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The Jawaharlal Nehru University Teachers Association condemns in unequivocal terms the violent mob attack on our colleague Prof. Vivek Kumar in Gwalior on 21st February, where he was addressing an academic gathering. This follows the earlier disruption of an academic lecture at BHU being delivered by Prof Badri Narayan.

JNU teachers under the aegis of JNUTA met the Vice Chancellor on 22nd Feb and handed over their memorandum and the resolution of the General Body Meeting of 20th Feb. JNUTA reiterated in this memorandum the necessity of credible enquiry process and the need to create the appropriate conditions for a fair and impartial enquiry.

In the discussion that followed the VC informed that the only video evidence available is being sent for forensic examination. Keeping this in mind the Enquiry Committee has been given another week to submit its report. JNUTA position thus gets vindicated that suspension of the students was done without any material basis.

The Vice Chancellor assured teachers that he would consider JNUTA request for a credible enquiry process.

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