

# **JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY**

## **Press Note**

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Jawaharlal Nehru University categorically rejects the reports in certain sections of media alleging discrimination against Ph.D. aspirants from marginalized sections of the society. As per the Admission Policy adopted by the University, every SC/ST/PWD candidate who qualifies JNU Entrance Examination for PhD admissions is called for viva voce irrespective of the number of seats available for admission in their respective categories. Whereas, students from other categories who qualify the JNU entrance examination for PhD admissions are called in a particular ratio depending upon the number of seats available for admission in their respective categories. This amply reflects the concern and commitment of the university to the cause of the students from the marginalized categories in providing an opportunity to every qualified SC/ST/PWD candidate.

The members of the PhD Selection Committees who conduct the viva voce are not provided with the information regarding the categories of the candidates in order to eliminate any bias and prejudice whatsoever. The Observers belonging to reserved categories are appointed invariably to ensure that no discrimination is done to the candidates during the viva voce. The university strictly implements reservation policy of the Government of India for admission into various programmes of studies.

The university follows a fair, transparent and inclusive admission policy which is the foundation of its proven academic excellence.



Director Admissions