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Visva-Bharati condemns the publication of a fabricated story based on an anonymous post in Facebook. Without ascertaining the authenticity of the post, the local newspapers printed the story which is an act of irresponsibility. The university never tolerates harassment and humiliation of any student and especially for our girl students, we take special care to protect their dignity and mental peace. This anonymous post is a fake one and the university has specific mechanisms to deal with the cases of harassment if they are genuine and Visva-Bharati follows a zero-tolerance policy in this regard.

With regard to those who have already been punished by the official law enforcement agency, the university has already taken steps following due process of law. Let it be made clear that those who are proved to have committed such an offense, Visva-Bharati will not wait a minute to adopt steps to punish the wrongdoers as per the legal stipulations.

This is also a request to the editors of local print and visual media to be a little careful in publishing such a story. It will not only defame Visva-Bharati and its teachers and students, but also the stakeholders who really love this great institution. Our request is not to publish these types of concocted stories to unnecessarily rattle those who are steadfastly committed to this globally reputed centre of learning. The request is further made because a false or fabricated story shall be a source of worry not only to the guardians who have sent their kids to the university and also the students of this institution. Visva-Bharati is a pride not only for India but also for humanity as a whole.

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