



JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION

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JNUTA condemns the attempts to harass and victimize Academicians

JNUTA condemns the recent fabricated proceedings against academicians including Prof. Archana Prasad and Prof. Nandini Sundar following their Chhattisgarh visit in May this year. The state, instead of safeguarding the voices of dissent is actively participating in victimizing academicians for discharging their social duties to raise pertinent issue of victimization of innocent tribal from both sides i.e. the Maoists and the Police. It is most unfortunate to note that unprincipled elements continue to conspire in silencing all voices that emerge in favour of poor and downtrodden sections of society, especially dalits and tribals.

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 unreasonable proceeding based on frivolous complaints. 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 and their unhindered public engagement.

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