



State-Level Review

of Higher Education Institutions'

Academic, Administrative and Regulatory matters

including RUSA schemes

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Amity University Auditorium, New Town, Kolkata

West Bengal State Council of Higher Education
&
Department of Higher Education
Government of West Bengal

Significant Measures Adopted Recently

- “ **Swami Vivekananda Merit cum Means Scholarship Scheme**: budget has been enhanced from Rs.46 crore in 2016-16 to Rs.200 crore in 2016-17
- “ Number of beneficiaries expected to rise from 26,000 last year to 60,000 approx.
- “ Family income ceiling raised from Rs.80,000 per annum to Rs.2,50,000 per annum: to widen the catchment
- “ Scholarship amounts raised across the board; for engineering and medical students, from Rs.1,400 per month to Rs.5,000 per month

Significant Measures Adopted Recently

- “ Advance increments for Ph.D. and M.Phil: G.O. issued
- “ Time spent under UGC’s Faculty Development Programme to be treated as ‘on duty’ – no deduction of leave/ other benefits
- “ Clarification issued that college teachers too can supervise Ph.D. and M.Phil. scholars
- “ Third and penultimate instalment of Central share of 6th Pay Commission arrears of R.90 crore received; for the remaining amount of Rs.98 crore receivable from Gol, timely submission of UCs will be key

Syllabus Revision for UG / PG Courses

- “ To improve prospects of W.B. students at national and international levels;
- “ Committee for curriculum and syllabus for science subjects at UG level and for introducing Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) has been set up;
- “ **The draft recommendations will be sent to the VCs for comments on feasibility of introduction of the revised syllabus from 2017-18;**
- “ Based on detailed interaction with industry and commerce bodies, and with the involvement of experts from IIT, recommendations for syllabus engineering courses have been circulated to MAKAUT, Jadavpur University, Burdwan University, Kalyani University and Calcutta University;
- “ **VCs to send their views on the recommendations on acceptance/ implementation latest by 30/11/2016;**

Introduction of Virtual Classrooms

- “ G.O. for setting up virtual classrooms in colleges issued vide No. 840-Edn (CS) & 180-Edn (CG) dated 14/09/16 @ Rs. 3 lakh per virtual classroom;
- “ Standard hardware specifications are specified in the Annexure;
- “ Purchase orders to be issued by the respective University / College authorities following due procedure for procurement;
- “ **Target date for commissioning is 30th November, 2016;**
- “ **HIGH PRIORITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT**

e-Learning Spaces in HEIs

- “ G.O. issued vide No. 535-Edn (CS) dt 24.06.16 for installation of high-speed data link/wifi /internet connectivity in designated spaces of HEIs;
- “ Internet services are to be provided free of cost to all stakeholders for *bona fide* purposes by ensuring necessary safeguard;
- “ Service provider to be selected locally by each HEI;
- “ One-time installation cost & recurring charges/ data usage charges are to be funded from the HEI’s own fund;
- “ Universities, eligible for fund under National Knowledge Network from MHRD, may proceed to do it immediately;
- “ **This applies to Universities set up in 2008 & thereafter: VCs to please send ATR**
- “ **HIGH PRIORITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT**

Accreditation by NAAC

- “ So far, 209 Colleges and 6 Universities have obtained NAAC accreditation in the current cycle in W.B. (on 04/11/2016) against the all-India figure of 295;
- “ LOI has been accepted for 153 Colleges and 7 Universities;
- “ **Those who haven't yet applied for NAAC accreditation should do so immediately.**
- “ **Accreditation is mandatory**

Admission of SC/ST/OBC Students 2015-16

- “ The West Bengal State Higher Education Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2013;
- “ As per reports received from the Universities, total no. and % of SC/ST/OBC students taking admission in U.G. courses in academic year 2015-16 is :
- “ ST students – 26,543 – 4%
- “ SC students – 1,43,246 – 21.27%
- “ OBC students – 99,310 – 15% (10% in 2014-15)
- “ VCs requested to collate and send data for 2016-17

UGC Regulations 2016 (Fourth Amendment)

- “ State Government to issue formal notification shortly
- “ We have written to VCs, on 9/11/2016, to finalise the subject-wise list of journals and obtain UGC’s approval within a month
- “ In the absence of this list, implementation of CAS will not be smooth
- “ VCs’ personal attention is drawn in the matter

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D.O.No.137-Pr.Secy-HED/2016

Dated 9th November, 2016

Dear Prof. Ghosh,

You may be aware that U.G.C. Notification No. F.1.2/2016(PS/Amendment) dated 11.07.2016, i.e, University Grants Commission (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education)(4thAmendment), Regulations, 2016, UGC has prescribed certain changes in the existing provisions of UGC Regulations, 2010 for Career Advancement Scheme and also for Direct Recruitment. In the said amendment of 2016 para 6.0.5 (i) prescribes as follows:

"The University shall identify the journals subject-wise through subject expert committees and forward the recommendations to UGC in the format prescribed by UGC for approval of the UGC Standing Committee. The journals approved from this list, by the UGC Standing Committee, shall be included in the "List of Journals" notified by the UGC. The UGC Standing Committee shall give its recommendations within 60 working days of the receipt of the list from the University. The UGC Standing Committee may also, suomotu, recommend journals for inclusion in the "List of Journals."


