

# Anand Ranganathan on the recent events at JNU

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In a way I'm thankful for the JNU saga, or I'd never have known such hopelessly deluded, dangerously virulent academics live among us.

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# Introduction

I have reproduced the tweets of Anand Ranganathan of NewsLaundry in this presentation. I think the Internet Hindus will quite easily be able to relate to the essential points, as expressed in the tweet in the opening page. There are some tweets that the Internet Hindu will disagree on. But not on the overall message.

There is a need to understand that the recent event in JNU was not a stand-alone event. The communist has used the forum of JNU for their agenda for a long time. There has been the case where these communists celebrated the murder of security forces by Naxalites. And they seriously beat up a couple of army men who objected to anti-India propaganda being projected by some invited Pakistani speakers.

The other source of anger amongst the public is that JNU is heavily subsidised by the state. But the agitators seem to be least interested in pursuing an academic career, and using the state money to conduct an anti-state propaganda. In contrast, there are perhaps more than 80% of the students and the academics at JNU who have sincere desire to do what they are supposed to do. And there are those in the other universities who are not receiving any or much less state support for their higher studies. They not only want to enter proper careers, but use their earnings to help their less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Another point that the Internet Hindus would like to emphasise is the role played by the media in not projecting the events in a fair manner.

The points that I have made are not with an intention to nitpick but to take the discussion forward.

Ashok Chowgule.  
Working President (External)  
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**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · Feb 13

All those trashing JNU students, do note: As I write, there are dozens of them conducting scientific experiments in JNU labs, on YOUR money.



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**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · Feb 13

You will never hear of them, or their hard work, because they are hidden away in JNU labs. But what they do, on YOUR money, IS important.



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**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · Feb 13

It is easy to malign the name and reputation of a University. Not everyone is into silly student politics; most are working away quietly.



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**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · Feb 15

Yes, I do agree with this hashtag - [#CleanUpJNU](#). But this is the job of the Vice Chancellor not the government, if he is up to it.



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**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · Feb 15

Reprehensible sloganeering, calling for India's destruction, effigy-burning, vandalising the buildings, has NO place in a centre of learning

The media has done its best to hide the excellent work being done. They have projected as if the full student body, and the full faculty, is out agitating. Many students and faculty who are against the agitators have spoken out, but their voices are covered in a corner of an inside page, or they are never invited to the television debates to confront the agitators.

In the fourth tweet, the operative part is 'if he is up to it'. And if he is not, should the government be a silent spectator?



**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · Feb 15

These are clearly deluded, misguided, lazy youths. Are you telling me there's nothing in the University's statutes that can deal with them?



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**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · Feb 15

More deluded & misguided is the govt to have got into the business of "setting things right" in a university on the pretext of nationalism.



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**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · Feb 15

By bringing in the police, and encouraging chest-thumping, this government has taken upon itself to [#CleanUpJNU](#). Will never happen this way.



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Every JNU building is covered with sickening graffiti. Right outside the Biotech Centre, a graffiti calls scientists Monsanto stooges.



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A run-down gambling den would be in better shape than JNU's School of Philosophy. Ditto most departments. Who let this happen?

The agitators are neither deluded nor misguided. They are playing out a role that the communist ideology that they have been brainwashed in. And for this there is a need to hold people like Sitaram Yechury, Romilla Thappar, etc. responsible. Also in the media, the likes of Rajdeep Sardesai, Barkha Dutt, Shekhar Gupta, etc., are also to be held responsible, because they are romanticising the agitation. For example, calling the agitators students, tars the whole student community. And nowhere is it told what they are studying and how good are they are it.

Criticising the government may sound nice, but an alternative has to be provided. Remember that the present agitation is not a stand-alone affair. There is a long series of such behaviour, which has been encouraged because the agitators were not rebuked by the media and the other 'intellectuals. (Contd)



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It is not the government's job to set things right in a University. It is the Vice Chancellor's job to [#CleanUpJNU](#). Let him do his job.



