

Annexure 2

DENIAL OF PERMISSION/DISRUPTION OF EVENTS ON CAMPUS

This table covers instances when seminars have been disrupted or cancelled, often at the last minute, due to fear of campus violence. In several cases, permission has been denied by university administrations after speakers have been invited. Most of the disruption has come from the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), the student wing of the RSS, but there are also a couple of cases of left wing no-platforming. The targets have long been seminars on human rights related with Kashmir or Naxalism, but many events that engage with issues of democracy, constitutionalism and human rights have also been banned. Sometimes it is the theme which invites a ban, but often it is speakers who are known to be critical of the ruling BJP government who are disinvited. This table covers mostly public central universities; we have not been able to access information on state universities or private colleges. The table is not exhaustive.

S. No.	Year	Place	Speakers	Subject of talk	Nature of Action	Source
1.	April 2010	Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)	JNU Forum against War on People	Cultural program" held against the Centre's 'Operation Green Hunt' against the Maoists	NSUI + ABVP disrupted the event along with supporters of the Youth For Equality, protested against holding such a meeting days after 76 security personnel were killed in Dantewada, Chhattisgarh	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/clash-in-jnu-over-promaoist-meet/

2.	August 2010	JNU	Tarun Vijay, RSS Kashmiri students assaulted by ABVP	ABVP organized a public meeting on Kashmir	Kashmiri students were assaulted by ABVP when they objected to wrong historical facts presented at the event by ABVP and Tarun Vijay, the speaker. Vijay called the protesting students stooges of Osama bin Laden.	http://twocircles.net/2010sep05/saffron_assault_kashmiri_students_jnu.html Note: ABVP took out a march hailing the violence of security forces in Kashmir.
3.	January 2012	Symbiosis Univ, Pune	Sanjay Kak Film-maker	Screening of <i>Jashn-e-Azaadi</i> , a documentary on Kashmir, as a part of a 3-day national seminar on 'Voices of Kashmir'	Screening stopped by ABVP calling the film 'separatist'	https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/in-jaipur-replay-university-bows-to-abvp-film-fatwa/article2840515.ece
4.	August 2013	Film & Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune	Kabir Kala Manch, (KKM), theatre group; Anand Patwardhan film-maker	Screening of <i>Jai Bhim Comrade</i>	ABVP thrashed FTII students and labeled KKM members as Naxalites	https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/abvp-thrashes-ftii-student-for-not-saying-jai-narendra-modi/article5053110.ece
5.	March 2014	English & Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad	Arundhati Roy writer	Talk on " <i>Fractures of Indian Ideology Reimagining Democracy and Redrawing Resistance</i> "	Permission denied No reason given	https://www.countercurrents.org/tiss210115.htm

6.	December 2014	ILS Law College, Pune	Anand Patwardhan	Screening of <i>Ram Ke Naam</i>	Students organizing the screening first cited the threats they had received as the reason for the cancellation but the organizers later refused to accept this claim	https://scroll.in/article/697400/screening-of-anand-patwardhan-film-called-off-suddenly-at-pune-college-festival
7.	February 2015	Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai	Dibyesh Anand, University of Westminster	Talk on “Deliberating Kashmir: Beyond AFSPA and Chutzpah”	Event interrupted by the director of the institute himself. Permission was denied after the start of the event despite all adherence to administrative procedures	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/uk-prof-authorities-disrupted-my-kashmir-speech-at-tiss-seminar/
8.	August 2015	Azam Campus, Pune	Indresh Kumar, the convenor of Muslim Rashtriya Manch, an RSS affiliate	Event on Muslim Women	Pune Muslims and students objected to inviting Indresh, an Ajmer bomb blast accused, but did not disrupt the event.	http://twocircles.net/2015aug30/1440877425.html
9.	January 2016	Allahabad University	Siddharth Varadarajan, <i>The Wire</i>	Lecture on ‘Democracy, Media and Freedom of Expression’	ABVP threatened violence if Varadarajan entered the campus so on police advice the VC canceled the lecture. Varadarajan was later gheraoed by ABVP in the VC’s office and needed a police escort to leave.	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/lucknow/abvp-gheraos-v-cs-office-cops-escort-journalist-out-of-allahabad-university-campus/

10.	February 2016	Gwalior, Bal Bhawan	Vivek Kumar, Sociologist JNU	Talk on “Baba Saheb Ke Sapno Ka Bhartiya Samaj” (Baba Saheb’s Vision of Indian society) as a part of a symposium	Reported as clash between BJYM (RSS) and Ambedkar Yuva Morcha; BYJM described Vivek Kumar’s speech as ‘provocative and anti-national’	https://scroll.in/latest/803954/jnu-professor-attacked-by-protesters-from-bjp-youth-wing-in-gwalior
11.	February 2016	JNU	Kanhaiya Kumar, Umar Khalid, Rama Naga, Anirban; 8 Kashmiri students	‘A country without a post office’, the anniversary of hanging of Afzal Guru	ABVP claimed that anti-national slogans were raised during the event; Kanhaiya, Umar, and Anirban were jailed, and charged with sedition.	https://thewire.in/rights/despite-scs-stance-on-sedition-charge-slapped-on-jnus-kanhaiya-kumar-others
12.	March 2016	Central University Jharkhand	M.N Panini, JNU	Lecture on “Challenges of Nation Building in a Global Age”	Lecture called off under ABVP pressure, and the following claims were cited: 1) Prof. Panini being a JNU professor. 2) Rumored to be the academic advisor of Kanhaiya Kumar.	https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/academics-with-jnu-pedigree-find-their-speeches-cancelled/article8375155.ec Note: Prof. Shrey Bhattacharjee who invited him was suspended.

13.	March 2016	Delhi University	Prof. Chamanlal invited by Ahwan (Student Group)	Lecture on the writings of Bhagat Singh	15 ABVP students gathered at the event and started shouting slogans even before the lecture had begun. They also abused the Professor for being 'anti-national'	https://www.telegraphindia.com/india/traitor-mud-at-bhagat-singh-lecture/cid/1515356
14.	May 2016	Jadavpur University	JU Students	Clashes broke out between Left-leaning students and activists of RSS student wing ABVP after the campus screening of Vivek Agnihotri's film "Buddha in A Traffic Jam"	West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh on Saturday described "Jadavpur University female students as "shameless". The women filed molestation charges against ABVP activists	http://twocircles.net/2016may14/1463242416.html
15.	Sept 2016	Central University of Haryana	Snehsata Manav, Manoj Kumar, English dept.	Performance of the play "Draupadi" in memory of Mahasweta Devi who passed away in July	ABVP burnt effigies and staged protests, mobilized army men from neighbouring villages, filed a police complaint and demanded sedition charges. Two teachers were reprimanded. According to the ABVP, the play is 'anti-national' as it shows Indian soldiers in poor light	https://thewire.in/freedom-of-expression/abvp-central-university-haryana-draupadi

