

**JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY**  
**Press Note**

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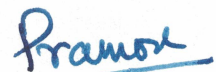
The JNU Administration had scheduled an emergency meeting of the Academic Council at 3 PM at the Convention Center on 12 February 2019 to adopt the "Government of India Policy on Reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) for admission in Central Educational Institutions." The Academic Council meeting was called as per Regulations (M1-3(2)) concerning the conduct of the meetings of the Academic Council which says: The Vice-chancellor may authorize the convening of an emergency meeting of the Council at short notice to consider issues of special importance or urgency.

When the members started arriving to attend the meeting, the JNUTA office bearers and some self-styled student leaders forcibly stopped the members of the Academic Council from entering the meeting venue. All entry points to the Convention Center were blockaded by some teachers and students. Incidentally, JNUTA and JNUSU office bearers are not full members of the Academic Council and are only special invitees. Currently, there is no legally notified JNUSU because the elected office bearers have failed to submit their bills with the deadline i.e. 1st October 2018. These are the people who sought to disrupt the AC meeting. These slogan shouting agitators did not pay any heed to appeals by the members of Academic Council and even the Registrar to allow them to enter the building. It is highly deplorable that these agitators did not even spare participants of an on-going international symposium in the Convention Center and misbehaved with some of them who were trying to enter the building.

The main and important agenda of the AC was adoption of a Government Notification on Reservation for Economically Weaker Sections and there was no scope for amendment/modification of this item. Even then, the JNUTA and some students undemocratically prevented the AC members from discharging their responsibilities as members of the highest statutory body of the University.

Given the urgency of the matter to carry on with the JNU admission process for the coming academic year as per the Government Policy and UGC Regulations, the JNU administration had no alternative but to hold the meeting in an alternative venue, so that the interest of hundreds of thousands of student aspirants is not hampered by a handful of agitators.

JNU Administration condemns in strongest terms the behaviour of JNUTA office bearers and the student leaders for their unruly behaviour towards both the external members who travelled from outside Delhi to attend this meeting and the Deans and Center Chairs of JNU. They seem to be interested only in creating disruptions in the functioning of the University and damage its good standing in the public eye. The JNU administration is highly appreciative of all the members of the Academic Council who have attended the meeting at the alternate venue and passed the agenda items after due deliberations and discussions.



Registrar