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Through: The Dean, SSS

Dear Dr. Singh,

Centre for Women's Studies in its faculty meeting held on 16th January 2018, discussed the circular dated 10th January 2018 regarding attendance system of the students and its implementation. However this was neither in the agenda of the last AC meeting and nor was it passed in the AC. The faculty strongly feels that this should not be imposed in such manner but should have been left to different centres to evolve its own mechanisms pertaining to the academic requirement of each centre.

Centre for Women's Studies has in-built mechanism to ensure students participation, regular class-room interactions, discussion and assignment presentation. Such a process is part of evaluation and grading system of our centre.

With regard to MPhil/PhD scholars who have completed coursework, to expect research scholars to report for everyday attendance would stand in the way of research productivity of scholars. Women's studies is interdisciplinary in its methodology where students have to engage with different and diverse source materials which requires them to go for fieldwork, visit different archives and libraries in different parts of the city. In fact, every month Research Supervisor and Chairperson sign on fellowship forms which certifies their presence and satisfactory progress.

Hence, mechanical mode of attendance would do nothing to enhance learning and critical engagement with the subject.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

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