Dear Students and Members of AMU Community,

Assalamoalaikum,

I am writing this in order to dispel apprehensions, rumor mongering and false news circulating on the AMU campus in an effort to save the academic future of the student community.

Please consider the following points:

1. In the last 2½ years of my tenure as Vice-Chancellor, I have always allowed peaceful and democratic protests on various issues in the university campus by all sections of the AMU community. As a democratic academic institution anyone is allowed to discuss, argue and dissent on any matter.

2. Some incidents occurred in May 2018 and February 2019 and were amicably solved with the cooperation of all concerned including the students, teaching staff and district administration.

3. The recent protests on CAA were also peacefully conducted between 11.12.2019 to 14.12.2019.

4. On 15th December, unfortunate incidents occurred and I have already expressed regrets for the injuries suffered by the students and the inconvenience caused to the students to vacate hostels on short notice due to preponement of winter vacations. Decision was taken in good faith and not with the intention of causing any harm to any student.

5. The incidents of 15.12.2019 are being investigated by National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on the orders of Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad and next hearing is scheduled in Allahabad High Court for 17.02.2020. Let us wait for its decision.

6. The university has also constituted a fact finding committee headed by Justice V.K. Gupta former Chief Justice of High Court of Uttrakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Jharkand and the committee has already started its work and held the first sitting on 20.01.2020.

7. Some persons blatantly disturbed the Republic Day function held on 26.01.2020 which is a serious offence as Republic Day is a national festival and above politics. They were handed over to police authorities by the proctorial staff as they were not sure about the antecedents of the concerned person. I was not aware of handing over of these persons to the police authorities but as soon as I got it verified by the Controller of Admissions that three of them were bonafide students, we requested the district administration to release them and they will be dealt as per university rules. Three students were released within hours and two members of proctorial team were at the Police Station to facilitate their release. The fourth person, who is not a bonafide student, was also released the next day by the district administration.

8. We had rescheduled the left over examinations from 27.01.2020 but some misguided persons including some outsiders are not allowing examinations to be held and are locking the examination centre/departments and physically preventing students to appear in the examination.

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They are also threatening many students. Some of them went to Ajmal Khan Tibbiya College and forcibly snatched the answer sheets of students appearing in the examination on 27.01.2020. Several B.tech (1st year) students came to appear in the examination including some with their parents but were not to do so, by an unruly crowd.

9. All of you will agree that we cannot allow chaos, disorder and undesirable activities which will tarnish the name of the university, to continue.

10. We have already constituted two committees to look into the matter of FIR. Compensation to injured students, release of confiscated vehicles and the university administration will provide all help to the innocent persons.

11. I have already assured students in my two earlier letters of full security and again reiterate that we will depend upon our own security mechanism of proctorial staff, pro proctors etc to sort out matter and cases of students. Indiscipline will be dealt as per rules. No outside agency has a role in this.

12. If anybody has any grievance or complaints against me, he is free to represent to the Hon’ble President of India who is visitor of the university.

13. If any section of the university has grievance or complaint against any person holding administration responsibilities, he/she can give me in writing and it will be looked into as per rules.

14. I appeal to all my students whose future is foremost on my mind not to fall prey to rumors, propaganda spread by vested interests and to appear in the examinations and attend classes.

15. If the examination and classes will be prevented from being held by some misguided elements there will be no justification of keeping the university open and allowing 23000 students to sit idle in the university campus. The parents also would not want their wards to remain on the campus without academic activity and law and order issues could also arise. Some elements are playing with emotions including those of school children, some of them as young as 10-12 years.

16. In view of the above points, I appeal to all of you to act in a mature and wise manner and continue with your academic activities. Please feel free to protest peacefully, on any issue within the ambit of law.

17. This is my last appeal to all, to maintain peace and tranquility in the campus and please appear in the exams and attend classes from 30th January, 2020. Already 18 days have gone by without any academic activity.

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