



PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

- Sub :** Conduct of examinations in the State and Private Universities coming under Department of Higher Education based on UGC Revised Guidelines on Examinations and issue of Academic Calendar for the Universities in view of COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Read:** 1.UGC D.O Letter No. F.1-1/2020 (Secy), Dt: 29.04.2020.
2.UGC D.O Letter No. F.1-1/2020 (Secy), Dt: 06.07.2020.
3.Office Memorandum of MHRD bearing No. F.No. 16-16/2020-U1A. Dt: 06.07.2020
4.UGC D.O Letter No. F.1-1/2020 (Secy), Dt: 08.07.2020.

Preamble:

Consequent to the emerging predicament related to Covid-19 Pandemic in India, UGC has developed "*Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in view of Covid-19 Pandemic and subsequent lockdown*" and issued the same vide letters read at Sl No 1 and 2 above. Further, UGC directed to implement the guidelines keeping in view of the best interest of all the stakeholders and giving highest priority to health and safety of all the concerned, by following the protocols for preventing measures.

Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Government of India has formulated and issued detailed SOP for conduct of Examinations in view of Covid-19 vide letter read at Sl No 3 above. In addition, UGC vide its letter read at Sl No 4 above has communicated the SOP to all the stakeholders for strict adherence thereof.

In view of the plight arising out of the Covid-19, the Government considers it necessary to ensure the academic credibility, career opportunities and future progress of the students owing to the fact that academic evaluation of students is very important milestone in any education system. Consequently, in an endeavor to safeguard Academic interest and career prospects of the students all the stakeholders related to Higher Education in Karnataka have been consulted and it has been decided to conduct the examinations for the Academic Year 2019-20 and prescribing the Academic Session for 2020-21 with the scrupulous observation of the guidelines and Standard Operating Procedure

(SOP) formulated by the UGC and safety measures prescribed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI and Ministry of Health and Family welfare, GoI.

Hence the following order;

Government Order No. ED/197/UNE/2020 , Bangalore, Dated: 10.07.2020.

In view of the circumstances, the Government of Karnataka is pleased to accord sanction for all the State Public Universities and Private Universities coming under the purview of Higher Education Department to conduct the examinations and commence the next academic session in accordance with the following modalities and propositions.

1. For Final Semester/Year (UG/PG) 2019-20

- a) The universities are required to complete the examinations for final year students 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. The conduct of classes before the examinations in universities/colleges to cover the remaining syllabus is optional.
- b) The 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.
- c) In case a student of terminal 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 next 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.
- d) The above provision shall be applicable only for the current academic session 2019-20 as a one-time measure.

2. For intermediate Semester/Year (UG/PG) 2019-20

- a) The students are promoted to higher semester based on the grading of the students which would be composite of 50% marks on the basis of the pattern of internal evaluation adopted by the universities and the remaining 50% marks can be awarded on the basis of performance in previous semester only (if available).
- b) In the situations where previous semester or previous year marks are not available, particularly in the first year of annual pattern of examinations, 100% evaluation may be done on the basis of internal evaluation.

- c) If the student wishes to improve the grades, he/she may appear in exams for such subjects during next semester.
- d) This provision for intermediate semester examinations is only for the current academic session (2019-20) in view of COVID-19 pandemic.
- e) The scheme of "Carry forward" (for the subjects in which the student has failed) will be allowed for the current academic year in the universities and every student will be promoted to next semester/year. However, such students may clear the examination for the course in which he/she has failed/remained absent, whenever the examination is held next.

3. Commencement of next academic session for 2020-21

Commencement of next academic session for 2020-21 will be through online classes tentatively from 1st September, 2020 for First and Higher Semesters and offline (Class room) teaching from 1st October 2020 or as may be directed by State Government/MHA/UGC guidelines.

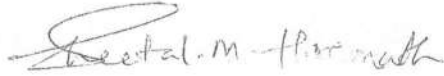
All the Universities are hereby directed by the Government in an advisory capacity to adhere to the following guidelines;

- I. *All the Universities shall scrupulously observe the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) formulated by the UGC and safety measures prescribed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI and Ministry of Health and Family welfare, GoI.*
- II. *All the Universities shall unfailingly safeguard the interest of all the stakeholders and give highest priority to health and safety of all the concerned by following the protocols for preventive measures.*
- III. *The modalities for examination and other related activities be applied uniformly across all courses in a university.*
- IV. *The students should be informed well in advance (at least one week) about the conduct of examinations and other related activities.*
- V. *Regarding the requirement of minimum percentage of attendance for the students / research scholars, the period of lockdown may be treated as 'deemed to be attended' by all the students/research scholars.*
- VI. *The universities may adopt appropriate strategies to facilitate the UG/PG students pursuing Projects/ Dissertations, in view of the prevailing circumstances. The universities may consider to assign review-based/secondary data-based projects or software-driven projects, instead of laboratory-based experiments or field/survey-based assignments to these students.*
- VII. *The universities may conduct the practical examinations and Viva-Voce Examinations through Skype or other meeting apps, and in*

case of intermediate semesters, the practical examinations may be conducted during the ensuing semesters.

- VIII. *Every University shall establish a cell for handling student grievances related to examinations and academic activities during COVID-19 pandemic and notify effectively to the students.*

**By Order and in the name of
Governor of Karnataka,**



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Under Secretary to Government,
Higher Education Department.

To,

1. Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi.
3. Chief Secretary to Government, Government of Karnataka.
4. Secretary, University Grant Commisison, New Delhi.
5. Member Secretary, AICTE, New Delhi.
6. Additional Chief Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka.
7. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department. GoK.
8. Vice Chairman, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Bangalore.
9. Commissioner, Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore.
10. Executive Director, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Bangalore.
11. Vice Chancellors of all State Public/Private Universities coming under the purview of Government of Karnataka.
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Copy to;

1. Special Secretary to Governor, Rajbhavan, Bangalore.
2. PS to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister (Higher Education), Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore.
3. PS to Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education.
4. PA to Deputy Secretary, (Universities) & (Collegiate Education) Higher Education.