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Prof. Yogesh Singh,
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Subject: Strong objection to Office Memorandum No. Gen-II/128/2026/Holidays/3036 and urgent demand to postpone examinations scheduled on May 28, 2026, on account of Id-Ul-Zuha (Bakrid).

Dear Prof Singh,

The Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA) writes to you with grave concern and strong disappointment regarding the Office Memorandum (No. Gen-II/128/2026/Holidays/3036) issued by the General Branch-II on May 25, 2026. While the notification rightly shifts the gazetted holiday for Id-Ul-Zuha (Bakrid) to Thursday, May 28, 2026, in alignment with the central government directive, the concluding note stating "Examination will be conducted as scheduled" is highly contradictory, insensitive, and discriminatory.

DUTA brings to your kind attention that Id-Ul-Zuha is one of the most significant festivals celebrated by the Muslim community. Forcing students, invigilators, teachers, and non-teaching staff to attend university duties on a major gazetted holiday deprives them of their fundamental right to celebrate their religious festivals with their families.

Since the university offices, departments, and colleges are officially closed, essential services, support staff, and standard public transport frequencies will be severely disrupted. This will cause immense commuting and operational hurdles for everyone involved in conducting the exams. Also, forcing Muslim students to choose between their critical academic examinations and their deeply held religious obligations creates unnecessary mental stress and promotes an exclusionary environment within our premium institution.

Therefore, DUTA demands your immediate intervention in this matter to immediately postpone all university examinations scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2026. These exams should be rescheduled to a later date so that the sanctity of the gazetted holiday is maintained for students, teachers and staff alike and issue a revised notification at the earliest, preventing widespread distress among the university fraternity.

Regards,

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- 2. The Controller of Examinations, University of Delhi**