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Press Release

JMI's stand on Students' Union Election

A delegation of students met the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and other University officials on 5th October, 2017 and presented a memorandum for holding election of Students' Union. The Vice Chancellor considered their representation and agreed in principle to their demand for restoration of student union in JMI. However, the Vice Chancellor apprised the students of the legal and technical problems involved in this matter

- (i) One of the students had filed the writ petition in 2012 in the Hon'ble High Court for holding students union election.
- (ii) The entire record & documents pertaining to this case are not available in the official records.
- (iii) The writ petition is listed in the category of regular matter for final hearing.

As such the matter being sub-judice in the Hon'ble Court, the University has applied for procurement of the records of this case on 9th October 2017.

Legally speaking, there are only three options available in the matter:

- (a) The petitioner may withdraw the case from the Hon'ble High Court, or
- (b) The regular students presently on the roll of the University may approach the High Court for seeking urgent relief as interested party in the matter which is sub-judice, or
- (c) The case being regular matter is decided on merits as per its own terms

As soon as the official records are available from the High Court, the legal issues involved will be examined and necessary steps will be taken to resolve the issue as per the options available.

It is therefore clarified that any action on the part of the students or the Respondent University without the specific directive of the Hon'ble Court in this issue will amount to **Contempt of the Court.**

In view of the above, the university's hands are tied.

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