



## PRESS NOTE

### ***GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020.***

In view of the prevailing situation due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown, the schedule of conducting UG/PG examinations got disturbed and has become challenging to the Universities. In view of this, the UGC has constituted a committee to deliberate and make recommendations on the issues related to the examinations and academic calendar for avoiding academic loss and taking appropriate measures in the interest of students. Based on the Committee recommendations, the UGC has circulated certain guidelines to the Vice Chancellors of all Universities through a circular, D.O. No. F.1-1/2020(Secy), dated 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. It is stated that these guidelines are advisory in nature related to examinations and academic calendar and more flexibility is given to Universities to adopt/adapt these guidelines. The UGC reiterated that while adopting these guidelines, highest priority should be given to health and safety of all concerned by following the protocols for preventive measures.

A meeting has been conducted by the Telangana State Council for higher Education (TSCHE) with Registrars and Controllers of all universities to discuss the UGC guidelines. Subsequently, the concerned Universities have also conducted informal meetings with their Deans, Principals and other administrative officers to seek their viewpoints and to discuss various issues pertaining to conduct of examinations in view of the UGC guidelines. Based on these preliminary discussions, the TSCHE formulates the following general guidelines in the form of advisory to all the Universities vis-à-vis the conduct of examinations, both UG and PG. The Universities may adhere to these by approving them in their appropriate bodies, if necessary.

1. To reduce the duration of examination from 3 hours to 2 hours and accordingly to modify the question paper pattern, yet covering the entire syllabus. To compensate for the reduction in the duration of examination, more choice may be given while setting the question paper. The changes in the pattern of question paper may be left to the choice of concerned universities.
2. To conduct the examinations only for the final semester students of all UG and PG programmes, including backlogs. Examinations for the students of intermediate semesters may be conducted after reopening of colleges or in November/December along with odd semesters main examinations.
3. The students of intermediate semesters may be promoted to next higher semester irrespective of number of backlogs.
4. In case of conventional UG programmes, to conduct examinations daily in two sessions, i.e. B.Com in one session and B.A and B.Sc. in another session. Conduct of practical examinations for these courses may be left to the concerned colleges and the concerned principals may be authorized to appoint examiners, both internal and external.

5. To entrust the conduct of examinations and the valuation of 2 credit courses such as SEC, AECC and GE to the colleges. The colleges may be asked to upload the awards to the University portal through the link provided and submit answer scripts and hard copies of award lists to the examination branch as is already being done in the case of practical examinations.
6. Project viva-voce and seminars, if any, may be conducted online
7. The Ph.D. Seminars/Viva-Voce examinations may be allowed to be conducted online as per the UGC guidelines. With regard to conduct of Ph.D. online Seminars/Viva-Voce, the web/app link has to be shared with DRC members, faculty members and research scholars of the concerned departments and other related persons well in advance.
8. To adhere to the covid-19 protocols in all respects during the examinations.
9. Commencement of Exams from 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2020 desirably.

These are only indicative and are applicable for only this academic year, i.e. 2019-2020.

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