

PRESS RELEASE

BHU & IIT (BHU) MEETING DISCUSSES STUDENT SECURITY CONCERNS

- **EXPRESSES COMMITMENT TO ENSURING SAFETY OF STUDENTS ON THE CAMPUS**
- **TO TAKE IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES INCLUDING ENHANCED SURVEILLANCE, ELABORATE CCTV COVERAGE AND LIGHTING ON THE ROADS**

VARANASI, 05.11.2023: A joint meeting of BHU and IIT (BHU) administration was held on Nov 5, 2023, and discussed at length the comprehensive security concern of the entire BHU campus. During the meeting, that lasted for more than three hours, both the administrations agreed to strengthen security of the campus in a coordinated manner and expressed strong commitment to put all the efforts and resources to ensure the peaceful living of the entire campus. The meeting attended by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sudhir Kumar Jain, Director, IIT-BHU, Prof. Pramod Kumar Jain, and other top functionaries of the institutions discussed and resolved the following:

1. Both the administrations are working aggressively on augmentation of the CCTV surveillance in the campus. In this regard, appropriate help from the Varanasi Smart City Limited is being taken to ensure early implementation of the state-of-the-art CCTV surveillance facility in the campus. The Varanasi Smart City Limited has already conducted initial survey in this regard.
2. Campus Street lighting is being improved immediately. The work is already in progress and in the next two days there would be proper lighting on each of the streets of the campus.
3. Campus security barriers and check posts are being strengthened and strict enforcement of security protocol are being ensured round the clock.
4. All the seven gates of the campus are being under strict check from 10 PM to 5 AM to restrict the entry of anti-social elements.
5. IIT (BHU) as well as BHU both have Women's Grievance Cell. Both the institutions will work to strengthen their respective cells and more participation from the students would be encouraged and ensured. They will also review GSCASH provisions within seven days and see what improvements are needed in the functioning of Women's Grievance Cell.
6. A joint committee consisting of faculty members of both the institutions has also been formed. It would coordinate and work together to ensure a safe environment for students on the

campus. The joint committee will directly report to the heads of both the institutions. The committee is chaired by Prof. Royana Singh (Dept. of Anatomy, IMS) and co-chaired by Prof. Rajesh Kumar Upadhyaya (Chemical Engineering, IIT-BHU). Prof. Lalit Mohan Agrawal (IMS, BHU) and Prof. R K Singh (Electrical Engineering, IIT-BHU), have been named members of the joint committee.

7. Members present unanimously resolved that having a boundary wall will not solve the security problems of IIT (BHU) premises. They also discussed the challenges of constructing a boundary wall for the IIT premises. It was unanimously agreed upon that in the current situation, in which many faculty buildings and other units/services such as hospital, sewage system, power/water supply, post office, roads leading to the campus, entry gates etc. are jointly shared, it is not feasible to isolate/divide the campus with a boundary wall. Both the institutions reiterated their commitment for ensuring safety of students in the campus as a whole and to take necessary measures as and when needed.
8. All the students and community of the entire campus are requested to extend their cooperation in the safety measures being taken and follow the rules, regulations and protocols.

Finally, it was resolved that all the points mentioned above will be implemented in full force with immediate effect. Further, efforts will also be taken to ensure the sustainability of the same for the long term.

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