eventually, at around 7:00pm, IHA staff and officials were compelled to exit the premises *via* the back gate under distressing circumstances.

On the morning of 19 March 2025, senior administrators, including the Assistant Registrar (IHA), Associate Dean of Students-II (ADoS-II), and Associate Dean of Students-III (ADoS-III), continued to make persistent efforts to negotiate with the protesters. Despite these sustained attempts, the students remained adamant and refused to unlock the office. Their demands included withdrawal of all proctorial inquiries and resolution of academic matters raised by the Students' Faculty Committee (SFC). As such, these demands clearly fall outside the jurisdiction and purview of the Dean of Students.

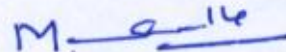
Multiple written appeals have been sent *via* official email communication to all outgoing JNUSU office bearers, urging them to immediately cease their unlawful activities and engage constructively through dialogue. As of 21 March 2025, these appeals have remained unanswered, and the situation remains unresolved.

The University administration strongly condemns these unlawful actions and reiterates that such disruptions, carried out under false pretexts, cannot be tolerated. The administration urges immediate cessation of these unlawful protests, emphasizing that personal political ambitions must not compromise institutional harmony, administrative functioning, or the safety and well-being of University staff and officials.

The University unequivocally condemns such politically motivated actions intended solely to further individual ambitions, and firmly rejects all attempts by the outgoing JNUSU representatives to malign the University's image by attributing baseless political biases. Such selfish acts, aimed solely at advancing personal political careers, cannot and will not be allowed to sabotage the University's peace, harmony, and day-to-day administrative functioning.

It is important to note that these disruptive activities have paralyzed the functioning of the entire Inter-Hall Administration (IHA) and Dean of Students office at a critical time, *i.e.*, the close of the financial year. Administrative operations, salary disbursements, and other essential functions have been severely hampered. In response, IHA officials have been forced to conduct urgent tasks from makeshift spaces in hostels, without access to necessary equipment or documentation.

The actions of the protesting students, led by the outgoing JNUSU office bearers, are not only subject to strict disciplinary proceedings under applicable institutional regulations, including provisions outlined in the Chief Proctor's Manual, but also constitute a clear violation of explicit orders issued by the Hon'ble High Court prohibiting protests within 100 meters of any academic or administrative premises. Such deliberate defiance is contemptuous and warrants immediate and appropriate action both legal and otherwise.



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