

# JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

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The JNU Administration is aghast at the widespread misinformation that is being circulated by a handful of self-styled student leaders of JNU on the JNU Entrance Examination, 2019 and a few other issues.

The messages that are being posted in various social media speak of a 300 percent fee hike in the application form for the JNU Entrance Test. Nothing could be farther from the truth. To keep the record straight, the following table may be browsed through, which would make it clear that there is **no hike in the application fee** and it remains same as the last year's application fee.

| No. of choices | Ph.D., M.Phil, M.Tech., MPH<br>M.A., M.Sc., MCA, PGD |                 |            | B.A. (Hons.) 1 <sup>st</sup> Year and all part-time programmes |                 |            | Foreign Nationals       |
|----------------|--|-----------------|------------|--|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|
|                | General Category/EWS                                 | SC/ST/PWD & OBC | BPL        | General Category/EWS   | SC/ST/PWD & OBC | BPL        |                         |
| For 1 Choice   | Rs. 530/-*   | Rs.310/-*       | Rs. 110/-* | Rs.400/-*  | Rs.265/-*       | Rs. 65/-*  | US\$35* or Rs.2520.00*  |
| For 2 Choice   | Rs.800/-*  | Rs.415/-*       | Rs. 215/-* | Rs.575/-*  | Rs.325/-*       | Rs. 125/-* | US\$75* or Rs.5400.00*  |
| For 3 Choice   | Rs.1000/-*   | Rs.500/-*       | Rs. 300/-* | Rs.750/-*  | Rs.380/-*       | Rs. 180/-* | US\$100* or Rs.7200.00* |

\*Plus GST, as applicable

In collaboration with National Testing Agency (NTA), JNU is conducting its entrance examination in 127 centres, instead of 70 centres earlier, to provide better accessibility to students from across the country. The use of modern technology and computer based Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) makes the entrance examination very objective and discrimination free. However, some self-styled student leaders are bent upon spreading rumours and damage the image of the university. This is highly condemnable.

More condemnable is the lie that the JNU Administration has been illegally altering the admission processes by stopping lateral entry to B.A. second year programmes in the School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies and by de-linking the M. Phil and PhD integrated programmes in the university. The decisions on such reforms were the result of serious deliberations and their adoption in the statutory bodies, such as the Academic Council and the Executive Council in the university.

The Academic Council of JNU in its 141<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 20 October 2016 vide resolution no. 10 adopted the UGC Regulation (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of

M.Phil/PhD Degrees), dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016. This recommendation of the Academic Council was endorsed by the Executive Council in its 266<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 22 November 2016.

The Academic Council in its 144<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 1 December 2017 decided to approve that the M. Phil/PhD program be delinked from each other and both these programmes would run separately as M. Phil and PhD stand alone programmes. It also approved to dispense with the lateral entry into the B.A. (Hons)/B.A. (Pass) programmes in the School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies from the Academic Year, 2019-20.

In addition, the Academic Council in its 146<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 13 July 2018 decided to hold online computer-based entrance examinations for admission into various programmes of studies in JNU.

The decision to stop the lateral entry was based on making all admissions in JNU uniform and the delinking of M. Phil from PhD programme is actually in the best interest of the students, who now can enrol for PhD degree programme directly after M.A. or M.Sc. and can submit their theses in four years. Experience and past practices show how a lot many students who joined the integrated M. Phil/PhD programme often took six or more years to complete their dissertations. During the best years of one's life, completing higher degree requirements at shorter time-frame, can actually enable students to contribute their best to higher education and move on in life.

Another misinformation that is repeatedly being paddled by a handful of self-appointed student leaders is about 80 percent cut in the JNU Library's budget. It has also been wrongfully propagated that students are not getting their merit-cum-means scholarships. The JNU Administration emphasizes that these are outright false and motivated campaign. By dubbing the JNU Entrance Examination, based on 2016 UGC Regulations, as illegal and spreading half-truths about the Library budget, these miscreants appear hell bent on damaging the reputation of the university and discourage hundreds and thousands of student aspirants from various corners of the country from seeking admission in JNU.

These acts are a clear disservice to the society and the JNU Administration appeals to all concerned not to fall victim to such malicious propaganda.

  
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