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Entrance test or Normalisation of Marks be the basis of admissions in DU: ABVP

To safeguard interests of common and rural background students, strong protests were held with effigy burning of DU administration

In order to ensure justice for students hailing from the rural areas in admissions of Delhi University (DU), Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) protested against the DU administration by burning its effigy. The major demands included fixing the increased cut-offs, normalizing the results of state board in the admission process, stopping the ongoing admission process with immediate effect, and preliminary screening of students for admission.

It may be noted that the Delhi University had released the first cut-off for the session 2021-22 on 1st October, which saw an irregular hike as compared to the previous years. As a result, students who got 99 percent marks were also deprived of admission in prestigious colleges of the country like Hindu College, Hansraj College and Ramjas College. Due to this 100 percent cut-off, students coming from rural areas who work hard to enroll in Delhi University throughout the year and pursue their studies with limited opportunities and resources are also disadvantaged. Due to this high cut-off, only some state board students where marks have been inflated are able to take admission in Delhi University. ABVP's protest is going on in Delhi University against this discriminatory behaviour for the last three days.

Sidharth Yadav, State Secretary of ABVP Delhi, said, "The future of students is in in danger due to the shortsightedness of the university. Students of the country are deprived of justice because of inflated results of few state boards. We are not against any one board or one state, we demand that students from all states and boards of the country should get an equal opportunity of admission. Delhi University should have adopted an alternative option for admission in this adverse situation of COVID-19 pandemic."

While addressing students, National General Secretary of ABVP Nidhi Tripathi said, "The speciality of Delhi University is its diversity. But due to this cut-off, ordinary students coming from villages, towns will be deprived of enrollment and the diversity of DU is in danger. Only the students with more resources and opportunities will be able to take admission to DU. Therefore, the administration should solve it with immediate effect so that students of rural background can get justice. ABVP demands that either a screening test of students be done or the marks be normalised."

(This Press Release has been issued by Central Office Secretary Sumit Pandey.)