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**Subject: UGC Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar in view of the COVID-19 Pandemic – July 2021**

Respected Madam/Sir,

The University Grants Commission (UGC) had issued 'Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in View of COVID-19 Pandemic and Subsequent Lockdown' on April 29, 2020. The said guidelines were later revisited as the number of COVID-19 cases increased and, subsequently, further / revised guidelines were issued on July 6, 2020 and September 24, 2020.

UGC constituted an Expert Committee to revisit the Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar, keeping in view the prevailing situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic; the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India regarding the cancellation of School Board examinations for class/grade-XII; the earlier order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court upholding the UGC's guidelines of July 6, 2020 regarding terminal semester/ final year examinations; and, the larger interest of students. A copy of the guidelines is enclosed.

In the case of Higher Education Institutions located at places where the appropriate government (Central/ State) or competent authority has imposed restrictions on public gatherings, the Higher Education Institutions may plan accordingly. In any case, these recommendations shall not cause any restrictions on the guidelines/directions issued by the appropriate government/ competent authority.

Notwithstanding the present guidelines regarding the conduct of examinations and commencement of the next academic session, every Higher Education Institution shall ensure that it is prepared in all respects to carry out the academic activities following necessary protocols/guidelines/directions/advisories issued by the Central/State Governments or competent authorities from time to time, in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With kind regards,

**Encl.: As above**

**To**


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

**Copy for kind information to:**

1. The Principal Secretary/Secretary to the Governors of all states/Lt. Governors of all Union Territories
2. The Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Higher Education, all State Government/ Union Territories.

Yours sincerely,

  
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