

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

Press Note

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The Inter-Hostel Administration issued an advisory today to the students, who feel stranded in the campus and are unable to go home and be with their parents due to national lockdown, to proceed towards their respective hometowns.

Vast majority of students left the campus after the first advisory circular was issued in March and some students stayed back with the hope that the lockdown was only a very temporary measure.

Now, when another opportunity is available to return home, another advisory was issued. However, some self-proclaimed student leaders always make it a point to oppose any advisory that comes from the administration and give an ideological colour to it.

The same attempt has yet again been made to play politics, to give convoluted interpretations and discourage the willing students to go home. Full one month is left before the university reopens as per the new academic calendar.

The administration had to alter the academic calendar, as per the guidelines issued by the MHRD, and to address the time constraints caused by the pandemic.


Currently, students, who feel stranded, have got an opportunity to return home and be with the members of their respective families.

In addition, when the administration has begun to install CCTVs at public places, including the hostel gates, yet again disruption has been organised by a handful of self-motivated student leaders. It is extremely important to monitor outsiders coming into hostel premises for the safety of the students and the campus life. But the old bogey of “privacy” is being raised even though the CCTVs are being installed at the gates and not the interior of the hostels.

“Advisories” are depicted as “diktats” by the habitual student opponents. Installations of CCTVs are essential measures for maintaining safety and security.

The Inter-Hostel Administration underlines the necessity of encouraging students to return home during the prevailing closure of the academic activities in the university. It also needs emphasis that it is reprehensible and inexcusable to discourage willing students who would like to go home.

It may be reminded that the academic calendar issued by JNU is tentative and amenable to further change depending on how the Covid19 pandemic evolves and what guidelines will be issued by the government for the educational institutions.



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