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From : Manish Jain,
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To : The Vice Chancellor,
(All State-aided universities),

Subject: An advisory regarding the Under Graduate (UG) and Post Graduate
(PG) Examinations, 2020 in view of COVID-2019 pandemic.

Madam / Sir,

In view of COVID – 19 pandemic, Hon'ble MIC chaired series of meetings via Video Conference ending with meeting at Okakura Bhavan on 13th June, 2020 with all Vice Chancellors, Pro-VC and the Registrars of all the State aided Universities, to discuss the issues related with Examinations, academic session etc. On the basis of feedback received from them, the consensus arrived at during the meeting and as per the instructions of the competent authority in the State Government, an advisory on the subject, is issued as below:

- a) There should be parity amongst all universities in the State with regard to the mode of evaluation of students in all the streams. For the students in **terminal semester / final year** of the General Degree courses at UG/PG level, 80 % weightage should be considered on the basis of the best aggregate percentage obtained by the candidate in any of the previous semesters' / years' results (e.g. last five semesters in UG and last three semesters in PG) and 20% on internal assessment during the current semester / year, as adopted by the University.
- b) The result of final year / semester may be declared preferably within 31st July, 2020.

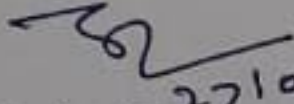
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- c) For the professional courses like Engineering, Law, Management, Pharmacy, Teachers' Training and other professional programme, the Universities in the State, running professional courses, should have parity among themselves regarding the mode of grading/evaluation in the **terminal semester** by providing 80% weightage on internal assessment/mid semester examination/best of the aggregate of previous semesters results and 20% weightage on the basis of assignment based evaluation.
- d) If a student wishes to appear in a formal examination instead of alternate evaluation method, **as stated above**, he / she should be given an opportunity to apply for the same through a process to be notified by the concerned university. However, the said exam should be conducted only after the situation gets normalized and the result of the said special exam may be published within one month of the examination being held. The final result marks should be revised as per the student's performance in the special examination, irrespective of whether he/she secures more or less marks than what is awarded to him/her through alternate evaluation method. To this effect, an undertaking may be obtained from the student before allowing him/her to appear in the special examination.
- e) For the **intermediate semesters / years**, all students shall be promoted to the next semester / year.
- f) The commencement of the next academic session shall be decided by the State Government when the COVID-19 situation permits so. The commencement date to be decided shall be uniform for all State Universities and binding as well.
- g) The portion of the academic session 2019-2020 affected by imposition of lockdown should be treated as "classes attended" by all the students/research scholars.
- h) There should be no enhancement in fees and no extra fees would be charged in the name of home assignment through online mode etc.
- i) Netaji Subhas Open University should adopt the procedure to be followed by other open universities in the country including IGNOU and keep the Government informed.
- j) A special grievance cell should be opened in each university / college to deal with the grievances of the students related to the Academic & Examinations due to prevailing situation.

Above advisory may also be communicated to the Principals of the affiliated colleges for their information and necessary action.

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


27/06/2020
Principal Secretary