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IIT Kanpur Sets Up Disciplinary Panel After Jamia Event

Original reporting by **Swati Goel Sharma**

IIT Kanpur's director said a December 2019 Jamia solidarity event had gone ahead without permission and announced a committee empowered to take disciplinary action. A faculty complaint, signed by 15 students, objected to the recitation of lines by Faiz Ahmed Faiz at the event.



A photograph of the 'solidarity with Jamia students' event held in IIT Kanpur on 17 December

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- Mechanical engineering faculty member Vashi Sharma submitted a mobile video of the 17 December protest to the director. The video was retweeted over 8,500 times within a day.
- Sharma's central objection was to lines by Faiz that he read as calling for the destruction of idols and insisting on the worship of Allah alone.
- The deputy director emailed staff and students, asking them to refrain from inflammatory posts, articles and speeches on campus and on social media.
- Sharma told the correspondent on 21 December that the IIT Kanpur administration had provided security to him and some students.

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