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The JNUTA strongly condemns the circular dated 29 November 2018 linking marking of attendance to disbursement of salary of teachers. It is shameful that even before the members of the Executive Council could respond to the minutes of the 277th meeting of the Executive Council, the administration issued the circular claiming that the decision of linking marking of attendance to disbursement of salary was approved by the EC. The JNUTA has learnt from the elected teachers' representatives to the JNU Executive Council that no such decision was taken in the meeting. The elected teachers' representatives to the Executive Council have already written a letter to the Registrar contesting the same. It is pertinent to note that this matter was neither on the agenda of the 277th meeting of the Executive Council nor were the papers relating to it placed under the tabled agenda. Hence, nothing was on the table to even establish that the JNU Act, Statutes and Ordinances gave the Executive Council the power to take such a decision. Describing a brief and inconclusive discussion in the meeting on the issue as the decision of the EC to link marking of attendance to disbursement of salary is a clear act of misrepresentation of facts and a brutal act of illegality.

But why is the JNU administration doing this now? JNUTA is further convinced now that the reason behind such draconian decision lies in the administration's inability to answer questions raised by JNUTA regarding the financial affairs of the university at the press conference held on November 28, 2018. These questions have made the administration uncomfortable and rattled. But this intimidation tactics of the administration would not deter JNUTA from asking these legitimate questions. And we would like to repeat the same question once again. Why is the JNU administration squandering JNU's resources in all non-academic works and not using them to improve the access and quality of education? At stake is not only the research work by teachers and students, international and national research collaboration, and JNU's acknowledged eminence, but the very idea of JNU's accessibility to all. Thus, instead of threatening teachers with a draconian circular creating an imaginary 'No Sign, No Pay' principle, the JNU administration must devote its energy to answer the questions we have raised. The public has a right to these answers, as does the JNU community.

To prepare our response to the punitive and brutal approach of the administration towards the teachers, to expose poor academic governance of the current dispensation and to bring out the financial irregularities being committed by the JNU administration, under the current Vice Chancellor, an emergency GBM of JNUTA is scheduled on December 4, 2018 at 3:30 pm.

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