16.	January 2017	Hyderabad Central University (HCU)	Radhika Vemula and other students	1 st death anniversary of Rohith Vemula, a student whose suicide sparked demands for an end to caste discrimination in univs	Rohith Vemula's mother Radhika arrested by the police from HCU	https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/rohith-vemula-s-mother-students-arrested-as-protest-rocks-hyderabad-varsity/story-GcU38sGVp1ftvVWNlgLMDL.html
17.	February 2017	Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur	Nivedita Menon Rajshree Ranawat	Conference on "History Reconstructed through Literature: Nation, Identity, Culture"	Rajshree Ranawat (RR) was suspended for inviting Nivedita Menon (NM); police complaint filed against RR for hosting the conference, NM for alleged anti-national remarks on Kashmir and soldiers	https://scroll.in/article/829656/debate-is-vital-for-change-says-jodhpur-professor-suspended-in-the-latest-nationalism-controversy
18.	February 2017	Aligarh Muslim University	Shehla Rashid	Social Media post	Student body filed a police complaint and canceled a meeting in which she was invited.	http://twocircles.net/2017feb20/405011.html

19.	February 2017	Ramjas College, DU	SGTB Khalsa College Dramatics Society	Street Plays	The ABVP-led Delhi University Students' Union issued threats to SGTB Khalsa College for allegedly anti-national themes of some of the plays at its street theatre contest	https://scroll.in/latest/830178/ramjas-college-protests-drama-festival-called-off-amid-fears-of-more-campus-violence
20.	February 2017	Ramjas, DU	Umar Khalid Shehla Rashid	Seminar on "Cultures of Protest"	ABVP protested against inviting JNU student leaders Umar Khalid and Shehla Rashid to speak at the seminar; thrashed students and faculty inside college for being 'anti-national'; when people protested against ABVP the next day, they were violently attacked with police complicity	https://thewire.in/politics/delhi-university-ramjas-abvp
21.	2017	Lady Shri Ram College, DU	Kamla Bhasin, Arundhati Roy and Dilip Simeon	Seminar on "resistance and democracy"	Denied permission as the speakers' list contained "unwanted" names	https://www.sundayguardianlive.com/news/8642-principals-not-keen-left-leaning-seminars

22.	March 2017	Panjab University, Chandigarh	Seema Azad, Prof. Jagmohan Singh	Discussion on 'the rise of fascism'	PU canceled the meeting; but SFS managed to hold the meeting under enormous pressure; 61 students including the Students for Society (SFS) president arrested	https://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/force-to-reckon-the-students-for-society-surge-on-panjab-university-campus/story-ob311FjkJ9lcnkpW12Ve8L.html
23.	March 2017	MS University Baroda	Prof. Ghanshyam Shah (organizer)	Workshop on the "Reading the Margins: Politics of Caste and Social Movements in India"	Official: "No particular reason" Unstated: Threat of disruption by ABVP	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vadodara/msu-gets-cold-feet-on-politics-of-caste-workshop/articleshow/57525339.cms
24.	May 2017	IIT Madras	R. Sooraj, student	Beef Festival	Ambedkar- Periyar Study Circle's member R. Sooraj attacked allegedly by members of Sangh Parivar for being "anti-Hindu"	https://thewire.in/food/iit-madras-student-attacked-for-participating-in-ban-festival
25.	August 2017	Delhi School of Economics, DU	DU Conversations and Sumangla Damodaran (AUD)	Celebrating 70 years of Democracy	Citing security reasons ahead of the then upcoming DUSU elections, the Chief security officer of DU referred to ABVP threats	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/fearing-protests-by-political-parties-du-conversations-about-democracy-ii-krishna-unrest-cancelled-by-dse/articleshow/60206795.cms

26.	Sept 2017	IIT Madras	Adhik Kadam, Nandini Sundar, Stalin K	Lectures on Social Equity	Admin told the NSS organisers that the speakers were “controversial” and canceled the event	https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/did-iit-madras-cancel-speakers-social-equity-because-speakers-were-controversial-68413
27.	Sept 2017	Jamia Milia Islamia (JMI)	Faculty from DU and JNU	Panel on “Shrinking Democratic Spaces in Universities”	Permission declined by authorities on the grounds that the speakers were from outside despite initial assent.	https://indianexpress.com/article/education/jamia-cancels-event-students-say-to-ld-they-cannot-invite-speakers-from-outside/
28.	Sept 2017	Allahabad University	Prof. Satish Deshpande and others	Jashn-e-Samvidhan	Permission denied on the grounds that it was “anti-national”.	https://scroll.in/article/851066/did-allahabad-university-cancel-an-event-for-fear-that-it-was-like-anti-national-program-me-in-jnu
29.	October 2017	Kirori Mal College, Delhi	Nakul Singh Sawhney	Screening of ‘Izzatnagari ki Asabhya Betiyan’	The event’s permission was withdrawn by the HoD citing “technical faults.” The students alleged that the HoD was told by a senior member of the university administration that the film was “controversial” and should not be shown.	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/kirori-mal-college-students-not-allowed-to-screen-film/articleshow/61192887.cms?from=mdr

30.	January 2018	Mumbai	Jignesh Mevani, Umar Khalid	Programme held by 'All India Students Summit 2018'	Police denied permission for the event, students not allowed entry into hall	https://www.indiatoday.in/pti-feed/story/permission-denied-to-mevani-event-students-detained-1122195-2018-01-04
31.	January 2018	Panjab University, Chandigarh	Prof. Apoorvanda	Talk on "The Last Battle of Gandhi"	ABVP disrupted the talk	https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/archive/chandigarh/gandhi-s-last-battle-was-against-majoritarianism-prof-apoorvanda-534421
32.	April 2018	JNU	Centre for Philosophy, JNU; Indian Council for Philosophical Research (ICPR) seminar	Philosophy seminar called off	ICPR called off the seminar because papers were about Adivasi religion (The RSS considers adivasis Hindus)	https://thewire.in/education/objecting-to-papers-on-ativasi-religion-government-body-cans-philosophy-meet
33	July 2018	St Stephens College DU	Mamata Banerjee, CM West Bengal	Talk By Mamata Banerjee to the Bengali Literary Society, St Stephens College	Talk scheduled for August 1 cancelled by college authorities citing protocol issues	https://www.nationalheraldindia.com/india/st-stephens-does-a-u-turn-withdraws-invitation-to-mamata-banerjee

34.	July 2018	DU	DU Youth Magazine Launch Congress MP Rajeev Gowda, The Wire's Siddharth Varadarajan and Prof Apoorvandan	The formal launch of a magazine produced by Delhi University students and an accompanying event titled, ironically, 'Dialogue on Freedom of Expression'	ABVP students opposed the release of the magazine, claiming Congress officeholders had misused the students' union.	https://thewire.in/education/delhi-university-cancels-dialogue-on-freedom-of-expression-after-abvp-protest
35.	July 2018	MS Univ, Baroda	Kunal Kamra	Comedy show canceled	Cancelled for being "anti-national"	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ahmedabad/anti-national-content-vadodara-ms-university-cancels-show-by-comedian-5270514/
36.	August 2018	Osmania University	Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader	Denied visit	Telangana Congress and student organisations were initially granted permission to host Gandhi, the permission was later withdrawn and the administration cited security reasons	https://indianexpress.com/article/india/osmania-university-rahul-gandhi-visit-cancel-5300784/
37.	October 2018	BHU	Students	Notice from IIT BHU	Circular issued by admin warning of disciplinary action against people who shout slogans, hold protests, meetings or demonstrations	https://sabrangindia.in/iit-bhu-students-act-against-disciplinary-notice-administration/

