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RGU STUDENTS OBSERVE ALL INDIA STUDENTS' STRIKE; CONDEMNS JNU VIOLENCE



RONO HILLS, JAN 8: Rajiv Gandhi University Students' Union (RGUSU) today staged a sit-in protest here at the union's office to display their opposition to the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the recent attack on students and teachers of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). Students conveyed their protests by holding anti-fascist posters such as 'Anti Fascist Territory', 'Smash Fascism', 'RGU against CAA', 'NRC', etc. RGUSU President Dopum Sonam said the protest was also called in support to the nation-wide strike called by the central trade unions against the anti-people policies of the ruling government at Delhi. RGUSU extends its full solidarity with the students and teachers protesting at JNU and even if we don't enjoy protesting, we are left with no option and condemn the JNU administration for their lackadaisical attitude of treating JNUSU's demands, he added. On CAA and NRC, RGUSU President said they are totally 'Unwanted' and RGU students have always opposed them and will continue to do so. Sonam also dared Lok Sabha Members from state Kiren Rijiju and Tapir Gao for an open debate on the rising atrocities including CAA and informed that the union will organize a cultural protest at Tennis Court in coming days with challenge to the MPs to speak before public or resign from their posts. RGU Research Scholars' Forum (RGURSF) General Secretary Prem Taba said "We are extremely anguished by the brutal violence at JNU. It is terrifying and a potential threat to the country's students. JNU authorities and Delhi police were inactive when the masked goons entered the heavily guarded campus and unleashed their brutality." He added that students across India are boycotting classes and coming out to the streets to observe 'All India Strike' in protest against campus violence, CAA, NRC and attack on freedom of speech and civil rights. On Home Minister Amit Shah's "understand the chronology" remark over the National Register of Citizens and Citizenship Amendment Act, Taba said that the BJP government is suffering from 'Lack

of Interest and Vision' for the indigenous minorities of Arunachal and Northeast. "First they will take all your money through demonetization, then they will ask you to pay tax through GST followed by dumping of refugees into your land through CAA and lastly will ask you to prove your citizenship through NRC," Taba said. Former RGUSU GS Vikash Dada, RGURSF AGS Babu Jyoti Ghosh was among others who spoke on the occasion. During the protest, students also burnt effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, NRC and CAA. A protest rally was also taken out in support of Wednesday's nation-wide bandh.

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