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And the very first thing the new Vice Chancellor should do, is to EXPRESSLY BAN affiliation of student outfits with political parties.



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Clockwise from top right: Harvard, Cambridge, MIT, JNU. [#CleanUpJNU](#)



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Re the police. There is a law and order situation that has been created by the agitators. Unless one says that JNU is not a territory of India, which the agitators think, the police have a right to intervene. And the rest of the citizens of India will want the police to act suitably. If they fail, others will step in, and then it will not be nice, as has been seen even in this case.

I am sure that the government does not want to involve itself. But what happens when the Vice Chancellor either does not do what is to be done, or is not able to do it? The media and the 'intellectuals' have done their damnest best to intellectually terrorise both the VC and the government.



**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · Feb 21

As the Tiranga flies atop JNU, under it gather those who'd rather not do a stroke of work, nor allow anyone else to.



These agitators look like that they are well fed and well clothed. That is because they are paid for by the citizens of India who have a high respect for the Tiranga. Surely, the citizens expect them to be accountable.



**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · Feb 21

And there he sits, this Umar - a brain-washed, deluded beach bum, the cynosure of the media - amid vandalised walls.



Brain-washed by whom? And, if he is the cynosure of the media, is not the media also brain-washed? Or also wants the students brainwashed?



**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · Feb 21

How can people celebrate this man, this good-for-nothing slogan-shouting thug; how can people make him a hero?



THE PEOPLE are not celebrating the man, or made him into a hero. It is those occupying the intellectual space that are celebrating. And he is being glorified by many 'academics' in the West who have signed petition in his favour. Let us hold the right persons responsible.



**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · Feb 21

How is it that JNU, whose Chancellor is an eminent scientist, whose Vice-chancellor is an eminent engineer, is known only for goondagardi?



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I lamented the sprouting of stand-alone science institutes, thinking the best place for doing science was in a university, amid Humanities.



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Perhaps I was wrong.



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**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · Feb 22

Charade continues. Sloganeering, revolutions, sit-ins, instead of studying, lectures, library. [#IndianUniversities](#).



No, Anandji you are not wrong. What is needed is to correct the situation. Keeping the humanities separate, without dealing with the problem, will mean that the problem will still exist. It will be like throwing the baby out with the bath water.

Did these agitators ever study? Have they really seen the inside of a library except to drag the students who are doing their work there, to join them in their agitation in which the studious students have no interest?



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Prof G Das, JNU, discoverer of Mycobacterium-MSS complex: "This is a joke. I'm fed up. Maybe we do need that 207 ft long flag." [Disturbing]



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"Which stream do you think these students belong to?"

Prof D Ghosh, MRSA & Biofilms expert: "Humanities, of course."



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Will people like Prof Das and Prof Ghosh be the cynosure of the media? Will they be invited to the TV studios and get extensively interviewed by the media? I am sure they will not be because it would mean that the media has to admit to their readers that they have been deliberately lying all the time.



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While the Dases & the Ghoshes work in the labs, the Kanhaiyas & the Umars will become politicians, then decide the budgets of these labs.



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The internal committee had 3 members - all scientists. The students boycotted it and demanded new members. So now:



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The 2 new members of the JNU internal enquiry committee, it is confirmed, are from the Humanities. The students are now satisfied.



