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Jawaharlal Nehru University

Press Note

JNU Entrance Examinations, 2018-19

The Jawaharlal Nehru University is gearing up to hold the entrance examinations for the academic year, 2018-19 to its various undergraduate, graduate, M. Phil and PhD programmes. Unlike in previous years, the JNU Entrance Examinations, 2018-19 will be conducted during 27-30 December 2017. While the Academic Council had much earlier approved the proposal for holding the JNUEE in December, the current administration set up a committee to deliberate upon academic, logistic and other dimensions of the issue and decided to conduct it in the current year for admissions in 2018.

JNU has 10 schools that contain 41 diverse centres of studies and 5 special centres of studies. The JNU EE is thus a mammoth exercise aimed at selecting the best of minds from across the country. Simultaneously, special reservations, as per Government of India rule, are made by JNU to select students with great potential from various marginalized sections of the society.

The JNU Entrance Examination was advertised on 9 September 2017; prospectus was uploaded on the JNU web site on 15 September 2017 and the final date of application was 17 October 2017. Significantly, more than 105, 000 candidates will sit for the examination in 131 fields of study. The number of candidates has substantially increased compared to last year when the total number of candidates was 73, 725—this is an increase of about 170 per cent. Moreover, the number of intake for M. Phil/PhD seats this year is 720 and that is more than 80 per cent increase-- compared to last year in spite of the fact that JNU has adopted the 2016 UGC Gazette Notification, 2016 on M. Phil/PhD admissions. The recruitment of faculty is in full swing. Thus the number of M. Phil/PhD research seats will further increase in coming years as new faculty join the university. The university has earmarked 81 examination centres in various cities and towns encompassing all the states and union territories of the country and another centre in Kathmandu.

The Admission branch of the university will depute more than 200 teaching and non-teaching staff to all the centres for smooth and fair conduct of the JNU Entrance Examinations. A flying squad will also be deployed to hold surprise checks in select centres to ensure fairness of the examinations.

It is noteworthy that the results of the JNU Entrance Examinations, 2018-19 will be announced in April 2018 and the registration of students will commence in July 2018. This will give ample time for the selected students to prepare for joining JNU for pursuing their higher studies.

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