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DUTA Holds a Massive Dharna at UGC, Teachers Demand Counting of Full Past Service, Continuation of Ph.D./M.Phil. Increments, Sanction of EWS Expansion Posts and Infrastructure and Research Grants

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New Delhi, 9 December 2025: The Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA) staged a massive dharna at the UGC headquarters today, where hundreds of teachers gathered to voice their long-pending demands and submit a detailed representation to Chairman Dr Vineet Joshi.

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DUTA President Prof. V. S. Negi expressed deep concern over several unresolved issues, including the counting of full past Adhoc service for promotions, continuation of Ph.D./M.Phil. increments, restoration of the Old Pension Scheme, and the continued absence of sanctioned teaching positions, research grants, and infrastructure funding—all of which are essential for implementing the 4th year of UGCF under NEP 2020. He reiterated that meaningful academic reform is impossible without strengthening faculty numbers, resources, and institutional capacity.

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Senior activists, along with AC and EC members, participated in the dharna and stressed the urgent need for the public release of the draft HECI Bill, followed by genuine stakeholder consultations to safeguard governance structures, recruitment norms, service conditions, and public funding. They also demanded immediate sanction of the promised 25% EWS expansion posts.

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DUTA further called for the implementation of reservation in principal posts, a special recruitment drive to fill backlog and shortfall vacancies, parity in pay and retirement age for librarians, rectification of the retirement-age anomaly affecting Physical Education teachers, and expedited promotion schemes for OMSP instructors and computer programmers. The association also opposed “None Found Suitable” decisions, urged strict adherence to UGC-prescribed screening criteria, and demanded reversal of fee hikes linked to the HEFA loan.

DUTA appealed to the MoE and UGC to act without delay and resolve these long-standing issues to protect the academic integrity, service conditions, and public character of the University of Delhi.

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