38.	Nov 2018	AMU	The Drama Club, A unit of AMU's cultural center	Controversy over poster of a play	Play on the Partition of India cancelled. Complaint filed by BJP's MP Singh.	https://www.newsclick.in/controversy-over-poster-play-amu-play-cancelled
39.	February 2019	SRCC, Delhi	Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty (journalist), research scholar, trade unionist, and activist from Assam Nayan Jyoti, independent researcher Leki Thungon and Delhi University Prof Amrapali Basumatary	Why is the Northeast Protesting – panel discussion	Cancelled by Administration: “We were told that they received information about the possibility of violence on campus if the event was to take place. We were also told that there was no balance in our panel and all our speakers had the ‘same bent of mind’”	https://www.news18.com/news/india/srcs-northeast-cell-event-on-cao-cancelled-due-to-unavoidable-circumstances-students-shocked-2470557.html
40.	April 2019	IIT Madras	Sunil P Ilayidom Writer and critic	‘Art, Culture and Politics – Possibilities of a New Kerala’ – a lecture	Cancelled by IIT Madras authorities claiming that ‘political discussions’ were not allowed on campus.	https://www.edexlive.com/news/2019/apr/10/iit-madras-cancels-sunil-ilayidom-lecture-to-avoid-political-discussions-around-election-time-5747.html
41.	August 2019	Presidency University, Kolkata	Anand Patwardhan	Screening of ‘Ram Ke Naam’	Permission denied by the administration	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/kolkata/presidency-university-students-screen-ram-ke-naam

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42*	August 2019	University of Hyderabad	G. Haragopal	Public talk organized by the Students' Federation of India (SFI)	Talk disrupted by security personnel on the grounds that SFI did not have the admin's approval for the event.	https://www.thenewsmminute.com/article/students-accuse-uni-hyd-blocking-discussions-after-article-370-revocation-107388
43*	August 2019	University of Hyderabad	All India Students Association (AISA)	Screening of <i>Ram Ke Naam</i> , a documentary on the VHP's role in the Babri Masjid demolition	Police barged into campus, confiscated a laptop belonging to AISA, and detained six students for screening the documentary. Claimed that students did not have requisite permission from the admin; students alleged that permission had initially been granted and was revoked at the last minute.	https://www.thenewsmminute.com/article/police-stop-screening-ram-ke-naam-documentary-university-hyd-detain-students-107548
44*	August 2019	University of Hyderabad	G. Vijay and four other faculty members	'Kashmir: 370 and Beyond'-- a panel discussion on the abrogation of Article 370	Permission was revoked 45 minutes before the program was to begin; no explanations were provided. The police and RAF appeared at the event site.	https://caravanmagazine.in/politics/university-of-hyderabad-kashmir-students-protest
45.	October 2019	Gulbarga University	Kanhaiya Kumar, former JNUSU President	'Responsibility of Youth in Protecting Indian Constitution'	VC withdrew permission, section 144 imposed Oral orders from the Department of Higher Education and the government	https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/kanhaiya-as-talk-at-gulbarga-university-called-off-after-oral-orders-from-govt/article29693727.ece

46.	December 2019	Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD)	AUD Student Council (Karampur a campus)	Screening of “ <i>Ram Ke Naam</i> ”	Permission declined for being “anti-Hindu”	https://www.thequint.com/news/india/abvp-disrupts-screening-of-ram-ke-naam-in-ambedkar-uni
47.	December 2019	Pune	Students	Firodiya Karandak, inter-college performing arts competition, Pune	New rules framed to prohibit plays that deal with ‘sensitive’ issues like religion, India’s relationship with Pakistan, Kashmir, Babri Masjid	https://www.firstpost.com/living/short-lived-ban-on-political-plays-at-recent-competition-underscores-marathi-theatres-past-brushes-with-censorship-7794781.html
48.	December 2019	IIM Bangalore	Students	Shoe Satyagraha	Not allowed to protest against CAA so the students kept their footwear instead in the protesting space.	https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/shoe-satyagraha-iim-bengaluru-use-footwear-to-register-caa-protest-defy-sec-144-admin-orders-1629895-2019-12-20
49.	January, 2020	TISS, Mumbai	Ambedkar Student Association	‘Dalit Women Speak’ event	“Put on hold till semester end” according to the administration. Students term it as suppression.	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/activities-on-tiss-campus-curbed-say-students-body-admin-claims-put-on-hold-till-semester-end-6305266/
50.	January 2020	IIT, Kanpur	5 teachers and 6 students who recited a poem.	Recitation of the poem “Hum Dekhenge” by Pakistani poet Faiz in solidarity with the students of Jamia Millia Islamia	The students who participated were counseled by the probing panel and were told that “the time and space were not appropriate for the poem”	https://thewire.in/rights/faiz-ahmad-faiz-iit-kanpur-hum-dekhenge

51.	January 2020	South Asian University (SAU), Delhi	An informal students' forum, the SAU Research Association	A discussion on the new citizenship regime titled "Dark side of democracy: Explaining CAA NRC/NPR"	Institution's acting president, A.V.S. Ramesh Chandra, tried to dissuade them from holding a discussion saying it would be unfair because "India gives you <i>rotis</i> "	https://www.telegraphindia.com/india/you-live-by-roti-alone-not-cao/cid/1741328
52.	January 2020	Bangalore University, Karnataka	Students called Chaudrashekar Azad for a lecture on 'India on the Move towards Constitutional Crisis'	Gauri Memorial Lecture	Canceled on grounds that the hall was already booked; even though they had taken Rs 17,700 booking charges earlier.	https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/karnataka/2020/jan/29/bu-refuses-permission-bhim-army-chief-chaudrashekar-azad-event-called-off-2095999.html
53.	January 2020	IIT, Bombay	Students	Anti CAA protest	The institute's director asked them not to protest	https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/after-director-s-directive-anti-cao-protest-continues-at-iit-bombay/story-bABKyySe5Wsl43bEvv9FZO.html
54.	February 2020	Rajasthan College, Jaipur	Sitab Sharma, teacher Noman Khan, student	Debate on CAA	Guest teacher and host student got into a heated debate in a cultural fest. After the event, the police came and detained the student.	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/teacher-student-spat-over-cao/articleshow/73944177.cms

55.	February 2020	Visva Bharati University	Prabhat Pattnaik	Lecture on Economy linking it with Fascism	Cancelled by the authorities at the last moment	https://www.telegraphindia.com/india/patnaiks-lecture-on-fascism-put-on-hold/cid/1746177
56.	February 2020	IIT Kharagpur	Science Education Group, a group of research scholars at the IIT	Panel discussion on “Understanding Citizenship”	Permission denied	https://www.telegraphindia.com/states/west-bengal/iit-accused-of-denying-nod-to-talk-on-caa/cid/1744682
57.	February 2020	Calcutta University (CU)	Aishe Ghosh	“Calcutta University Save Autonomy Save University Forum” a lecture	Permission denied	https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/kolkata-calcutta-university-denies-permission-for-seminar-featuring-jnus-aishe-ghosh-2179801
58.	February 2020	Constitution Club of India	Discussion on how hate crimes can be prevented.	An event organized to remember and honour Nirbhaya	ABVP disrupted the event for their politics.	https://m.thewire.in/article/politics/watch-asha-aur-nirasha-nirbhaya-abvp/amp
59.	February 2020	TISS, Mumbai	Professor Tejal Kanitkar (Ex-TISS professor)	Chairing the Bhagat Singh Memorial Lecture	Not allowed to chair the lecture by the institute’s administration that said Kanitkar had no academic publications related to the theme. Kanitkar was, however, also invited to deliver a lecture on “The Idea of India”.	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/activities-on-tiss-campus-curbed-say-students-body-admin-claims-put-on-hold-till-semester-end-6305266/

