

# **JAWAHARLALNEHRU UNIVERSITY**

## **NEW DELHI– 110067**

### **Report on the achievements of the University on the completion of two years 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 two years after assuming office. With the cooperation from the larger JNU fraternity, namely, Faculty, Staff and Students, some of the major achievements of the University are:

#### **1. Faculty and Academics**

Within the past two years, the Administration has strengthened a positive and conducive academic environment of the University by carrying out its core function of coordinating, streamlining, monitoring, and evaluating the Academic development processes in the University. Some of the major highlights in this regard are;

- Domain expertise remains the principal criterion for CAS, Recruitment, and clearing backlogs. A total of 143 faculty CAS cases have been completed and promoted to the posts of;
  - Professor - 44
  - Associate Professor - 18
  - Assistant Professors (Stage I to II) - 33
  - Assistant Professor Stage II to III - 48
  
- 149 new faculty members were inducted through open Recruitment as under;
  - Professor - 29
  - Associate Professor - 79
  - Assistant Professors - 41
  
  - UR - 54; OBC - 39; SC - 31; ST - 21; PH - 03; EWS - 01
  
  - Number of faculty positions advertised/re-advertised: 336;
    - Assistant Professor: 60; Associate Professor: 161; Professor: 115
  
- Towards establishing gender representations. As of 1 February 2024, 31 Administrative positions are held by women (up from 19 two years 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 since last year:
  - Work in progress for establishment of Special Centres for Odia, Marathi,

- Gujarati and Kannada languages;
- The new JNU logo was launched during the 50<sup>th</sup> Court Meeting on 4 December 2023;
- The process to register the new JNU logo has been initiated;
- MoUs/AoCs:
  - Active MoUs (until January 2024): 32
  - Active AoCs (until January 2024): r04

## 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 regard are:

- Degrees awarded (2022-23)
  - PhD:1, 008; MPhil: 300; M Tech: 83; MA: 1,329; BA: 350; ADOP/DOP/COP: 129
- Degrees awarded (Recognised Institutes) (2022-23)
  - PhD: 204; MPhil: 09; M Tech: 23; MSc: 02; MA: 201; B Tech: 455; B Sc: 346; BA: 185
- 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 getting ready;
- An agreement was signed with Jio in December 2022 for making JNU a 5 G-enabled campus, and the work is nearing completion;
- Resumption and expansion of healthcare specialists in the campus;
- As part of the environmental conservation efforts, there is a noticeable increase in the ground water level in the campus;
- Expanding the scope of the Health Centre to Health Services and starting an Ayurvedic Centre;
- Special Funds from UGC for repairing and renovation of academic buildings, hostels and guest houses have started;
- JNU conferred an Honorary Doctorate to the President of Tanzania Samia Suluhu Hassan, in October 2023
- Continuing major events:
  - Celebration of *Mata Savitribai Phule Jayanti*;
  - Gita Jayanti: learning the philosophy, spirituality and way of life;
  - Tamil Heritage and Indian Languages Week;
  - Freedom Wall to mark *Azad ki Amrit Mahotsav* (ready for inauguration)
  - Installation and inauguration of the National Flag in the campus.

### 3. Non-Teaching Employees

Non-teaching employees are an integral part of the University. Their commitment to assisting in running the Administration smoothly and effectively is noteworthy. Some of the major highlights in this regard 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 has been initiated and is in progress;
- 86 Junior Assistants and 38 Mess Helpers have been appointed;
- 25 non-teaching employees promoted to various posts;
- Four 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. Finance

- Financial Inflows
  - Financial assistance of ₹496 Crore from the Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) for the construction of nearly ten projects;
  - Government of Assam support of ₹10.1 Crore in May 2023 for the establishment of a Special Centre for Assamese Studies and Srimanta Sankardeva Chair at the School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies;
  - MoU signed with the Government of Odisha in February 2024 for the establishment of a Special Centre for Odia Studies (₹10 crore);

### 5. Challenges

- 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 Crore 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.

  
Registrar