

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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From

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Commissioner-cum-Secretary

To

The Vice-Chancellors (All State Public Universities coming under Higher Education Department)

The Principals (All Government / Non-Government/Self-Financing Colleges coming under Higher Education Department)

Sub: Decisions taken regarding the Under-Graduate (UG) and Post-Graduate (PG) Examinations, 2020 in view of COVID 19 pandemic

Madam/Sir,

In view of COVID 19 pandemic, a video conference was held by Higher Education Department on 11th June 2020 with State Public Universities, Government and Autonomous Colleges, coming under Higher Education Department, to assess their preparedness to hold Under Graduate (UG) and Post Graduate (PG) Final Semester/Final Year Examinations, 2020 which were scheduled to be held in June-August, 2020. On the basis of feedback received from them, the State Government, in supersession of this Department Government Letter No. 15488/07.05.2020 and 17165/30.05.2020, have been pleased to decide the following.

(A) For UG and PG Final Year/Final Semester'2020 students :

- (1) All pending UG and PG Final Year/Final Semester Theory and Practical Examinations, 2020, excepting Medical /Paramedical/ Pharmacy Courses, of all State Public Universities and Autonomous Colleges coming under the administrative control of Higher Education Department are hereby cancelled.
- (2) Universities and Autonomous Colleges will adopt an alternative evaluation method in place of cancelled examinations and declare result by August, 2020.
- (3) The alternative evaluation method for each paper will be made as given below.

Marks to be awarded for Final Year/Final Semester papers =
(Internal Mark as per Prescribed Weightage)

+

(Practical Mark as per Prescribed Weightage, if applicable)

+

(Average of marks obtained in all previous semesters/years in the corresponding papers of that subject, for the remaining weightage)

(N.B.: Where Practical examination has not been conducted, the average of marks obtained in Practical Papers of all previous semesters/years in the corresponding Practical Papers of that subject will be awarded as the Practical examination mark for Final Year/Final Semester)

- (4) Dissertation/Project/Internally Evaluated Papers shall be evaluated by the internal examiners out of full marks allotted for the papers.

There will be no Viva Voce/Presentation for these papers. These Papers shall be collected from the students either by Post/e-mail/WhatsApp.

- (5) If a student feels that s/he could have secured higher marks than the marks awarded to him through alternative evaluation method, then s/he can appear in a special examination, which will be conducted by Universities/Autonomous Colleges by November, 2020 and the results of the same will be declared by December, 2020. The final result mark sheet shall be revised as per the student's performance in the special examination, irrespective of whether s/he secures more or less mark than what is awarded to him through alternative evaluation method. To that effect, an undertaking must be obtained from the student before allowing him to appear in the special examination.
- (6) The alternative evaluation method shall not be applicable if the UG and PG Final Year/Final Semester Examination, have already been conducted. In such cases, the normal evaluation method shall be followed.
- (7) Pending Back Paper examination for Final Year/Final Semester UG and PG students shall be cancelled if a student has maximum two Back Papers. Instead, the University/Autonomous College may adopt the proportionate quotient method or any other acceptable method to evaluate the student. However, if a student has more than two Back Papers, then s/he has to appear regular examination in all the Back Papers as and when will be conducted. It is hereby clarified that if a student has already appeared in Back

Paper examinations, but result is awaited, then normal evaluation will be done in case of those papers.

- (8) Already passed out UG and PG students willing to appear in Improvement Examination in any paper shall have to appear in such examination as and when will be conducted.

(B) For UG and PG Intermediate Semesters/ Year Examinations, 2020 students


- (1) The intermediate even Semesters/Year(s) Examination shall not be held for the current academic session 2019-20. However, in case of Yearly system (Annual) of examination, there will be regular examinations for the 1st year students of 2019-2020 session as per schedule to be notified by the University/College.
- (2) The Universities/ Autonomous Colleges will decide alternative methods to evaluate performance of students as per their Examination Regulations or prevailing practice elsewhere; conforming to UGC guidelines.
- (3) The students of the aforesaid semesters/year(s) shall be automatically promoted to next semesters/Year for 2020-21 academic session. However, for them, Back Paper examination shall be held as usual.
- (C) These decisions are also applicable to Final Year/ Final Semester examinations of DDCE (Utkal University and Fakir Mohan University), all types of Teacher Education Programmes (2 Year B.Ed. Degree/3 Year Integrated B.Ed. M.Ed. Degree/ 4 Year Integrated B.A.

B.Ed./B.Sc.B.Ed. Programme)/ all Self-Financing Courses/PPP based Self-Financing Courses.

- (D) These decisions are not applicable to courses run under the aegis of other Departments of the State Government.

This is for your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


Commissioner-cum-Secretary 18.06.2020

Memo No. 19514 /HE dated 18.06.2020

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Memo No. 19515 /HE dated 18.06.2020

Copy to P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education, Bhubaneswar for kind information.


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Memo No. 19516 /HE dated 18.06.2020

Copy to Vice-Chairperson, Odisha State Higher Education Council, Text-Book Bureau, Bhubaneswar for information.


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Memo No. 19517 /HE dated 18.06.2020

Copy to Regional Directors of Education (Bhubaneswar/Balasore/Berhampur/Sambalpur/Jeypore) for information.


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