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The Association for Protection of Democratic Rights (APDR) condemns the police atrocities on the students of Jawaharlal Nehru University on 18 November 2019. The students have been protesting legitimately against an arbitrary and inordinate hostel fee hike and had taken out a peaceful march to parliament. They have every right to meet the elected legislators and the police had no business to use force against them.

Members of parliament, including some of the ministers, who claim to be the products of the JP Movement, should recall how the late Jayaprakash Narayan had stood firmly behind the students' movement in the 1970s over demands that included the reduction of increased hostel fees. The hike by the present authorities will only create more hurdles before students from the weaker sections of the society in acquiring higher education. It must be rolled back immediately and a judicial inquiry instituted into the police atrocities.

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