60.	February 2020	Modern College, Pune	Tushar Gandhi	Commemoration of the 150th anniversary of M.K. Gandhi	The College was forced to cancel the scheduled program due to a threat letter from extremist Hindutva organisation 'Patitpavan'.	https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2020/feb/07/following-threat-from-hindu-outfit-pune-college-cancels-tushar-gandhi-lecture-on-mahatma-2100299.html
61.	February 2020	TISS, Mumbai	Anand Patwardhan	Screening " <i>Ram Ke Naam</i> "	Event canceled "to maintain peace and harmony in campus" as stated by the administration.	https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/tiss-students-banned-from-screening-documentary-on-ayodhya-on-campus/story-MBgvgzJdgBAOOBN6sutSGN.html
62.	February 2020	TISS	Hyderabad University Professor Hoineilhin g Sithlou	A Talk on "Food, culture, identity and Northeast India"	No reason was cited for cancelation of the talk and the students were merely told that no external speakers are allowed. Apart from this lecture, ten events were abruptly canceled from Jan 2020 to March 2020 citing no reasons.	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/activities-on-tiss-campus-curbed-say-students-body-admin-claims-put-on-hold-till-semester-end-6305266/

63.	February 2020	National Institute of Design, NID Ahmedabad	Mallika Sarabhai (Dancer)	Convocation	Though the convocation was postponed indefinitely due to “unforeseen circumstances”, several sources allege that it was postponed as Mallika Sarabhai was invited as the chief guest for the event. She has been critical of the government and specially the PM since his days as the Gujarat CM	https://mumbaimirror.indiatimes.com/mumbai/cover-story/nid-puts-off-convocation-after-inviting-modi-critic-sarabhai/articleshow/73919024.cms
64.	February 2020	AUD	Prakash Karat (CPM General Sec)	A talk on the Citizenship (Amendment) Act.	He was not allowed to enter the campus. “Election code violation” was presented as the reason	https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/prakash-karat-stopped-from-entering-aud/article30629202.ece
65.	March 2020	TISS, Mumbai	Jana Natya Manch	Launch of book, Halla Bol & Performance by Jana Natya Manch	Permission denied	https://pbs.twimg.com/media/EST8qFAUUAQ-kJM?format=jpg&name=medium
66.	March 2020	TISS Mumbai	JNU Prof. Joy Pachau	A research methodology workshop and a public talk on “Identity formation in the multi-ethnic region	Cancelled stating that the event needs to be conducted in collaboration with a school of the institute and not independently	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/activities-on-tiss-campus-curbed-say-students-body-admin-claims-put-on-hold-till-semester-end-6305266/

67.	2014-20	BHU, AMU, DU, AU	Women Students Movement	Pinjra Tod movement	Movement against curfew timings for women and lack of library access to women in certain universities . It has faced several disruptions by ABVP.	https://feminisminindia.com/2017/02/23/pinjra-tod-ian-sunwai/ https://thewire.in/politics/amu-vc-puts-off-resignation-of-provost-who-accepts-students-charges https://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/row-in-amu-over-no-library-access-to-women-undergrads/ https://www.hindustantimes.com/mumbai-news/no-night-curfew-at-mumbai-university-girls-hostels-students-rebuff-abvp-s-move-to-claim-credit/story-3pJPGIOob61RPXin6UWeDM.html https://indianexpress.com/article/education/mumbai-university-allow-us-to-access-library-after-11-pm-say-girl-students/
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68.	February 2021	Ramanujan College, DU	Sumail Sidhu, former Asst. professor, DU	Lecture on 'From Baba Farid to Singhu Border: The making of Punjabi radical tradition', its relevance to the farmer's protests.	Cancelled ten minutes before it was scheduled, administration claimed technical issues	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/talk-cancelled-ex-du-teacher-slams-college/articleshow/80901285.cms
69*	March 2021	Delhi University	Nodeep Kaur and others	Women's Day event organized by the Bhagat Singh Chhatra Ekta Manch	Disrupted by ABVP activists; some attendees allegedly roughed up.	https://www.telegraphindia.com/india/abvp-disrupts-nodeep-kaurs-womens-day-event/cid/1808904
70*	October 2021	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Ather Zia	'Gendered Resistance and Fresh Challenges in Post-2019 Kashmir'-- webinar organized by the Centre for Women's Studies	Administration canceled the talk on grounds of being 'objectionable and provocative', also alleged that organizers had not taken permission for the event.	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/jnu-cancels-webinar-on-kashmir-event-sees-backlash-on-social-media-7598139/
71*	November 2021	Banaras Hindu University		Webinar organized by Urdu Department	Department was forced to withdraw the poster for the webinar after ABVP and other right-wing student organizations protested against Urdu poet Iqbal's photograph in the poster. Department apologized for their 'mistake' and released a revised poster with a photo of Madan Mohan Malaviya instead.	https://thewire.in/education/bhu-abvp-protest-led-to-withdrawal-of-urdu-dept-poster-bearing-iqbal-photo-hod-apologises

72*	March 2022	Delhi University	Prashant Bhusan	Talk on 'Challenges to the Indian Constitution', organized by students of Campus Law Centre (CLC)	Cancelled twenty minutes before the event was to start. Notice issued by the Dean of Law Faculty cited 'unmanageable behaviour of the students' as the reason. Bhushan, however, alleged that university authorities had informally told the organizing students that the talk would not be permitted.	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/dus-law-faculty-cancels-prashant-bhushan-talk-at-last-minute-cites-student-unrest-7837953/
73*	April 2022	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai	Sujat Ambedkar, journalist and activist, grandson of B.R. Ambedkar	Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations organized by the Ambedkarite Students' Association (ASA)	Event called off by ASA after the administration refused permission for Sujat Ambedkar to attend. Admin stated that outsiders were not permitted to enter the campus for student events; the ASA alleged that several outsiders had been permitted entry in the preceding weeks. Called the admin's move 'deeply humiliating, discriminatory, and casteist'.	https://thewire.in/caste/tiss-ambedkar-jayanti-sujat-ambedkar
74*	April 2022	Ambedkar University, Delhi		'Peace March' organized by the Students' Federation of India (SFI) to express solidarity with victims of violence and evictions in Jahangirpuri.	Event disrupted by university authorities; SFI activists alleged that students were pushed around, posters and placards were torn, and barricades were erected to stop the protest. Admin claimed that the march had to be discontinued as a precautionary measure after 'outsiders' were	https://www.news18.com/news/education-career/sfi-alleges-ambedkar-university-administration-disrupted-peace-march-5039821.html

					spotted.	
75*	May 2022	Aligarh Muslim University		Literary Festival organized by the University Debating and Literary Club (UDLC)	University authorities canceled the third and final day of the festival citing “law and order concerns”; organizers were locked out of the venue. UDLC members alleged that the administration was uncomfortable with the topics of discussion and the speakers invited; AMU spokesperson denied this allegation.	https://thewire.in/rights/amu-litfest-cancelled-on-third-day-authorities-claim-law-and-order-concerns
76*	May 2022	Madan Mohan Malaviya University of Technology, Gorakhpur	Zabylla, Indonesian DJ	‘Tech Srijan 2022’, annual cultural event of the university	Claiming that Zabylla was a ‘porn star’ and that her performance at the fest was ‘obscene’, 30-35 ABVP activists stormed the campus. Half a dozen people—including both university students and ABVP activists— were injured in the clash that ensued. ABVP filed a police complaint against university students and professors, accusing them of ‘attempted murder, assault, rioting, robbery and kidnapping’. The VC of the university termed ABVP’s allegations as baseless and an attempt at defamation.	https://thewire.in/rights/abvp-mmmut-gorakhpur-indonesia-dj-zabylla-obscene

