



JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION

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JNUTA condemns the attempts to intimidate Academicians

It is unfortunate to note that unscrupulous elements are conspiring to silence all voices that emerge in favour of poor and downtrodden sections of society, especially dalits and tribals. The recent fabricated complain against academicians including Prof. Archana Prasad and Prof. Nandini Sundar following their Chhattisgarh visit is just another example. The state, instead of safeguarding the voices of dissent is protecting those unscrupulous elements; it is also actively participating in intimidating academicians who raise pertinent issue of victimization of innocent tribal from both sides i.e. the Maoists and the Police. Once again, the motivated section within the media is using this incident to spew venom against liberal and democratic institutions like JNU.

The JNUTA condemns in the strongest terms the orchestrated campaign being carried out against teachers of universities, in particular women teachers, with the sole purpose of terrorizing them and silencing their genuine voice. The security and liberty of the above colleagues are being gravely threatened through frivolous complaints and vitriolic campaigns by the media including social media. They are being targeted for things that teachers normally do in discharging their social responsibilities as public intellectuals.

The JNUTA demands that the state must act promptly against those indulging in such criminal intimidation of these academicians and ensure the safety and legitimate freedom of teachers.

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