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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

There have been reports in the media that submission of Aadhar Card Number has been made mandatory during the submission of application forms for admission to various courses of the University.

I write this to confirm that no decision in the above-mentioned matter has been taken. In the meeting of a Faculty Council the matter was merely discussed and in no case the idea of making the submission of the Aadhar Card as mandatory was mooted. Certain options were discussed. The Executive Council is the final authority to take a decision in the matter and it is yet to discuss the same.

The issue of the submission of the Aadhar Card Number is being discussed in the context of a UGC Circular D.O. No.F.9-1/2014(CPPI-II) of 21 March 2017 which had directed the Universities to "introduce mechanisms like photograph and Unique ID/Aadhar number in students' certificates". Subsequently, the UGC in its D.O.No.F.1-2/2009 (EC/PS)(Vol.II) of 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 which was brought to our notice on 5<sup>th</sup> May had advised the Universities "not to publish or display the Aadhar number of the (Ph.D.) scholars publicly" on the University Websites". In such circumstances we need to further thoroughly discuss the issue of the inclusion of the Aadhar Card Number either in the Admission Forms or in Degree Certificates.

I shall remain grateful if the media does not circulate unsubstantiated news which may unnecessarily create confusion among the students.

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