



# Clarification by UGC

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On 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017, various news papers have carried the news indicating that UGC is in the process of winding up the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy which is blatantly a false news. The whole news is based on a forged letter. It would have been proper if the press would have confirmed with University Grants Commission before publishing the news item.

University Grants Commission has established Centres for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy in various universities in the Xth Plan on plan-to-plan basis provided these Centres give a satisfactory progress in the areas of their focus. Keeping in view the same procedure the UGC would be extending these Centres from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017 onwards.

UGC vide its letter No.3-6/2007(SCT) dated 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 informed Jawaharlal Nehru University that the Centres will continue as earlier and the work done by the centre would be monitored by the Commission.

Further, UGC vide its letter No.F.30-15/2007(CU) dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015 and F.No.24-1/2015(CU) dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015 has again informed Jawaharlal Nehru University that Centre being on plan-to-plan basis will continue on the same basis.

Further to this, it is reiterated that the quoted letter in the newspapers is a forgery and as per records of UGC has not been issued by Ms. Sushma Rathore, Under Secretary, UGC. The records of University Grants Commission have been checked and it is confirmed that no such letter has been issued or dispatched by the office of University Grants Commission. The perusal of the letter received by JNU shows that the letter was faxed from Mumbai number with 022 STD code. University Grants Commission does not have an office in Mumbai. The University Grants Commission is contemplating taking all appropriate legal action in this regard.

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