

# **Jawaharlal Nehru University**

## **Press Note**

11-11-2019

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Convocation of JNU ended with an inspirational address by the Honourable Vice President and a motivating speech by HRD Minister. More than 400 graduands were awarded PhD Degrees. However, the jubilation over the Convocation was marred by the violent behaviour of the protesting students outside the convocation venue.

The gravest situation arose at the time of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Convocation of JNU which was held in the Auditorium of AICTE. A large crowd of students assembled at the main gate of the AICTE after breaking open the Paschimabad Gate of JNU, crossing police barricades and marching to AICTE.

At the end of the convocation ceremony, even after the Honourable HRD Minister talked to the representatives of the protesting students, he was not allowed to leave the venue for several hours. Unfortunately, the Chancellor of JNU was also not spared and his vehicle was not allowed to leave AICTE, he remained confined with all the top officials of the university for many hours.

Several Deans and Chairpersons and a Rector together tried to talk with the protesting students at the convocation venue. However, they refused to pay any heed and continued the blockade of the premises.

It is unfortunate that instead of participating in a constructive dialogue for which the administration is always open and has made several attempts for conducting discussions, the protesting students are persistently staging strikes, gheraos, and demonstrations in the university and causing administrative shutdown and academic loss.

Registrar