77*	May 2022	Osmania University, Hyderabad	Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader	Discussion with students	University administration refused to grant approval citing that “non-academic activities are not allowed on campus”.	https://thewire.in/politics/with-osmania-university-not-permitting-rahul-gandhis-campus-visit-political-uproar-ensues
78*	July 2022	Delhi University	Kanchana Yadav and others	Public meeting to commemorate Phoolan Devi on her 21st death anniversary	Delhi Police did not allow the meeting to proceed on the grounds that Section 144 had been imposed; detained 15 people including students and faculty members.	https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/phoolan-devi-event-du-teacher-students-detained/article65683216.ece
79	October 2022	Delhi University		Miranda House College Fest	Students of Delhi University’s all-women college Miranda House alleged that several men who climbed the college walls and gates to attend a fest on campus on October 14, cat-called at the women, groped some of them, and engaged in sexist sloganeering. Videos corroborating the same were shared on social media with an FIR for ‘trespass’ later being filed.	https://thewire.in/rights/delhi-miranda-house-students-allege-men-scaled-walls-harrassed-women-at-diwali-fest
80	December 2022	Asian College of Journalism (ACJ)	A.G. Perarivalan	Lecture titled, “The Denial of Justice and A Quest Unfinished”, described as “Perarivalan’s story of struggle”	Asian College of Journalism (ACJ). began receiving “threats of vandalism”. Shifted online, the organizers, Project 39A at NLU Delhi started receiving	https://theprint.in/india/nlu-cancels-lecture-by-rajiv-gandhi-assassination-convict-perarivalan-over-threats/1265547/

					threats and hence the lecture was canceled.	
81	December, 2022	The Indian Institute of Technology ,Bombay	Various	Conference title “ Cultures of the Political Left in Modern India”	Directive from the IIT Bombay director to cancel the conference last minute.	https://news.careers360.com/iit-bombay-forced-cancel-conference-on-cultures-of-political-left-after-director-order
82	January 2023	Jawaharlal Nehru University	-	BBC documentary, India: The Modi Question on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Gujarat riots	JNU administration had cut off electricity supply to prevent the screening of BBC documentary. Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) pelted stones during the screening on mobile phones, and a police complaint has been filed.	https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/bbc-documentary-row-power-cut-at-jnu-students-allegedly-attacked-10-points-101674606234182.html
83	January, 2023	Delhi University	-	BBC documentary, India: The Modi Question	Permission denied by the administration. Section 144 was imposed outside the gate screening was then disrupted when the students gathered there.	https://www.outlookindia.com/national/bbc-documentary-bhin-army-student-federation-calls-for-screening-in-delhi-university-permission-denied-news-257096

84	January 2023	Jamia Millia Islamia	-	BBC documentary titled India: The Modi Question	Delhi Police detained 13 students before the screening. Security was heightened, with the deployment of local staff and paramilitary personnel. Police had also called for anti-riot gear and stood guard at almost all gates. Many students were not allowed to enter the college after noon.	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/delhi-news-live-updates-mcd-mayoral-polls-aap-bjp-8400445/
85	January, 2023	Presidency University	-	BBC documentary titled India: The Modi Question	Disruption created by cutting off electricity	https://www.outlookindia.com/national/high-drama-in-presidency-university-during-screening-of-bbc-documentary-on-gujarat-riots-news-257349
86	March, 2023	Jawaharlal Nehru University	-	-	The Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) administration has imposed penalties for dharnas and protests. The 10-page document 'Rules of Discipline and Proper Conduct of Students of JNU' stipulates that students can have their admission cancelled or might have to pay a fine of Rs 20,000 for staging demonstrations.	https://www.thequint.com/news/education/jnu-fines-new-rules-penalties-expelled-for-protest-dharnas

87	March, 2023	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Bombay	Harsh Mander	Bhagat Singh Memorial Lecture	Harsh Mander, a human rights activist, was denied permission to speak at Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai for the Bhagat Singh Memorial Lecture. The cancellation followed a Ministry of Home Affairs recommendation for a CBI inquiry into Mander's NGO, Aman Biradari, for alleged Foreign Contribution Act violations. The Progressive Students' Forum accused TISS administration of imposing last-minute restrictions just a day before the event.	https://maktoobmedia.com/india/harsh-mander-denied-permission-to-speak-at-tiss-mumbai-for-bhagat-singh-memorial-lecture/
88	May 2023	Jawaharlal Nehru University	-	Maha Panchayat in solidarity with protesting wrestlers	A section of Jawaharlal Nehru University students on May 28 alleged that the varsity authorities "prevented" them from taking part in the 'Mahila Maha Panchayat' by ramping up security on campus.	https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/prevented-from-attending-mahapanchayat-in-wrestlers-support-claims-section-of-jnu-students/article66903870.ece
89	May 2023	Jawaharlal Nehru University	-	Discussion on Manipur Violence	Hours before a discussion on the Manipur violence organised by a student group was set to begin at Jawaharlal Nehru University, the administration said no permission was taken for the same	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/discussion-jnu-manipur-violence-admin-no-permission-taken-8617067/

					and advised that it be cancelled. The student group, called the Collective, had scheduled the discussion on the “socio-cultural context of the ongoing crisis and the role of the state” at JNU’s Ganga Dhaba, as per their pamphlet.	
90	August 2023	Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore	Teesta Setalvad	Talk on ‘Communal Harmony and Justice’	Attempt to block the event last minute. Students who came to attend the talk were denied entry.	https://www.telegraphindia.com/india/iisc-bangalore-bid-to-block-teesta-setalvads-speech-on-harmony/cid/1959432
91	August 2023	Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore	Natasha Narwal and Devangana Kalit	Discussion on the ‘Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, Prisons and the Criminal Justice System	There was a last-minute cancellation on the grounds that the organisers should have sought permission from the institute administration and not just the department.	https://indianexpress.com/article/education/your-actions-have-damaged-iiscs-reputation-scientists-and-academics-protest-cancellation-of-discussion-on-uapa-8698246/
92	August 2023	Delhi University’s Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education (CPDHE)	Manoj Jha	Lecture on ‘Political Social Work: New Opportunity for Practice	Mr. Jha, who is a professor in the Department of Social Work, DU, said the CPDHE had on August 18 extended an invite to him, but later informed him that it has been cancelled “due to unavoidable circumstances”.	https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/manoj-jha-says-du-cancelled-his-lecture-demands-probe-university-says-rescheduled/article67253308.ece

