

**Jawaharlal Nehru University**

**An appeal to JNU Community**

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The JNU Administration condemns the violent prevention of installation of CCTVs at critical points, particularly the main entrance gate of the hostels. This is to underline that over a period of last few years, the Provost Committees and the Inter Hall Administration (IHA) Committee had repeatedly recommended and emphasized the need for installation of CCTVs at the hostel gates. For example :

- (i) **Inter Hall Administration Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018** recommended:  
Point No. 3 under “Any other items”: *“The issue of installation of CCTVs at the entrance of each and every hostel was discussed in the wake of the increasing incidents of thefts in the hostels and it was decided to install CCTV cameras at the entrance of each and every hostel.”*
- (ii) **Provosts Committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018** recommended:  
Under Point 4 (b): *“All entry points in the hostels should have CCTV cameras installed at the earliest.”*
- (iii) **Warden Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019** recommended:  
**Under Point 5 :** *“Some of the hostels also apprised the Committee that there may be possibility of stealing of articles from Kitchen store and even the food from the Hostel mess which needs to be curbed. The Committee took a serious view of it and unanimously decided that kitchen and mess of all the Hostels should have CCTV cameras installed to have a watch on the working of mess and curb the stealing of items, if any, from the Mess Store. It was further decided that IHA would take up this matter with the Competent Authority to install CCTVs in Hostel Mess.”*
- (iv) **Provosts Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019** recommended:

Under Point 3: *“It is recommended that all Hostels should have at least 02 TV sets one for common room facility for entertainment and the other for CCTV monitoring.”*

**(v) Provost Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 recommended:**

Under Point No. 3: *“CCTV cameras should be installed at the earliest in each hostel main gates, hostel mess and corridors.”*

In view of several instances of law and order incidences, it has become imperative to install CCTVs at public places including hostel gates. As and when law and order situation arose in the Campus in recent years and the administration reported such matters to the police, CCTV footage evidences were demanded by the police. Even the Hon’ble High Court in several recent judgments has emphasized the need to present CCTV footages as one of the credible evidences. Further, keeping in mind, the threat to life posed by the current COVID-19 pandemic, it is all the more necessary to guard against unauthorized outsiders entering the Campus, including hostel premises.

In order to make the Campus safe and secure for all the stakeholders, the JNU administration appeals to all concerned to cooperate and to refrain from disrupting the efforts for installation of CCTVs in the public place, including hostel gates.



**(Pramod Kumar)**

**Registrar**