JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

Press Note

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Jawaharlal Nehru University began its academic session 2019-20 with a large gathering at the Convention Centre for an Orientation Program for the newly admitted students in various programmes of the University. Prof. Dhananjay Singh, In-Charge, Dean of Students, welcomed all the students and informed them about the services and facilities available for them. Prof. Deepak Gaur, the Director of Admissions, briefed the students about the admission and the evaluation process in the university. Prof. R. P. Singh, Rector III began his welcome address by congratulating fresh students on getting admission into JNU. He underlined the point how difficult it is to get into JNU, as only about 2 to 3 per cent of those who apply to JNU succeeded in getting admission. Therefore, he said, it is important for them to make the most of this opportunity by excelling in their respective programmes.

Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra, Rector I congratulated and welcomed the students by calling them "golden" students. He emphasized the image and importance of JNU and the University's culture of freedom and social justice by saying "JNU is a passport to future".

The Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, who, in fact, began this University-level Orientation program four years ago after taking over as its VC, had an interactive session with the fresh students. The VC said, "although India shares with China the glory of being the two most ancient civilizations, it has contributed to the world and its cultures in various ways, but today it also faces many challenges...while the students deserve congratulation for getting into JNU, the real challenge begins now in equipping themselves, and developing skills to be able to address the modern challenges India faces today." The VC said, "we should always take the challenges and problems before us as opportunities to improve and excel."

Various officers of the university talked about the facilities and services for the students in the university including hostels, library, online programs, NSS, NCC, Sports Club, Cultural Club, medical facility, ICC, IT facility, and security in the campus. The program was attended by several hundreds of fresh students at the Convention Centre. The students looked very excited about this program.

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