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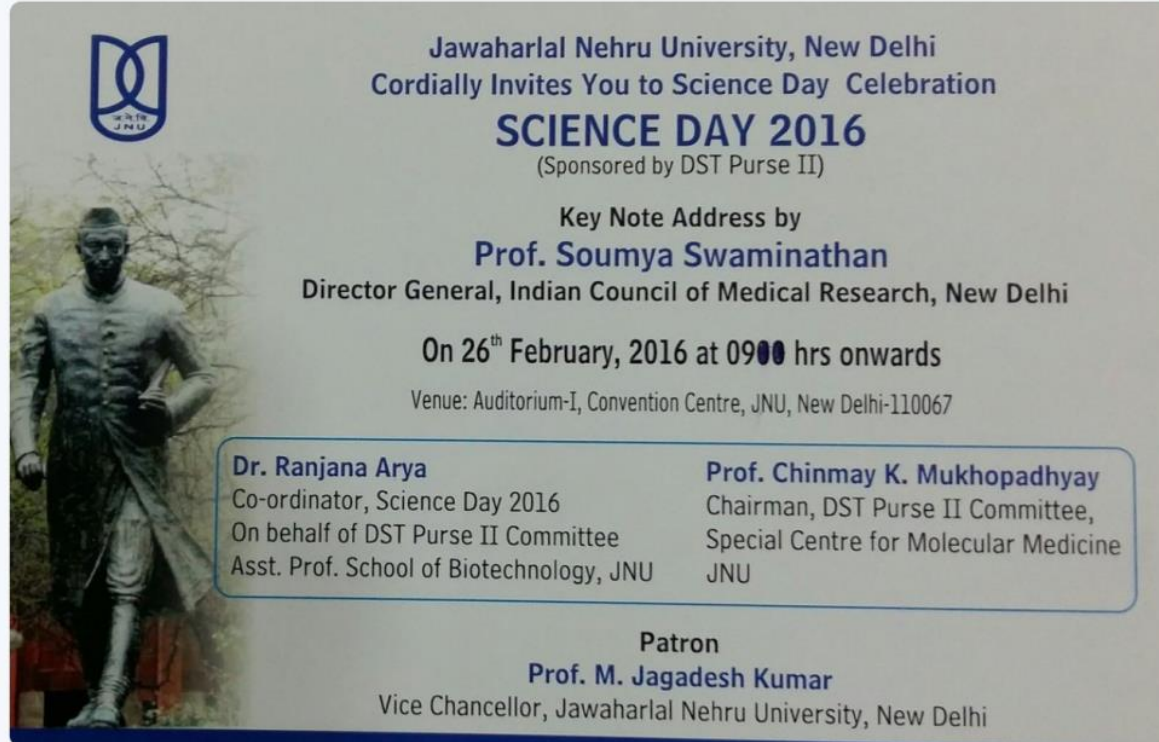
By incessantly glorifying the Kanhaiyas and the Umars, the 'intellectuals' are telling the youth that they are good role models. Instead of the welder's son from Bihar, who joined a IIT and is now going to the USA to work for Microsoft. This son says that he will use the money he gets to improve the education that other poor people from Bihar are today getting. But the 'intellectuals' pretend such a person does not exist.

So, the ones who are accused will decide who will be the judge? And given the situation, can the VC undertake the necessary reforms?



**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · Feb 25

Call to strike, dharnas, sloganeering - a lot is happening in JNU. Please come.



**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · Feb 25

DST: In the last 4 years the H-index of STEM departments of JNU has improved from 30 to 53, making it a top performer. [#JNUScienceDay](#)



STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and maths. The 'intellectuals' will do their damnest best of not to give the due publicity to such positive news. They will keep on saying that the universities are institutions of dissent, and it is the right of the dissenters to be paid for dissenting, and not for studying.



Anand Ranganathan @ARangarajan1972 · Feb 25

Why doesn't the VC stop these attention-seekers from blocking the main entrance steps? JNU has excellent auditoriums

## Tagore could be 'history', they fear

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Responding to a student's query on Rabindranath Tagore's understanding of nationalism, especially as the composer of the national anthem, historian Tanika Sarkar said, "Don't be sure the National Anthem will stay the same for long." She observed that it has been a long-standing demand of the Hindu Right-wing that it be replaced by Vande Mataram.

"I fear a ban on all his books after this, because Tagore thought nationalism was an evil. Ingrained in it is a will to power," she added.

Sarkar's Teach-in at JNU lecture on nationalism, delivered on Thursday after a gap, was not on Tagore at all but Gandhi. A part of the Centre for Historical Studies, to which Umar Khalid and Anirban Bhattacharya too belong, she focused on "two interrelated aspects of Gandhi's perspective of the nation" — poverty and caste. On both, she argued, he changed his stance over the years. And that's what made his vision of the nation relevant for the JNU lectures.

