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# 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



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 29<sup>th</sup> 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,

Encl.: As above.

Yours sincerely

(Rajnish Jain)

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

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- 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

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