To ensure smooth implementation of UGC's above mentioned Notification in the State, a duly approved 'List of Journals' from UGC is essential.

In this context, the you are requested to send the list of Journals, subject-wise, in the format prescribed by UGC (enclosed) duly recommended by the Subject Expert Committees of your University to UGC for inclusion in the final list of Journals.

You are requested to take immediate action as per UGC's Notification referred above, with a copy to this end, positively **within one month**. Upon receipt of the your subject-wise Lists of Journals duly approved by UGC, the State Government will be in a position to formally notify and smoothly implement the new Regulations on CAS, etc.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Vivek Kumar)

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Anti Ragging Measures

- “ To step up anti-ragging mechanism through adequate publicity, constitution of Anti Ragging Committee/ Anti-Ragging Squad / Quick Response Team, installation of CCTV cameras / alarm bells within campus, regular interaction with students, identification of trouble triggers, surprise inspection of hostels /rest rooms / canteens etc. ;
- “ Anti-ragging publicity materials were distributed to all Universities which are to be prominently displayed in the campuses of HEIs;
- “ HEIs will ensure that the directions of Hon’ble Supreme Court of India and Raghavan Committee’s recommendations are followed without exception;
- “ At the time of admission, universities and colleges must obtain an affidavit from every student, parent/guardian separately as per clause (M & N) of Regulation 6.2;
- “ Anti Ragging Committee/ Anti-Ragging Squad / Quick Response Team /Help Line should be functional / revitalized/ vigilant;
- “ **Action taken report is required from the Universities; AUDIT QUERY**
- “ **Similar report from DPI is requested for all Colleges.**



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D.O. No. F. 1-15/2015(ARC)pt.V

Dear Sir/Madam,

In pursuance of the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 8.5.2009 in Civil Appeal No. 887/2009), the University Grants Commission framed "UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions, 2009" which were notified on 17th June, 2009 and are to be mandatorily followed by all universities and colleges. The Regulations are available on the UGC website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in. A nationwide toll free anti-ragging helpline 1800-180-5522 in 12 languages has also been established which can be accessed by students in distress due to ragging. Ragging is a crime and top most priority has to be accorded to stop it immediately. The Commission has made it mandatory for all institutions to incorporate in their prospectus the directions of the Government regarding prohibition and consequences of ragging.

I am enclosing for your perusal, a state wise list consisting of the number of cases of ragging reported from various states in last 7 years. I would like to express my concern on the fact that the number of ragging cases reported from your state is quite high. This is not acceptable & is adversely affecting the higher education system of the country.

The then Vice Chairman, UGC had also written a letter of even no. dated 10th February, 2016, but till date no response has been received from your side. Once again, May I request for your kind intervention in the matter to ensure that the concern is addressed in a time bound manner & the state becomes a "Ragging Free State" at the earliest.

With warm regards,

Yours faithfully,

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Anti-Tobacco Campaign

- “ All the HEIs have been declared **Tobacco Free Institutions;**
- “ Banners & Posters were circulated to all Universities in January, 2016 as Publicity materials ;
- “ Those Publicity materials are to be displayed at prominent places in Colleges & Universities;
- “ **Action taken/ COMPLIANCE report is required from the Universities that the material has been duly displayed in HEIs;**
- “ **Similar report from DPI is requested for all Colleges.**

W.B. Right to Public Services Act, 2013

“ So far, the following universities have identified public services under the Act –

- (1) Presidency University
- (2) Kalyani University
- (3) Netaji Subhas Open University
- (4) Gour Banga University
- (5) Rabindra Bharati University
- (6) West Bengal State University
- (7) Kazi Nazrul University
- (8) Burdwan University
- (9) Diamond Harbour Women’s University
- (10) Jadavpur University

- “ **The remaining Universities should do so latest by 30/11/16**
- “ **All the Universities have submitted Academic Calendars and Examination Schedules: to continue each year from now**

National Institutional Ranking Framework

- “ The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) was launched by MHRD on 29th September 2015;
- “ This framework outlines a methodology to rank institutions across the country;
- “ The parameters broadly cover “Teaching, Learning and Resources,” “Research and Professional Practices,” “Graduation Outcomes,” “Outreach and Inclusivity,” and “Perception”;
- “ All the HEIs are required to register themselves on the NIRF web portal;
- “ **Very few HEIs from WB participated in the last year**
- “ **All the HEIs were requested to participate this year**