Gandhi's vision, involving



Historian Tanika Sarkar said she won't be surprised if the national anthem was replaced by Vande Mataram

the ideas of "trusteeship" (where the wealthy are essentially trustees for the poor) and "ram rajya" (not Hindu rule but one of democracy and justice), transformed during his lifetime.

Thursday's programme included addresses by Mohan Rao of the Centre for Social Medicine who is "ashamed of the Indian Medical Association"

for writing a letter in support of the Centre and against JNU's 'anti-nationals' historian Rajan Gurukul, formerly of CHS and currently with Indian Institute of Science, and Indian Union Muslim League MP from Kerala, ET Mohammed Basheer.

Basheer told students that he participated in the discussion

in Parliament and pointed out that the agitation in JNU is not standalone. "You are fighting for a noble cause. This government has an agenda. The autonomy of the university is a great thing that no minister can encroach upon. You (students) have created history just as at Tiananmen Square students created history," he said.

Surely, the question posed by Anandji is rhetoric. The VC is intellectually terrorised by the whole ecosystem of 'intellectualism' in India. Uncritically giving publicity to the event, the media makes the organisers and the participants to feel that they are doing the right thing.

The objective of holding the programme on the main entrance steps is not to listen to what the 'intellectuals' have to say, it is to prevent those who want nothing to do with their agitation to feel intimidated enough to stay away.





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Some views of Prof Tanika Sarkar, the JNU History professor who addressed the boisterous, unruly audience.

#### **Views of Prof Tanika Sarkar, JNU**

On the Indian Army: The Indian Army a huge army, it's a very bloated army, it's a very **cruel** army. The Northeast and Kashmir are being held like they behave like an army in occupation. It's very clearly **not** part of India. And there's **no** reason why they should be unless they want to be. And we look at these countries, you know, these states, like they are forced into a non-consensual marriage, and they have no right to divorce.

On Kashmir: There should be a plebiscite. And India has **no** claim as far as I can see. And no one has done anything.

Reference: <http://www.sacw.net/left/SarkarsInterview01042005.html>



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Police say Umar met his DSU comrade Mishra, allegedly a Maoist courier. Prof Sarkar had demanded Mishra's release. [indiatoday.intoday.in/story/maharash...](http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/maharash...)



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Prof Tanika Sarkar also thinks the Maoist-backed PCPA is "conducting a democratic and peaceful struggle". [thehindu.com/todays-paper/t...](http://thehindu.com/todays-paper/t...)



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It is people like Prof Sarkar who have brainwashed a lot of young people into becoming agitators and not students.



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Here are Prof Tanika Sarkar's "peaceful and democratic" PCPA's mentions in Global Terrorism Database: [start.umd.edu/gtd/search/Res...](http://start.umd.edu/gtd/search/Res...)



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Here is Prof Tanika Sarkar's "peaceful and democratic" PCPA unleashing a reign of terror and murder in Bengal. [timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/P...](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/P...)



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These are the JNU professors currently blocking the main entrance steps; these are the JNU professors wowing students, wowing the media.



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When this information is already available in the public domain, why are the 'intellectuals' glorifying people like Prof Sarkar? Is it any wonder that a student will easily fall prey to the attempt to be brainwashed by Prof Sarkar and others?

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/PCPA-strikes-terror-in-Jhargram/articleshow/6018205.cms>



**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · 23h

Next up in the long line of academics lecturing on the blocked JNU main building steps, is Prof Achin Vanaik.



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Prof Achin Vanaik thinks the Maoist-backed PCPA has conducted a "democratic and peaceful struggle" among tribals for dignity and security.

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The comments re Prof Sarkar applies equally to Prof Vanaik. Both such people are given a lot of space in the media, are used as a source of information on the social issues in India by those wanting to study them, go all over the world (on full expense paid trips) to lecture students in in other universities. Is it any wonder that the present situation has come to pass?

It will be interesting to know how many of those at the programme are from JNU itself. It has been said that the anti-India slogans raised were by those who were not from JNU.



