

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

Press Note

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The 147th Academic Council Meeting of Jawaharlal Nehru University concluded on the 5th of October 2018 where some important decisions were taken.

Considering the need for online education, JNU has recently created a Special Centre for E-Learning with an aim to offer Certificate, Skill Development and degree programmes in online format in different subjects. As part of this endeavour, the Academic Council passed the proposal of School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies for introduction of three different online courses: M.A. in Sanskrit, Certificate of Proficiency in Computational Linguistics and Certificate of Proficiency in Pali. JNU is working on developing more such online courses in the near future to make the high quality higher education available in JNU to students across the country.

Other notable decisions included adoption of the "UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualification for Appointment of Teachers and Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges, 2018" and "UGC Regulations (promotion of academic integrity and prevention of plagiarism in Higher Education Institutions), 2018."

The Academic Council adopted these regulations and in order to bring JNU's Ordinances in conformity with the UGC Regulations 2018, relevant draft amendments to the existing JNU Ordinances were adopted and the Academic Council decided to form a committee to further fine-tune the Ordinances incorporating relevant suggestions from various Schools and Centres.

The Academic Council further decided that every effort should be made to fill in all the MPhil and PhD vacancies strictly following the Government of India reservation policy.

Also, JNU Student Union's claim that they were not invited to the Academic Council meeting is baseless. The newly elected JNUSU panel is yet to be notified by the relevant body. Further, the JNUSU office-bearers are not members of the Academic Council and are only special invitees to the Academic Council. The outgoing JNUSU office bearers were debarred by the Academic Council from attending the AC meetings owing to their serious misdemeanour and misbehaviour in an earlier Academic Council meeting.



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