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DUTA HOLDS DHARNA AT VICE-CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE DEMANDING JUST SERVICE CONDITIONS AND ACADEMIC REFORMS

DUTA organised a massive Dharna on 15th April, 2026, at Gate No. 1, VC Office, University of Delhi, from 9:30 AM onwards, bringing together a large number of teachers from across colleges. Thousands of teachers participated in the protest, spotlighting pressing concerns of the teaching community and underscoring a range of long-pending academic and service-related issues resulting from continued administrative neglect, which have adversely affected working conditions.

Speaking at the Dharna, DUTA President Prof. V. S. Negi highlighted the distortion in promotion and appointment processes and drew attention to the adverse impact of NFS on equity and social justice. He noted that inordinate delays in promotions on untenable grounds, along with deviations from the prescribed UGC screening criteria for promotion and appointment, have significantly undermined transparency, objectivity, and procedural fairness. He further pointed to the lack of pay protection for temporary teachers and the unjust discontinuation of WUS Health Centre facilities for college faculty. Reiterating DUTA's key demands, he called for the regularisation of teachers in the 12 Delhi government-funded colleges and emphasised that full past service must be duly recognised. Prof. Negi also firmly expressed DUTA's opposition to the introduction of SWAYAM and MOOCs in the University of Delhi.

DUTA Joint Secretary Sanjay Kumar emphasised the urgent need for a comprehensive review of the Undergraduate Curriculum Framework (UGCF), along with the immediate sanctioning of adequate teaching posts and grants to address EWS expansion and UGCF-related requirements. He noted that the current implementation of UGCF has resulted in increased workload, dilution of academic standards, and structural imbalances affecting both teachers and students. He also expressed concern over the continued denial and dilution of incentive increments for Ph.D. and M.Phil. qualifications.

DUTA Vice President Bhupendra Singh reiterated its demand for the complete implementation of the Kale Committee recommendations, extending interview calls to all eligible candidates.

Members of the Academic Council (AC) and Executive Council (EC) highlighted the prolonged stagnation of librarians, Physical Education teachers, and OMSP instructors, whose service conditions and promotional prospects continue to remain unresolved. They also demanded the establishment of the Ambedkar and Deen Dayal Upadhyay Chair in the University of Delhi.

DUTA President Prof. V. S. Negi, along with other office bearers, submitted a memorandum to the Vice-Chancellor and cautioned that the agitation will be intensified if the University administration does not address these critical concerns promptly.

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