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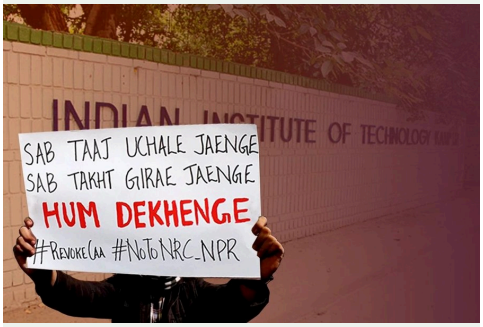
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IIT Kanpur Student Expresses Regret Over Faiz Recitation

Original reporting by **Swati Goel Sharma**

An IIT Kanpur student expressed regret after reciting Faiz Ahmed Faiz's Hum Dekhenge at a December gathering in solidarity with Jamia students. The inquiry chair said the panel examined conduct and responsibility for inflaming tempers. It recommended counselling for five teachers and six students.



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THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- The recitation took place on 17 December at a campus gathering held without permission, where participants assembled to express solidarity with Jamia students.
- The faculty complainant interpreted the disputed lines as calling for the destruction of idols and for Allah alone to be worshipped.
- The committee report named five teachers and six students for conduct it called "less-than-desirable" and recommended that the institute counsel them.
- Deputy director and inquiry chair Manindra Agarwal said the panel sought to establish why tempers had flared and who bore responsibility. He said some media reports had misdescribed its remit.

THE TAKEAWAY

The student expressed regret over the recitation, and IIT Kanpur's committee recommended counselling for five teachers and six students over their conduct.

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