

**JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY
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JNU Admissions 2017-18

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1. The media reports, citing opinions of a few JNU students, on number of seats advertised for admission into M. Phil/PhD programmes of the university are misleading.
2. The reason why less number of seats compared to last year in these programmes have been advertised is based on the need to implement the 2016 UGC Gazette Notification "without any deviation", which has also been endorsed by the Honourable High Court of Delhi.
3. Now that the 2016 UGC Gazette Notification is mandatory, readjustment of number of seats in M. Phil/PhD programme is imperative.
4. In accordance with the cap on research seats as per 2016 UGC Regulation, all the available vacant positions have been advertised.
5. The argument that there is seat cut is untenable, since the current strength of research scholars are much higher than the required cap.
6. There are about 800 universities in India that produce about 25,000 PhDs every year and thus on an average about 300 PhDs are awarded by each university annually.
7. Given the above situation, about 200 seats available in JNU for 2017-18 academic year is still a large number in spite of the need to readjust the number of seats to be allotted to research scholars in various fields.
8. Significantly, JNU has advertised about 300 faculty positions this year. After recruitment of these faculty positions, number of seats in coming year for research scholars will substantially increase. The actual number of additional seats, of course, will depend upon the number of posts that will be filled.



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