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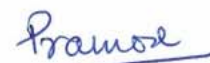
Press Note

The Standing Committee on Admission of JNU met today and deliberated in great detail on a set of recommendations of a Committee, formed by the Vice Chancellor, on the modalities of making the *viva voce* test transparent and discrimination free for admissions into various M. Phil/PhD programmes of the university. The urgent nature of this meeting is due to the forthcoming *viva voce* for admissions into research degree programmes for the year, 2017-18. In view of a long-standing demand of the student community to develop a fair and transparent system of *viva voce*, as part of the entrance test, and to implement the UGC Gazette Notification, 2016 for M. Phil/Ph.D admissions into various universities, the university set up this committee. Unlike the past practice of the university, now the *viva voce* will carry hundred marks.

Earlier the committee recommendations had been communicated to the Deans of Schools, Chairpersons of the Special Centres and all other Centre Chairs. It was also uploaded on intranet of the university for the information of the student community.

The wide ranging discussion in the Standing Committee on each of the five set of recommendations involved a brainstorming exercise. One of the key decisions was to depute a faculty observer from the marginalized section of the university's teaching community in the *Viva Voce* Committees who would be empowered to report to university authorities any incidence of discrimination against a candidate. The minutes of the Standing Committee held today will be circulated to the JNU Community and also be reported to the next Academic Council meeting of the university.

The JNUSU did not send a representative to participate in this meeting, although only three out of four office bearers have been suspended from participating in the university's Statutory Bodies and committees, as per the recommendation of the Chief Proctor.



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