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DUTA Stages Mass Dharna at Parliament, Submits Charter of Demands to Education Minister

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Hundreds of teachers gathered at the DUTA dharna at Parliament on 08 December 2025 at Jantar Mantar, demanding urgent intervention from the Ministry of Education (MoE) on the long-standing issues affecting the teaching community of Delhi University. On the same day, DUTA submitted a comprehensive representation to Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, highlighting that neither the University nor its colleges have received the financial assistance needed to upgrade infrastructure or create additional teaching positions arising from the 25% EWS expansion, while the introduction of the fourth year of FYUP has further intensified the shortage of faculty and essential facilities.

Addressing the gathering, DUTA President, Prof. V. S. Negi, emphasised that meaningful implementation of NEP 2020 cannot occur without sanctioning adequate teaching posts, providing infrastructural and research grants, and ensuring greater academic autonomy in structuring UG and PG programmes. He reiterated several long-pending demands, including counting of past service for promotions, continuation of Ph.D./M.Phil. increments, restoration of the Old Pension Scheme, sanction and filling of backlog and reserved-category vacancies, parity for librarians, resolution of the Physical Education teachers' retirement-age issue, and implementation of reservation in Principal posts as per Government of India norms.

DUTA Secretary, Mr. Bimlendu Tirthanker, underscored the need for strict adherence to UGC-prescribed screening criteria, consideration of all recognised research publications for shortlisting, and an end to arbitrary "Not Found Suitable" decisions. He also called for the reversal of fee hikes linked to the HEFA loan, immediate appointments in Delhi Government-funded colleges, the establishment of the Ambedkar Chair, and the sanction of additional posts under the EWS expansion, along with robust research funding as mandated by the NEP.

Senior activists and AC and EC members present at the dharna asserted that the government must act decisively to safeguard public higher education and resolve these long-standing issues without further delay.

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