93	September 2023	Mangalore University	Shamsul Islam	Lecture on the First War of Independence in 1857, focusing on joint sacrifices and joint succession.	Members of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) staged a protest on the Mangalore University campus opposing the lecture.	https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/abvp-opposes-mangalore-varsity-lecture-of-professor-who-criticised-pm-modi-2433370-2023-09-09
94	November 2023	Indian Institute of Technology ,Bombay	Achin Vanaik	A Lecture on the Israel-Palestine conflict	IIT-Bombay cancelled the lecture "due to unforeseen circumstances".	https://www.businesstoday.in/latest/trends/story/iit-bombay-cancels-prof-achin-vanaiks-lecture-on-israel-palestine-conflict-heres-what-happened-405033-2023-11-08
95	January 2024	Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA)		109th Indian Science Congress (ISC)	The Union Science and Technology ministry “dissociated” itself from the ISC and denied any government funds to the event. It is being considered an outcome of efforts by the government to undermine the ISC’s conference while in parallel promoting an alternative conference, the India International Science Festival (IISF), an annual flagship event of Vijnana Bharati.	https://www.telegraphindia.com/india/government-pulls-plug-on-indian-science-congress-association-rashtriya-swayam-sevak-sangh-swadeshi-science-eclipses-109-year-old-conference/cid/1992084

96	February 2024	Bengaluru	Nitasha Kaul	Conference on 'The Constitution and Unity of India'	Immigration authorities deported the academic to London after a 24-hour long wait at a holding cell.	https://thewire.in/rights/nitasha-kaul-kashmiri-academic-uk-deported-denied-entry-karnataka
96	April 2024	Pune University	Students, Rajkumar Tangade, Nandu Madhav	Shiv-Phule-Shahu-Ambedkar joint anniversary festival	A university committee overseeing a four-day festival underway at Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) declined students permission to stage a play entitled 'Shivaji Underground in Bhimnagar Mohalla'. The event was scheduled according to the birth anniversaries of anti-caste figures Phule and Ambedkar, beginning on April 11 for the former and concluding on April 14 for the latter. The critically acclaimed play 'Shivaji Underground in Bhimnagar Mohalla' written by Rajkumar Tangade is a criticism of political parties using the name of Shivaji for their own political gains. It portrays Shivaji as a figure who was not bound to religious and caste	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/pune/sppu-students-declined-permission-play-shivaji-9264928/

					affiliations but open to progressive ideas.	
97.	April 2024	Delhi University	Students, faculty, and invited guests	Poetry reading session titled "Let us hear a Palestinian word"	A poetry reading event on the Palestinian crisis which was scheduled to be held on Monday, April 15 was cancelled by Delhi University without specifying any reason, as per the organisers. The organisers of the event – titled 'Let us hear a Palestinian word' – Delhi University professors Apoorvanand and Arjumand Ara said that the programme was to be held on March 22 and permission for the same was granted by the Delhi University Estate Section on March 19. Renowned poets and translators like Ashok Vajpeyi were invited.	
98.	August 2024	Ambedkar University	Nandita Narain, invited guest	Talk on caste and gender in educational institutions.	Ambedkar University on Friday refused entry to former DUTA president Nandita Narain on campus for a talk on gender and caste based discrimination in educational institutes, prompting the faculty members to organise the event outside the main gate, the varsity's faculty association alleged. Narain was invited by the	https://theprint.in/in-dia/ambedkar-university-professors-held-talk-on-casteism-outside-entry-gate-after-speaker-denied-entry/2236221/

					Ambedkar University Delhi Faculty Association (AUDFA) to deliver an address on the occasion of an ongoing protest by them against their several long-standing issues, including alleged “punishment transfers” of faculty, demotion, and discrimination, among others.	
99.	August 2024	JNU	Students	March to the education ministry to press for their demands, including an increase in scholarship amounts	The JNU Students’ Union (JNUSU) had appealed to the students to participate in the march as part of an ongoing hunger strike on campus, which entered the 13th day on Friday. One of the main demands of the union is increasing the amount under the merit-cum means (MCM) scholarship scheme. The scholarship is provided to meritorious students with parental income of less than ₹2.5 lakh a year. The JNUSU has demanded that the amount be increased to ₹5,000 from ₹2,000 a month.	https://www.telegraphindia.com/india/delhi-police-stop-jawaharlal-nehru-university-students-march-to-education-ministry/cid/2043137

100.	September 2024	Delhi University	Jakob De Roover	Workshops at Delhi University's Department of English (within the framework of a government of India-funded project) titled "Indian-European Entanglements"	Professor De Roover was invited to lead workshops under a government-funded project titled "Indian-European Entanglements", aimed to explore how European narratives about India often reflect more about European self-perception than about Indian reality. This contestation disturbed the students who began to defend the statement as a truth about their own society. These doubts were to be tackled by the professor in the following workshop, scheduled on 28th August. The workshop never took place. The head of the department, Anil Kumar Aneja, told De Roover that the upcoming lecture was cancelled owing to "the lack of availability of venues". It was later revealed that his cancellation was because of external pressure to censor what was claimed to be an anti-India sentiment. He was informed by his colleagues that the university administration had called for an	https://dubeat.com/2024/10/05/belgian-professor-accuses-delhi-university-of-tagging-him-anti-india-delhi-university-responds/ https://scroll.in/article/1072956/why-a-professor-from-belgium-was-branded-anti-india-after-delhi-lecture-on-18th-century-dutch-text#:~:text=They%20went%20ballistic%20about%20statements.a%20sprinkling%20of%20spirituality%20and
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					examination of the recordings of his workshops to investigate the matter of the lectures. Professor Jakob De Roover accused members of the executive council of Delhi University's Teachers Association (DUTA) of circulating messages that misrepresented his academic intentions as portraying India in a negative light.	
101.	October 2024	JNU	Ambassadors from Lebanon, Palestine, and Iran	Talk on Palestine and conflict in West Asia	Jawaharlal Nehru University's Centre for West Asian Studies recently cancelled three seminars focused on the ongoing conflict in West Asia, citing "unavoidable circumstances". The seminars were set to feature addresses by the Iranian, Palestinian, and Lebanese ambassadors to India. It also announced the cancellation of a seminar on November 7 with Palestinian Ambassador Adnan Abu Al-Haija regarding Palestine, as well as a November 14 session with Lebanese Ambassador Dr Rabie Narsh that focused on Lebanon. A Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)	https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/why-did-jawaharlal-nehru-university-jnu-cancel-three-seminars-by-lebanon-palestine-and-iran-diplomats-101729831365709.html https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/pressured-to-cancel-seminars-by-iran-palestine-lebanon-envoys-jnu-prof-9659118/

					professor has filed a complaint with the administration claiming she was “pressured to cancel” three seminars, of which she was the coordinator, on the ongoing conflict in West Asia that were to be addressed separately by the Iranian, Palestinian, and Lebanese Ambassadors to India last month. Professor Sima Baidya, who was the seminar coordinator, was replaced last month by a junior colleague by the Centre’s chairperson, Sameena Hameed.	
102.	November 2024	Gurugram University	Prof. Zoya Hasan	Talk on Palestine	On November 12, Gurugram University’s department of political science and public policy was to host a talk on the agenda – ‘Palestinian Struggle for Equal Rights: India & Global Response’ by Zoya Hasan, professor emerita, centre for political studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). However, on November 10, Hasan received a call from that organisers that the talk had been cancelled without a date of postponement.	https://thewire.in/rights/gurugram-university-cancels-talk-on-palestinian-struggle-by-jnu-professor-zoya-hassan