**Anand Ranganathan @ARangarajan1972 · 23h**

Some views of Achin Vanaik, the professor who addressed the JNU students, charming & inspiring them, and the media.

### Some views of Prof Achin Vanaik

**On Capitalism:** In the long run we want a world free of capitalism [1]. Capitalism is a form of barbarism [2].

**On Maoist-backed People's Committee against Police Atrocities, PCPA:** PCPA has conducted a **democratic and peaceful struggle** among tribals for dignity and security, and against state excesses [3].

**On Marx:** [Marxism] retains its emancipatory promise for creating a better future. Marxism has a universal appeal. Gandhi may have had wide—but far from universal—appeal, Gandhism certainly doesn't [4].

**On Mahatma Gandhi:** Gandhi was no communalist, far from it. But it should not absolve him of his 'original sin' of resorting to a Hindu imaginary in the first place [4].

**On Nagaland:** Regarding the North-East there was never any justification for denying freedom to Naga-land [4].

**Admonishing the Left:** The parliamentary left could not even carry out a counter-mobilization against the onslaught of communalism. Bringing out their captive trade-union wings in the standard form of one-day bandhs (strikes) and mass processions with economic demands is NO substitute for a **sustained practice of extra-parliamentary mass mobilizations** that address a whole range of issues [5].

**On Maoism and Naxalism:** The state's efforts to 'eliminate Naxalism' are also a cover for de-legitimizing all forms of radical left politics. Thus when the mainstream parliamentary left effectively endorses the Indian state's policies towards the Maoists—or worse still, as in West Bengal, even orders armed actions against them—it is doing serious damage to its own cause [5].

**On Indian System:** What is required, then, is a much more radical and offensive perspective, guided by an explicitly anti-capitalist politics [5].

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Anandji has nicely summarised the ideological position of not just Prof Vanaik, but also hundreds of other academics who are paid by the society to enable them to live the lifestyle they are today living. And yet, they are uncritically allowed to push the fiction that they speak for the poor and are their protectors and benefactors.

<http://newleftreview.org/II/70/achin-vanaik-subcontinental-strategies>



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Incredible piece. Where Prof Vanaik not only sympathises with Maoists but also gives them advice on how to succeed: [newleftreview.org/II/70/achin-vanaik-subcontinental-strategies](http://newleftreview.org/II/70/achin-vanaik-subcontinental-strategies)



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In a way I'm thankful for the JNU saga, or I'd never have known such hopelessly deluded, dangerously virulent academics live among us.



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Again, something that is already available in the public domain, and yet Prof Vanaik will be held as a genuine and unbiased commentator on the socio-culturally issues of India today.



**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · 22h

Just one of the many reasons why students must question the teachings of such dangerously deluded & ignorant minds.

## Six reasons why India must shun nuclear energy: Prof. Achin Vanaik



Anandji is being unfair to the students. Who amongst the 'intellectual' class has questioned the teachings? No one because most of them subscribe to the same dangerously deluded and ignorant teachings of Achinji. And, because of the ecosystem, the students are not exposed to the alternatives which will enable them to do the questioning. In fact, it is to avoid being questioned, the 'intellectuals' do their best that the student is not aware that an alternative perspective exists.

<http://www.bangaloremirror.com/news/india/India-illegally-occupying-Kashmir/articleshow/51097746.cms>



**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · 22h

This is unending. Now, according to @Bangaloremirror, a JNU professor says India is ILLEGALLY OCCUPYING Kashmir. [bangaloremirror.com/news/india/Ind...](http://bangaloremirror.com/news/india/Ind...)



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The insufferable tragedy of this gullible nation is that you can fool all of the people all of the time.



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Here, the same JNU professor charts out a justification for the break-up of India - not just Kashmir but Assam, too. [kafila.org/2010/11/23/ant...](http://kafila.org/2010/11/23/ant...)



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Anandji is being unfair to the people of the nation. They have not been fooled now, nor fooled earlier. But there are the 'intellectuals' who pretend that they have been fooled. The nation is not gullible.

