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### **An appeal to save Mohammad Ali Jauhar University, Rampur UP.**

Mohammad Ali Jauhar University was established in the year 2006 by an Act of Legislation in the state of UP as a private University. The University is governed by the Jauhar Trust, which followed all rules and regulations with absolute due diligence in its establishment including the bonafide purchase of the land upon which the State-of-the-Art, world-class campus of the University has been realized. In last decade the University has gained an enviable eminence in the field of educational transformation of the underprivileged and marginalized sections of the society regardless of their choice of religion.

Mohammad Ali Jauhar University which is driven by the altruistic principles, despite its impeccable contribution in nation building and the upliftment of the downtrodden is now being targeted for all the wrong reasons by the incumbent government in the state and at the centre as well.

The far-right forces are furthering their agenda of demolition of the Educational institutions, particularly the universities. The last term of the present BJP-led government at the centre orchestrated a relentless destruction of the institutes of higher education. Be it Allahabad University, BHU, JNU, FTII or IIT-Madras, the rightist government crushed all voices of dissent and gate-crashed into their autonomy and almost communalised the whole educational environment besides para-dropping their saffron-clad torch bearers as the key functionaries in all these institutes.

The rot is spreading and is now headed towards Mohammad Ali Jauhar University for all the petty politics of vendetta and the very fact that it is imparting education and better means of livelihood predominantly to the minorities and the downtrodden sections of the society.

The district administration of Rampur has tormented and tortured people to file fake cases and in an unprecedented manner, arbitrarily declared the Chancellor of the University as a Land Mafia charging him for the anomalies in



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the purchase of three to four bighas of land out of the total parcel of four hundred acres of University campus, just to tarnish his public image beyond repair, thrown young kids out of Rampur Public School , and several other CBSE affiliated- schools belonging to the same Jauhar Trust, arrested and put behind bars the people who are working in the University or for the University or for the Trust and what not ! The University officials are being haunted like criminals, the university students being labeled like offenders, the Jauhar Trust being treated like a no-entity!!

A fully functional, up and running University is being ruined on the false pretext of irregularities in the purchase of land and that too in the times when in the outside world the land is usually leased by the governments for educational institutions.

All this witch-hunting is just for the reason that the University commemorates the name of a Freedom fighter who hails from The minority section of the society and the Chancellor who is a powerful voice in the opposition of the government.

Are these the democratic values of our country? Is this what we want to do to our next generations? Educating the poor has become a crime for this government?

I beseech the Intelligentsia, the Educationists, the social Vanguard and every country lover to take cognizance of the vicious onslaught of this government upon the educational institutions and terminally damaging the unity, amity and the integrity of our society. As Mohammad Ali Jauhar University, Rampur is on the verge of being murdered politically I appeal to one and all to rise up to the occasion and extend their solidarity in favour of saving the very foundation of our country's glory.

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