103	April 2025	Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune	Deepali Salve, Nazima Parveen, Smita M Patil, among other academics	series of talks to celebrate Ambedkar's anniversary	Following protests by the ABVP against the "presence of members affiliated to the tukde tukde gang", IISER dropped the speakers that had already been invited and approved.	https://scroll.in/latest/1081235/pune-institute-drops-speakers-from-event-after-abvp-alleges-links-with-tukde-tukde-gang
104	May 2025	Kerala University and University of Calicut	Syeda Saiyidain Hameed	Kerala University: discussion on Pahalgam attack. Calicut University: session titled "Kashmiriyat and Hyper-Majoritarianism,"	Vice-Chancellors of the two institutions cited national security concerns, with the acting Vice-Chancellor of Kerala University, Mohanan Kunnummal, labelling the session "anti-national."	https://maktoobmedia.com/india/kerala-calicut-university-vice-cs-cancel-kashmir-pahalgam-seminars-call-them-anti-national-students-protest/
105	May 2025	Delhi University	Student outfits: Fraternity Movement, Bhagat Singh Chhatra Ekta Manch, and AISA	Pro-Palestine protest march saw clashes with the ABVP that deemed the march "anti-national"	The march saw clashes with the ABVP that deemed it "anti-national".	https://bestcolleges.indiatoday.in/news-detail/clashes-erupt-during-pro-palestine-protest-march-3628
106	August 2025	Visva-Bharati University	Jean Dreze	Lecture on Amartya Sen	Often at the centre of controversies, West Bengal's Visva-Bharati university has once again made headlines – this time for disallowing a lecture on Nobel laureate Amartya Sen from being held in its library auditorium. The lecture was organised by a Bengali little	https://thewire.in/education/viswa-bharati-denies-permission-for-a-lecture-on-nobel-laureate-amartya-sen

					Magazine, Anustup, and was scheduled to take place on August 14. The lecture was to be delivered by renowned economist Jean Dreze, the Hindu reported. The magazine had recently published a special issue on Sen in collaboration with the university's Department of Economics and Politics and the A.K. Dasgupta Centre for Planning and Development	
107	August 2025	St Xavier's College, Mumbai	Fr Prem Xalxo, SJ	The Stan Swamy Memorial Lecture	The Stan Swamy Memorial Lecture, which was earlier cancelled by St Xavier's College, will now be hosted by two social organisations - Samanvaya and People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL). The lecture will be delivered by the same speaker, Fr Prem Xalxo, SJ, associate lecturer, faculty of theology at Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, and on the same topic titled 'Migration for livelihood: Hope amidst miseries', which was planned for the original event. The cancellation at St Xavier's College followed a protest	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/cancelled-stan-swamy-lecture-to-be-held-online/articleshow/123512214.cms

					letter from the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), a student organization affiliated with the RSS, opposing the lecture.	
108	September 2025	IIT-BHU Varanasi	Gauhar Raza	‘Confluence of Literature, Science and Consciousness’	Indian scientist, poet and social activist Gauhar Raza was set to address an event organised by the Lit Club of IIT-BHU (Varanasi) on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, but it was abruptly called off due to “unavoidable circumstances.” The event, titled ‘Confluence of Literature, Science, and Consciousness’, was intended for Raza to engage with students and other attendees online via Google Meet, focusing on the intersection of literature, science and social consciousness. The event was planned to commence at 6 PM, but Gauhar Raza received notification of its cancellation in the morning that same day	https://thewire.in/politics/gauhar-razas-event-at-iit-bhu-cancelled-organiser-says-under-lot-of-pressure
109	September 2025	Mumbai	Former Professor and activist V K Tripathi		Former IIT Professor and activist V.K. Tripathi was stopped by the Maharashtra police in Dharavi on Saturday (September 27) as he was distributing pamphlets carrying message of non-violence and solidarity with Gaza.	https://thewire.in/rights/v-k-tripathi-stopped-in-mumbai-from-distributing-pamphlets-carrying-message-in-solidarity-with-gaza

					A group of 22 cops stopped Tripathi at the T junction, seized his bundle of leaflets and told him that he cannot distribute pamphlets without prior permission.	
110	October 2025	Mumbai	Dr. Anand Teltumbde		The Bombay High Court on Wednesday expressed it was not inclined to permit Dalit rights activist and academic Dr. Anand Teltumbde, an accused in the Elgar Parishad–Bhima Koregaon case, to travel abroad for academic assignments. Following this, Teltumbde withdrew his plea seeking permission to travel to the UK and Amsterdam to deliver lectures and attend seminars. A bench of Justices Ajey Gadkari and Ranjitsinha Bhonsale noted that he could either deliver the lectures virtually or not go at all. The court took note of the objections raised by the National Investigation Agency’s (NIA) that Teltumbde may abscond if allowed to travel to Amsterdam and the United Kingdom. “Give virtual lectures. Or don't go,” the bench remarked.	https://www.freepressjournal.in/mumbai/elgar-parishad-case-bombay-hc-reserves-order-on-bail-plea-of-former-du-professor-hany-babu

111	October 2025	Government Higher Secondary School, Kumbbla		Kalolsavam	On a day when activists around the world marked an International Day of Action for Gaza, a school in Kasaragod's Kumbbla found itself at the centre of a storm - over a mime performance that expressed solidarity with Palestine. The two-day Kalolsavam (arts festival) at Government Higher Secondary School, Kumbbla, was suspended after a teacher brought down the curtain during the final moments of a mime, in which students held a photo and a soft toy symbolising the suffering of Palestinian children under Israeli bombardment. The incident, which occurred on Friday evening, triggered violent protests from student organisations and prompted an inquiry by the government	https://www.onmanorama.com/news/kerala/2025/10/04/protest-erupts-kasaragod-school-palestine-themed-mime-cut-short.html
112	October 2025	Punjab University		Seminar on Guru Teg Bahadur's martyrdom anniversary	Uncertainty prevails over a seminar proposed to mark Guru Teg Bahadur's 350th martyrdom anniversary at Panjab University on Monday, with students claiming they were denied permission from the authorities and the university maintaining that proper	https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/chandigarh-news/permission-dispute-puts-guru-teg-bahadur-event-at-panjab-university-in-limbo-101761508286469.html

					procedure for approval was not followed. Meanwhile, invites for the seminar, announced by Sath Party and PU Campus Students Council (PUCSC) vice-president Ashmeet Singh, have already been circulated, with Student Centre set as the venue. Ashmeet alleged that the permission was denied due to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) influence within PU. He also alleged that he was harassed when he put up Jaswant Singh Khalsa's picture in his official room.	
113	October 2025	Delhi School of Economics	Dr Namita Wahi	DSE Friday Colloquiums: Seminar on 'Land, Property and Democratic Rights'	An academic seminar scheduled as part of one of the longest-running colloquiums at the Delhi School of Economics (DSE) has been cancelled on the directions of the administration of Delhi University, under which the DSE functions. The seminar, titled 'Land, Property and Democratic Rights,' had been organised as part of the Department of Sociology's 'Friday Colloquium' series. It was supposed to take place tomorrow,	https://thewire.in/education/delhi-university-delhi-school-of-economics-seminar-changes-to-right-to-property-andini-sundar

