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Is the protest against DCE to DTU justified???

Despite the ample clarification provided in the DTU Times edition of March 7, 2010 it appears that the leadership of students is hell-bent on creating an environment of confusion and misguidance. It is also painful to see that the good students in large numbers are not able to come forward in open to resist the wrong impression created by the misguided lot.

We appeal to you to ponder on following thoughts:-

- 1) Don't you think that the real people behind the agitation have now come out in open, as is evident from the teachers associations collecting some of the highly controversial faculty members as their office bearers? You yourself may see the track record of persons nominated for the post of President and Vice President. The Vice President in doing his PhD for last 23 years and the President is known for highly erratic acts and behaviour. **Perhaps the purpose is to settle the personal interests rather than to represent an institution of repute like DCE and a forward looking DTU.**
- 2) The letter written by Sh. Ravishekhar in his capacity as President, Students Council, despite being expelled from rolls of the institution due to alleged misconduct and indiscipline, also indicates hands of the outsiders as well as insiders with ill-motives. Even the language is highly offensive and smells ill-design. **Rather than clarifying his stand on his misconduct and otherwise, he is only interested in the blame game.**
- 3) Some of the students have this apprehension that by upgradation of DCE into DTU, we may loose on the brand value of DCE earned over the years. It may be interesting to note here that DCE was originally established as Delhi Polytechnic and acquired this name much later. **It was due to the academic calibre of the students and hardwork of the faculty and administration that DCE created a brand value for itself. With the same or higher level of commitment, we can definitely create a bigger and better brand name of DTU as well.** We have already it experienced to some extent in past eight months as DTU. Recruiters do not come to an institute because of what it is called but because of the quality of education imparted and capability of its students and here DCE or DTU do not lag behind. And in any case, DTU has not disassociated itself from DCE and is proud of its chequered history.
- 4) **The whole agitation has become more personal than issue based.** It was expected to happen so because the issues were not defined with clarity nor were discussed threadbare within student body, except with a mob mentality/agitated mind-set.

- 5) We appreciate the right to agitate, if any wrong is done, but **we fail to appreciate that one agitates first and then not even opens a dialogue with the concerned university authorities.** The absence of proper memorandum till date, clearly stating the issues by the agitating students speaks volumes about lack of responsible leader which the enlightened student community of DTU deserves.

We hope you have gone through the clarification published in DTU Times dated March 7, 2010 to settle your anxieties on faculty shortage, placements and infrastructure.

Remember that issue of central and state university does not hold ground since DCE was DCE and ahead of many central universities and same is with the case of DTU even today. Check for yourself the placement record of central universities and compare it with DCE/DTU this year. Also look at the performance of our students at national and international design competitions and compare it with central universities in the country.

Lastly we feel that there is a reason to return to normal classes and appear in mid-semester exams to be held from March 15, 2010, as it is our own interest that we need to protect and this will only protect the interest of our alma mater. Remember that the authorities have said that they are open for dialogue, which is highly important in a democratic set-up and can satisfy our anguish and solve problems, if any.

We appeal to you to go through what we have said in earlier paragraphs and take the appeal of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor issued yesterday with all seriousness into consideration before making your choice.

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