ORDER
Subject:- Regarding Examinations in Universities and Colleges.
No. KW 18/79-2020 UNP (4)
Dated, Chandigarh, the 11.08.2020
In continuation to this office order no. even dated 23.06.2020, it is informed to all concerned that the State Government has decided that the Universities will conduct the terminal semesters/final year examinations under the ambit of Higher and Technical Education Department of all courses as per UGC guidelines dated 06.07.2020 (Copy enclosed).

The above exercise will be conducted by the Universities keeping in view of the aforementioned UGC guidelines wherein UGC has recommended many options out of which Universities are free to choose any as per their convenience and local conditions so that all the STANDARD PROTOCOLS as defined by Government for ensuring safety of all in the pandemic are strictly enforced.

ANKUR GUPTA, IAS
Principal Secretary to Govt. of Haryana,
Higher Education Department, Chandigarh.

Dated, Panchkula the-13.08.2020

Endst. No. Even
A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-
1. Secretary to Hon’ble Governor Chancellor for kind information of Hon’ble Governor Chancellor please.
2. Sr. Secy. to Hon’ble Chief Minister, Haryana for kind information of Chief Minister. Haryana please.
3. Sr. Secy. to Hon’ble Education Minister, Haryana for kind information of Education Minister, Haryana please.
4. Senior PS to Worthy Chief Secretary, Govt. Haryana, Chandigarh for kind information of W/Chief Secretary Haryana please.
5. PS to Worthy Principal Secretary to Hon’ble Chief Minister for kind information of Principal Secretary to Hon’ble Chief Minister Haryana please.
6. All the Vice-Chancellors of all State and Private Universities which comes under the ambit of Higher Education & Technical Education Departments, Haryana for information and necessary action please.
7. PS to Worthy Principal Secretary Higher Education and Technical Education Departments, Govt. of Haryana for kind information of W/PSHE & PSTE please.
8. PS to Director General Higher Education and Technical Education Departments, Govt. of Haryana for kind information of W/DGHE & DGTE please.
9. All the Principals of Government, Government Aided and Self Financing Colleges in Haryana State for information and necessary action.
10. All the Principals/Directors of Colleges/Institutions/Polytechnic under the ambit of Technical Education Department, Haryana for information and necessary action.
11. All officers at Head Quarter (Local).

Deputy Director-UNP,
for Principal Secretary to Govt. of Haryana,
Higher Education Department, Panchkula.
D.O.No.F.1-1/2020 (Secy) 6th July, 2020

UGC Revised Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in view of COVID-19 Pandemic

Respected Madam/Sir,

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in View of COVID-19 Pandemic and Subsequent Lockdown on 29th April, 2020. In these Guidelines it was proposed to conduct the examinations in July 2020. The said Expert Committee was requested to revisit the Guidelines for Examinations and Academic Calendar as the number of COVID cases are still rising and likely to increase further. The Report of the Expert Committee was considered and approved by the Commission in its emergent meeting held on 6th July 2020.

In continuation to earlier Guidelines issued on 29.04.2020 and based on the Report of the Expert Committee, the UGC Revised Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in view of COVID-19 Pandemic were also approved by the Commission in its emergent meeting held on 6th July 2020. A copy of the same is enclosed.

In view of the emerging situation related to COVID-19 pandemic in India, it is important to safeguard the principles of health, safety, fair and equal opportunity for students. At the same time, it is very crucial to ensure academic credibility, career opportunities and future progress of students globally. Academic evaluation of students is very important milestone in any education system. The performance in examinations gives confidence and satisfaction to the students and is a reflection of competence, performance and credibility that is necessary for global acceptability. UGC is constantly making efforts to address various issues related to teaching, learning, examinations, academic calendar etc. in the difficult times of COVID-19 pandemic.

The Commission approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee regarding conduct of terminal semester(s)/ final year(s) examinations by the universities/ institutions to be completed by the end of September, 2020 in offline (pen & paper)/ online/ blended (online + offline) mode.

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The guidelines regarding intermediate semester/year examination, as notified on 29.04.2020 will remain unchanged.

The relevant details, if need be, pertaining to the Admissions and Academic Calendar in the universities and colleges shall be issued separately in place of those mentioned in the earlier guidelines issued on 29th April, 2020.

You are requested to adopt the above guidelines and complete the terminal semester(s)/final year examinations accordingly. It is reiterated that the Universities should give paramount importance to health and safety of students, faculty and staff and adhere to the Government protocols/guidelines related to COVID-19 while conducting the examinations.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Encl: As above.

To

1. The Vice Chancellors of all Universities
2. The Principals of all Colleges

Copy for kind information to:

1. The Principal Secretary/Secretary to the Governors of all state/Lt. Governors of all Union Territories.
2. The Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Higher Education, all State Government/Union Territories

(Rajnish Jain)
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1. Mode of Terminal Semester/ Final Year Examinations (2019-20)

The universities are required to complete the examinations by the end of September, 2020 in offline (pen & paper)/ online/ blended (online + offline) mode following the prescribed protocols/ guidelines related to COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Provision of Examination through Special Chance

In case a student of terminal semester/ final year is unable to appear in the examination conducted by the University for whatsoever the reason(s) may be, he/she may be given opportunity to appear in special examinations for such course(s)/ paper(s), which may be conducted by the university as and when feasible, so that the student is not put to any inconvenience/ disadvantage. The above provision shall be applicable only for the current academic session 2019-20 as a one-time measure.
3. Backlog of Papers in Respect of Terminal Semester(s)/ Final Year Students

The students of terminal semester/ final year students having backlog should compulsorily be evaluated by conducting examinations in offline (pen & paper)/ online/ blended (online + offline) mode as per feasibility and suitability.

4. The guidelines regarding intermediate semester/ year examinations will remain unchanged as notified on 29th April, 2020.

5. The relevant details, if need be, pertaining to the Admissions and Academic Calendar in the universities and colleges shall be issued separately in place of those mentioned in the earlier guidelines issued on 29th April, 2020.

6. Notwithstanding the above guidelines regarding conduct of examination and commencement of next academic session, every university/ institution has to ensure that it is prepared in all respects to carry out the academic activities following necessary protocols/guidelines/directions/advisories issued by the Central/State Governments and MHRD/ UGC from time to time, in view of COVID-19.