

The student leadership in our public universities, especially at the UoN, was a melting pot for great national leadership. Over the years, the government and universities have systematically weakened the unions by influencing elections. What is your take on this?

One must look at the calibre of leadership in terms of eras. Across the world, leaders of great repute, by the sheer magnanimity of the challenges they then faced, rose to the challenge and immortalised themselves by contributing to giant leaps of both country and humanity.

These eras come and go and it's tempting to imagine that leaders of eras characterised by calm and progress have made little contribution to humanity. If one were to look at leaders across the country, one would see that many of these leaders are alumni of the university who cut their teeth during their days in student leadership irrespective of the mode of election.

The delegate system is a time-tested method that ensures diversity in leadership as well as other important factors that would be lost in free-for-all elections. This method is employed in most well established political parties. A majoritarian system, for all its touted greatness, excludes the uptake and application of good ideas and ideals.