

## Resolution of the General Body Meeting

Centre for Indian Languages, SLL&CS, JNU

In the General Body Meeting that was held on 07.02.2018, the students passed a resolution, fully rejecting the mandatory attendance policy rolled out by the administration. The resolution was passed unanimously. As a means to show disapproval of the policy, the students passed another resolution affecting total boycott of attendance by the students, starting on the said date.

The resolutions were passed keeping in mind a number of reasons that serve to discredit the mandatory attendance policy, in principle or as an effective measure for academic improvement. The following grounds were agreed upon unanimously by the students for the rejection:

1. In order to improve academic standards, what is required is good classroom environment, more inclusivity, better academic tools and good pedagogy. Compulsorily holding students in classroom does not lead to any kind of academic excellence. The very principle of attendance is coercion into a straitjacketed way of learning. Students have different ways and pace of learning. Making 75% attendance compulsory does not allow students to explore learning in diverse ways.

2. It is absolutely absurd to expect research scholars who are involved in field works, work in the archives and are also working as employees in other institutions to come to the university every day to sign attendance. Day scholars have to come everyday just to sign. This takes away their time of research and hampers their education.

Hence, the students of CIL state very clearly that they stand in complete opposition to the attendance policy and shall stand against it, and will boycott it indefinitely.

Resolution signed by students of CIL, SLL&CS.

Dated: 07.02.2018

Resolution Passed Unanimously.