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

- “ IQAC is conceived as a mechanism to build & ensure a quality culture at institutional level;
- “ Every HEI should have an IQAC to meet diverse needs of the stakeholders;
- “ IQAC will act as a driving force for ushering in quality by working out intervention strategies to remove deficiencies and enhance quality;
- “ All colleges which are under sec. 2(f) & 12B of UGC Act will be eligible to receive financial support for establishing & strengthening IQACs in them;
- “ UGC will provide @Rs.3.00 lakh as seed money to meet establishment & strengthening expenditure of IQAC;
- “ **All the Colleges are requested to constitute IQAC.**



STATUS OF FUND RECEIVED AND UTILISED UNDER RUSA

up to 31th October, 2016

Component	Sanctioned Amount	Received Amount	UC Submitted
Comp-3 Infrastructure Grant to Universities	160 Crore	96.87 Crore	36.10 Crore
Comp-6 Infrastructure Grant for New Professional Colleges	26 Crore	13 Crore	Nil
Comp-7 Infrastructure Grant to Colleges	152 Crore	101.81 Crore	53.54 Crore
Preparatory Grant	4 Crore	4 Crore (2.6 central & 1.4 state Share)	U.C. of Rs.2.6 Crore submitted for Central Share. Rs.1.00 Cr out of Rs.1.4 State share has been utilized. Balance in hand is Rs. 40.00 lakhs only.
MMER	4 Lakh	4 Lakh	0 Lakh
TOTAL	342.04 Crore	215.72 Crore	92.24 Crore

RUSA

- “ Institutions that have got accredited recently (Grade A or B) may start preparatory planning for RUSA grant of Rs. 2 crore.
- “ DTE to send UC for Rs. 13 crore for the Coochbehar Govt. Engg. College and seek the next tranche of Rs.13 crore
- “ All institutions under RUSA to expedite submission of UCs

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (HRMS)

“ HRMS is one of the modules of IFMS system (e-pradaan, e-bantan, e-procurement, etc.). It will cover:

- Sanctioned Strength of the Institution
 - Manpower planning, recruitment, confirmation of employees
 - Pay fixation of employees
 - Service records of employees
 - Promotion of employees
 - Leave of employees
 - Loans and Advance of employees
 - Transfer (intra departmental & other institution) of employees
 - TA/LTC/TC of employees
 - Training of employees
 - Online Asset Declaration & Performance Appraisal
 - Departmental proceedings, if any
 - Employee Exit
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- **HRMS fully implemented and operational in Govt. Colleges**
 - **HRMS for Govt.-aided colleges: Software development is on**

On-line Pension Processing System for Government-aided College Teachers and Staff

“Pension disbursement: major cause of harassment and litigation

“After year-long study and development, software is ready to be rolled out

“Fully on-line; to start twelve months prior to a person’s retirement as per a laid down protocol

“Pilot being conducted in two colleges: Asutosh College and Shyamaprasad College, Kolkata

“Implementation proposed in all Government-aided colleges from academic session 2017-18

Pending Audit Paras

- “ Audit of College / University Accounts is a major indicator of good governance;
- “ High priority should be attached to liquidation of pending Audit Paras;
- “ All pending Audit Paras are to be cleared through appropriate Broad Sheet replies
- “ **Universities / Colleges will form dedicated teams and give them timelines to prepare replies for each Audit Para**

Significant achievements of each University

Two-page write-up

- “ In the areas of academic, administrative, governance reforms
- “ Infrastructure augmentation details
- “ Successful e-Governance initiatives
- “ New centres/ courses started
- “ Innovative steps taken
- “ Long-pending problems resolved
- “ Details of recruitments conducted/ appointed
- “ Details of extra mural funding received
- “ Foreign collaborations/ participation/ visits received

- “ **So far, only VU, JU, KU, BU, NSOU, MAKAUT, WBSU, GBU, RU, CBPBU, WBUTTEPA, SKBU, KNU, NBU and DHWU have sent in the information.**

- “ **OTHER VCs REQUESTED TO SEND BY 30TH NOVEMBER 2016**

Students Union Elections

- “ Time window: between 1 Nov. and 31 Jan.
- “ No extension of date possible: Board exams from first week of February 2017
- “ Conduct of elections on a single day
- “ Dates to be finalised in consultation with the district authorities
- “ All steps to be taken for a smooth, incident-free conduct of elections

Teachers and Educationists' Convention

- “ First such State-level convention under one roof;
- “ Proposed to be held on 7th January, 2017;
- “ All VCs/Pro-VCs/ Registrars/ senior officials of all Universities (public and private), Principals/OiCs/TiCs and Teachers of all Colleges (Government/ Government-aided) are requested to attend.

Thank you!