					October 31. The speaker, Dr. Namita Wahi, a senior fellow at the Centre for Policy Research, was scheduled to speak on constitutional changes and judicial interpretations of the right to property.	
114	January 2026	IIT Delhi		Critical Philosophy of Caste and Race (CPCR): Celebrating 25 Years of Durban: Indian Contributions to Combatting Caste and Racism	Earlier this week, the Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, decided to initiate a probe into an academic seminar held between January 16 and 18, following a social media uproar from Hindutva supporters against what it believed was a contentious and malevolent comparison between race and caste. The conference, titled ‘Critical Philosophy of Caste and Race (CPCR): Celebrating 25 Years of Durban: Indian Contributions to Combatting Caste and Racism’ was intended to be what most academic seminars are – a gathering of academics, activists, and authors to discuss both similarities and differences between the two forms of discrimination. But, above all, it was a platform that was in its third such edition and intended to bring together scholars who have closely worked with people affected by	https://thewire.in/education/iit-delhi-critical-philosophy-caste-race-durban-fact-finding-committee-hindutva-outrage

					various forms of discrimination.	
115	January 2026	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence (SMVDIME)			The National Medical Commission (NMC) withdrew its letter of permission to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence (SMVDIME) to run a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) programme on 6 January 2026. While the NMC cited “non-compliance of minimum standards,” the decision follows protests by Hindu right-wing organisations over 42 Muslim candidates from Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), qualifying for the first batch of students, out of a total of 50 advertised seats. The entire chain of events surrounding the closure of the medical college in J&K has dire implications for not just the secular credentials of the institutions involved but also for the state of minority rights and social justice.	https://www.epw.in/journal/2026/4/editorials/withdrawal-permission-systematising-exclusion.html
116	January 2026	School constructed in Dhaba village, MP			A portion of a school under construction in Dhaba village of Madhya Pradesh’s Betul district was bulldozed by authorities on Tuesday following a campaign alleging that the	https://maktoobmedia.com/india/in-mp-muslim-man-builds-school-in-tribal-dominated-area-authorities-demolish-it-calling-it-a-madrasa/

					structure was an unauthorised madrasa, leaving students and parents who were expecting to enrol there anxious about their education. The school was being built by resident Abdul Naeem, who invested nearly ₹20 lakh from borrowed money and family savings to construct a private school for students from nursery to Class 8. On Sunday, the panchayat issued Naeem a notice ordering demolition, citing a lack of permission. After villagers protested, the panchayat issued a no-objection certificate (NOC) on Monday. The sarpanch later stated that she had received no complaint alleging that the structure was an unauthorised madrasa.	
117	February 2026	St Thomas College	Vinod K Jose	A lecture on “State of Indian Democracy”	Journalist Vinod K Jose, the former editor of The Caravan magazine, said on Tuesday that he was disinvited from a college event in Kerala’s Pala town. Jose was scheduled to speak on the “State of Indian Democracy” at St Thomas College on Thursday, as part of the institute’s annual TC	https://scroll.in/latest/1090484/journalist-vinod-jose-disinvited-from-delivering-speech-on-democracy-at-kerala-college

					Thomas Endowment Lecture.	
118	February 2026	Mumbai University	Naseeruddin Shah	Jashn-e-Urdu	Veteran actor Naseeruddin Shah was disinvited from the Jashn-e-Urdu event organised by Mumbai University's Urdu department, which was scheduled for 1 February. The university informed Shah on the night of 31 January that he need not attend, without providing a reason. The event proceeded without his participation, and the university announced to attendees that Shah had refused to be present. According to Deccan Herald, Shah expressed disappointment over the disinvitation, stating that teaching and engaging with students had been among the most rewarding experiences of his career. He questioned the university's decision and linked it to his public criticism of the current political climate, noting that the official reason for his exclusion was not explicitly stated.	https://www.thequint.com/news/breaking-news/naseeruddin-shah-disinvited-mumbai-university-event#read-more

119	February 2026	Azim Premji University (APU)	-	The 1991 Kunan-Poshpora mass-rape incident in Kashmir.	Approximately 20-strong ABVP mob targeted a discussion organised by the student group 'SPARK-APU' concerning the 1991 Kunan-Poshpora mass-rape incident in Kashmir. According to a report, the group vandalised campus property, including the university plaque, and assaulted students. Testimonies included in the report describe a terrifying atmosphere where students, specifically those wearing hijabs or skull caps, were chased or beaten by the mob.	https://www.deccanherald.com/india/karnataka/fact-finding-report-slams-azim-premji-var-sity-for-targeting-students-over-abvp-mob-violence-4004855
120	March 2026	SNDT Women's University	Uma Chakravarti	The sixteenth Neera Desai Memorial Lecture (NDML)	The sixteenth Neera Desai Memorial Lecture (NDML) at SNDT Women's University, scheduled to be delivered by eminent feminist historian Prof. Uma Chakravarti on March 14, has been abruptly cancelled just a day after its announcement, triggering confusion and controversy within India's feminist and academic circles.	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/sndt-neera-desai-memorial-lecture-uma-chakravarti-cancelled-10569211/
121	March 2026	University of Delhi	-	Iftar Gathering	An Iftar gathering scheduled for Wednesday evening at the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi (DU), was called off on Tuesday after the DU administration issued a notice	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/iftar-gathering-called-off-day-before-event-as-du-bans-cultural-programmes-on-campus-10590114/

					prohibiting all cultural events within the premises “until further notice”. The event, ‘Dawat-e-Iftar’, was scheduled to be held at 6 pm at Umang Bhawan, according to a poster circulated by students.	
122	March 2026	University of Delhi	-	-	The University of Delhi has issued a strict directive tightening norms for organising events across its colleges, making prior approval mandatory and holding organisers accountable for maintaining order and discipline on campus. In a notice dated March 23, the university said that "no event shall be organized without prior permission of the competent authority," stressing that colleges must seek approval in advance before conducting any programme.	https://www.ndtv.com/education/no-events-without-prior-approval-delhi-university-issues-strict-new-rules-for-college-events-11255325
123	March 2026	Karnataka State Open University (KSOU)	-	Three-day conference on Hindutva ideologue Deendayal Upadhyaya	The State government has directed banks to freeze the accounts of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), where a three-day conference on Hindutva ideologue Deendayal Upadhyaya commenced on Wednesday in defiance of official instructions to cancel the event. KSOU Vice-Chancellor	https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/conference-on-deendayal-upadhyaya-begins-despite-cancellation-directive-govt-orders-freeze-on-ksou-accounts/article70785065.ece

					Sharanappa V. Halase participated in the inaugural function of the conference, which was attended by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, who is also Chancellor of the University	
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