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JNU believes in the spirit of democracy and inclusivity and always strived to uphold the same in its functioning. JNU is committed for conducting the student's election as per the Lyngdoh committee recommendations (LCR) and the guidelines of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. According to the clause 6.4.2 of LCR, " ...the elections should be held between 6 to 8 weeks from the date of commencement of the academic session". It is evident that due to Covid-19 pandemic, the academic sessions for different courses commenced from different dates and followed different academic calendars since 2020-21. The same will happen this year as well where we will have different academic calendar for UG/PG and PhD programs (notification dated July 26, 2023 attached).

The elections for student union is conducted for one year, so the participation of students in elections from all the programs admitted in 2023-2024 session should be ensured for the democratic representation. Further, the Lyngdoh committee recommendation vide Clause 6.1.7 clarified that, "*Subject to the autonomy of the universities in respect of the choice of the mode of election, all universities must institute an apex student **representative body that represents all students, colleges, and departments coming under the particular university.***" Therefore, in absence of the prospective PhD students to participate in the elections, both from the voting or contesting the elections would deny their constitutional rights.

Therefore, to ensure participation of all students and in compliance of the LCR, the JNUSU elections for the academic session 2023-2024 will be conducted after commencement of academic session 2023-24 PhD programme.

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All Concerned