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Report on the achievements of the University on the completion of one year term after assuming the charge of the office of the Vice Chancellor by Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit

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Today Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit is completing one year term after resuming the charge of office of Vice-Chancellor. With the co-operation from all the JNU fraternity viz. Faculty, Staff and Students, the major achievements of the University are as under:

1.   Faculty and Academics

The backbone and pride of an Academic institution such as ours is the strength of its Faculty. Within the past one year, the University Administration has strengthened a positive & conducive Academic environment of the University by carrying out its core function of coordinating, streamlining, monitoring and evaluation of the Academic development processes in the University. Some of the major highlights in this regards are;

➢ Domain expertise continues to be the principal criteria for CAS, Recruitments and clearing backlogs. Total 44 faculty CAS cases have been completed and promoted to the posts of;

       o Professor   -   16
       o Associate Professor   -   05
       o Assistant Professors (Stage I to II)   -   18
       o Assistant Professor Stage II to III   -   06

➢ 28 new faculty members inducted through open Recruitment as under;

       o Assistant Professor:22; Associate Professor:3; Professors:3;
           ▪ UR:03; OBC:10; SC:05; ST:07; PH:03;

       o Number of faculty positions advertised/re-advertised: 252;
           ▪ Assistant Professor: 38; Associate Professor: 126; Professor:88

➢ Granting of two vacations to the faculty members and students —first since December 2019; (27 June to 9 July 2022) and (1-15 January 2023);

- Towards establishing gender representations. As of 1st February, 2023, 38 Administrative positions are held by women (up from 19 a year ago). This is to ensure women play a leading role in the day-to-day functioning of JNU;
- Applied to be recognized as *Institute of Eminence* (October 2022);
- New academic initiatives:
  - In January 2023, AC approved the setting up of the Special Centre for Tamil Studies;
  - *Framework Agreement with Springer Nature* to publish books of JNU faculty (February 2023);
  - Initiating the process of registering the JNU logo developed in 1986 (January 2023);
- Number of new Programmes introduced: 09.
- MoUs/AoCs:
  - Active MoUs (until January 2023): 65
  - Active AoCs (until January 2023): 13
  - New MoUs signed: 10
  - New AoCs: 05

2. **Students and Campus**

The students of JNU have played an important role in the overall development of the University. Some of the highlights in this regards are:

- Theses/dissertations Submitted
  - PhD: 249; M. Tech: 08; M Phil: 121
- Enforcement of zero-tolerance policy towards violence and gender-insensitivity;
- Resumption of in-person classes after three years (3 August 2022);
- The construction of a special hostel for the northeast students—Barak—is nearing completion;
- An agreement was signed with Jio in December 2022 for making JNU a 5G enabled campus, and the work is in progress;
- Revamping and expansion of terms, conditions and scope of the Security Agency, including a compensatory clause for "any loss due to theft or otherwise on account of negligence."
- Resumption and expansion of healthcare specialists in the campus from November 2022;
- As part of the environmental conservation efforts, there is a noticeable increase in the groundwater level in the campus;
- Expanding the scope of the Health Centre to Health Services and starting an Ayurvedic Centre;

- ➤ Repairing and renovation of academic buildings, hostels and guest houses have started;
- ➤ Major events:
  - o First-time celebration of *Mata Savitribai Phule Jayanti* (3 January 2023);
  - o Gita Jayanti: learning the philosophy, spirituality and way of life (3 December);
  - o Tamil Heritage and Indian Languages week (12-16 December 2022);
  - o Freedom Wall to mark *Azad ki Amrit Mahotsav* (September 2022);
  - o Installation and inauguration of the National Flag in the campus (August 2022).

3. <u>Non-Teaching Employees</u>

Non-teaching employees are the integral part of the university. Their commitment to assist to run the administration smoothly and effectively is noteworthy. Some of the major highlights in this regards are:

- ➤ Senior Administrative positions like Registrar, Finance Office and Controller of Examination were filled on a full-time basis;
- ➤ The processing of the long pending recruitment of non-teaching employees, around 400, has been initiated and is expected to complete shortly. No recruitment of non-teaching employees was done for more than eight years;
- ➤ 25 non-teaching employees promoted to various posts;
- ➤ 04 dependents of the employees, who had expired in harness, were given permanent appointments in the University on compassionate grounds;
- ➤ First-time framing of recruitment rules for non-teaching employees.

4. <u>Finance</u>

- ➤ Financial Inflows

  - o An additional grant of ₹48 Crores from the UGC under the head for non-salary items (June 2022);
  - o Government of Tamil Nadu for "Special Centre for Tamil Studies" ₹5 Crores (December 2022), with an additional commitment of ₹5 Crores;
  - o JNU has applied for a HEFA grant to the tune of approximately ₹494 Crores, from which various academic buildings will be created/modernized in the campus.

5. **Challenges**

- Synchronization of the academic calendar, disrupted since early 2020;
- Completion of Ph.D. submissions delayed due to Covid;
- Modernization of the campus infrastructure;
- Expansion of the implementation of NEP 2020 through more MA programmes in different Schools;
- Increasing the University-Corpus fund from ₹50 Crores to ₹250 Crores;
- Establishing the infrastructure for the new School of Indian Languages and Civilization;
- Increasing the number and quantum of non-NET fellowships through CSR/ philanthropy.

We look forward to your continued support and cooperation for the further development of the University.

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Registrar