<http://kafila.org/2010/11/23/anti-national-thoughts/>



**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · 21h

Have to admit. The seditious delusions of Arundhati Roy are freshly whipped candy floss compared to the views of these JNU stalwarts. Boy.



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**Anand Ranganathan** @ARangarajan1972 · 21h

Perhaps I spoke too soon. Nice poster. (photo via Outlook.)



Here is another person who has been living off the fat of the land, and glorified by so many for exactly this reason.



Anand Ranganathan @ARangarajan1972 · 2h

Some quotes from JNU Professor Nivedita Menon's teach-in speech, received to great applause. [youtube.com/watch?v=wn\\_Swj...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wn_Swj...)

#### Quotes of Prof Nivedita Menon from her JNU teach-in speech

The world thinks of India as an imperialist power.

AFSPA is a Brahmastra through which the Indian nation state keeps in check the *jantantrik* aspirations of the people of Kashmir, of the North-east, or of Chhattisgarh. It is a daily **Emergency**.

30-40% of India is **under military rule**. And this is being done on our name.

Unity in diversity has become **meaningless**. This is **enforced** unity.

On August 15, 1947, there were many principalities that were functioning independently. But WE decided that all this is ours, that all of them must amalgamate into a nation state. For example, Manipur. It was an independently functioning constitutional monarchy, but within months **the king was imprisoned** and Manipur was **forced** to merge with India.

Next Nagaland. It was also functioning independently, and a plebiscite was promised after a 10 year protective status. But soon as the British left, India declared Nagaland as its territory and **one of the first acts of the Indian government** was to **aerially bomb** Nagaland.

About Kashmir everyone knows. The plebiscite that was applied to other princely states like Junagarh, was never applied to Kashmir. After the instrument of accession was signed, the condition was that a plebiscite would be held. It has still not been held.

And we all know that, the whole world accepts that **India is illegally occupying Kashmir**. Everybody accepts it. So when the whole world is talking of illegal occupation of Kashmir by India, we should understand that the slogan of Azadi is a **perfectly acceptable** slogan.

The views held by Tanika Sarcar, Achin Vanaik and Nivedita Menon reflect the position of the leftists all over the world with respect to India. And it they who have brainwashed the students not just at JNU, but at other universities as well. And it is the same brainwashed students who have now become 'academics' in different parts of the world. Actually, they have become useful idiots propagating an evil ideology. The funny part is that the ideology has been rejected all over the world including India.



Anand Ranganathan @ARangarajan1972 · Feb 24

Never has a solitary tweet encompassed the sum total of Indian media's gleeful bias and depravity, as this. QED.



**sunetra choudhury**

@sunetrac



@rahulroushan who is kamlesh tiwari? rahul, alternative readings are there in every subject and are an academic pursuit.

9:46 PM · 24 Feb 16

This tweet was not part of the earlier thread. But it does prove that it is neither the students nor the people of the nation that are to be blamed. It is the Indian media's gleeful bias and depravity that is the problem, and it has to be addressed. Sadly, the foreign media, consisting of supposedly mature people fall prey to the same bias and depravity.

I have been contending for quite some time, that the English media in India has made itself irrelevant to the needs of the society. The viewership of all the channels put together is just 0.1% of the total number of people watching television. In contrast, 3.4% watch Hindi news and 3.6% watch all the other Indian languages put together. Surprisingly, the English news channel garner 5% of the ad spending. Yet, all the English news channels are making huge financial losses. The enclosed two links relate to the fact that the agitating students and the faculty do not reflect what is happening at not just JNU but at universities in India. These are examples.

<http://www.ndtv.com/india-news/institutes-have-become-safe-haven-for-anti-india-activity-iit-bombay-faculty-1282098>

**JNU row: A large group of teachers back India, slams left domination**  
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"In JNU there're 650 teachers, 1500 staff members, 8500 students. Of them 600 teachers, 8000 students want to study"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41Zy6qyBWmg&feature=youtu.be>  
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