

## UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG NEW DELHI – 110 002

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UGC conducts National Eligibility Test (NET) exam for lectureship and JRFs twice a year on the last Sundays in the months of June and December. UGC made elaborate arrangements and preparation for the NET exam held today on 30<sup>th</sup> June,2013. About 8 lakh candidates registered for this exam from all over the country. In the entire country there were 79 coordinating institutions which conducted this exam.

While NET exam was conducted smoothly at all the centres, the Centre at Kirori Mal College, Delhi reported disruption of exam which has happened because students mistakenly noted down the wrong venue for the exam. As informed by the Principal, Kirori Mal College, the list of venue was uploaded by the College a week prior to the exam i.e. on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2013. Some students who noted the wrong venue arrived at the Kirori Mal College centre and insisted that they be allowed to appear in the exam. As reported by the Principal, KM College, these students created pandemonium at the Kirori Mal College centre, forcibly entered into the examination halls and snatched away examination sheets from the registered students who were busy writing the exams. No sooner the information reached the UGC, than the Secretary, University Grants Commission accompanied with Bureau Head of NET exam rushed to the venue and listened to the students gathered there. The officers later on addressed the gathering and assured them that UGC would take appropriate decision in this matter.

In addition, there was a report of mismanagement from one of the NET exam Centres in Ranchi University where exam could not be conducted.

Considering the larger interest of the students in mind, the University Grants Commission has decided to conduct exam for NET afresh for all such candidates of Delhi Centres who could not write NET exam due to confusion of venue or disruption at Kirori Mal College. Similarly all such candidates who could not appear in the NET exam at one of the centres at Ranchi University would also be allowed to appear in this exam.

In addition, UGC had scheduled the recruitment examination for Education Officers on 30<sup>th</sup> June,2013 along with NET exam. Kirori Mal College, Delhi was the only Centre for the Delhi region for this exam. Due to disruption of this exam at Kirori Mal College, UGC has decided to conduct the exam for EO recruitment afresh for Delhi region alone.

The UGC will issue necessary notifications to this effect on its website www.ugcnetonline shortly.

The University Grants Commission has also sought reports on these incidents from Kirori Mal College, Delhi and Ranchi University.

Secretary University Grants Commission