



Jawahar Lal Nehru University

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The Academic Council of JNU in its 158th meeting held today took several important academic decisions in consonance with the National Education Policy-2020. Academic Council unanimously approved, as per the provisions of JNU Act 1966, establishing a School of Medical Sciences and an attached Hospital with broad and super speciality departments including supporting and non-conventional departments. This School will offer PhD, MD-PhD, MD, MS, DM, MCh and MBBS degree programmes, with an emphasis on modern medicine integrated with traditional medicine and knowledge systems from humanities and Social Sciences. JNU has a strong tradition of basic and applied research in biomedical sciences which will be integrated with the clinical research giving a holistic perspective of the medical sciences.

Another important decision taken by the Academic Council today was the approval of NCC as an Elective Credit Course with theory, practical and camps training spread over six semesters with 24 credits for NCC cadets. So far, NCC was an Extra-curricular activity but now this curriculum will provide an all-round education and personality development for NCC cadets.

The UGC Notifications on Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) and the Exit option after four years of B.Tech in the five-year dual degree program of School of Engineering was also approved in the AC. This decision resonates with recommendations and spirit of the National Education Policy.

Several other academic courses in the various Schools of JNU were also approved including courses in Kannada and Odia languages. The Council approved the recommendations of the committee with regard to implementation of the National Education Policy.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R.P. Singh', written over a white background.

Prof. Rana P. Singh
Rector