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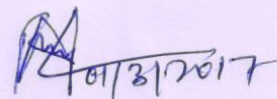
The Vice Chancellor and other senior officials met with students who were agitating against the UGC Notification 2016 in the administrative building after the lifting of the unlawful blockade and explained all their queries.

The principal concerns of the students were regarding the impact of the 2016 UGC Notification on reservation of seats, relaxation of marks, deprivation points given to various categories of students, inclusion of Research Methodology in Entrance Test and the number of students to be admitted in the coming academic year.

All these points were covered by the Vice Chancellor in his replies. First of all, he explained that the UGC Notification is binding on all the universities and there is no scope for alteration or amendments in it. Secondly, he mentioned that the constitutional provisions regarding reservation of seats for various categories of students will not be (cannot be) violated in the admission policy. Third, relaxation of marks given to SC/ST/PWD students will remain in the admission policy of the university. Fourth, the number of quartile districts has actually increased and thus students from more than 30 districts, in addition to the existing list of districts, in India will get deprivation points.

Fifth, it was explained to the students that inclusion of Research Methodology in Entrance Test was not done by JNU Administration; and that it is part of the UGC Notification. It was also clarified that course outline of Research Methodology along with select reading lists will be uploaded for the benefit of the applicants.

Finally, it was explained that the existing number of seats in the B.A., M.A., M.Sc. and M.Tech. Programmes of the university will remain the same. The number of vacancies in the M. Phil/PhD, on the other hand, will depend on vacancies available, as per the UGC rules. The concern of the registered students about their future was addressed clearly by the Vice Chancellor who said that the UGC Notification of 2016 will not be applied retrospectively.


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