

# JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

## PRESS NOTE

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In collaboration with National Testing Agency (NTA), JNU is conducting its entrance examination, for academic year 2019-20, in 127 centres, instead of 70 centres earlier, to provide better accessibility to students from across the country.

The decisions related to admissions policy and procedures were the result of serious deliberations and their adoption in the statutory bodies, such as the Academic Council and the Executive Council in the university.

The Academic Council of JNU in its 141<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 20 October 2016 vide resolution no. 10 adopted the UGC Regulation (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of M. Phil/PhD Degrees), dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016. This recommendation of the Academic Council was endorsed by the Executive Council in its 266<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 22 November 2016.

The Academic Council in its 144<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 1 December 2017 decided to approve that the M. Phil/PhD program be delinked from each other and both these programmes would run separately as M. Phil and PhD stand alone programmes. It also approved to dispense with the lateral entry into the B.A. (Hons)/B.A. (Pass) programmes in the School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies from the Academic Year, 2019-20.

In addition, the Academic Council in its 146<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 13 July 2018 decided to hold online computer-based entrance examinations for admission into various programmes of studies in JNU.

JNU administration would like to reiterate that the decisions that are being implemented in the University are result of democratic processes and approvals by the highest statutory bodies of the University following considerable debate and discussion.

In fact, JNUTA office bearers, time and again tried to scuttle such processes. One such example was during the 149<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting held on 12 Feb-2019 when JNUTA office bearers irresponsibly obstructed the entry of academic council members by brazenly inciting the students.

The demands made by JNUTA officer bearers and some self-styled students are nothing but politically motivated stunts. The establishment of Internal Complaints Committee is mandatory for all educational institutes based on UGC Gazette Notification dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016. The admission policy of M. Phil and PhD is based on UGC Gazette Notification dated 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 which is mandatory for all Universities. The adoption of computer based entrance test by JNU is a result of long debates and discussions by the heads of academic units, faculty members and statutory bodies of the University.

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The use of modern technology and Computer Based Test (CBT) with Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) makes the entrance examination very objective and discrimination free. As we can see students from across the country are applying in large numbers within 10 days of opening the application portal by National Testing Agency. More than 38 thousand students have already registered on the online portal. By opposing the CBT in nearly 127 cities from across the country, JNUTA office bearers and the self-styled student leaders are playing with the future of thousands of students who would like to access the high quality education available in JNU.

JNU administration is thankful to the larger student, staff and faculty community in JNU who are working hard towards the academic progress and success of the University without falling prey to the falsehood and lies being spread by the JNUTA office bearers and some self-styled student leaders.

The JNU Administration believes that the present hunger strike is being orchestrated with political motives, and, therefore, reiterates the fact that rumours and untruths spread by the highly prejudiced JNUTA office bearers and a few student leaders goaded by them will only damage the reputation of the University and harm the future of thousands of students who aspire to study at JNU.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.



Registrar