Higher Education Department- Conduct of examinations in Universities and Colleges and other Higher Education Institutions after the COVID 19 restrictions- Further Directions - Orders issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (B) DEPARTMENT
G.O.(Rt)No.527/2020/HEDN Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 18/04/2020

Read 1 Video conference held on 15/04/2020 with the Vice Chancellors by the Hon'ble Minister.
2 GO(Rt)No. 500/2020/HEdn dated 27/03/2020.
3 GO(Rt)No. 522/2020/HEdn dated 16/04/2020

ORDER

In the context of lock down and the prospect of disruption of classes in the future due to similar crises, a video conference was held by the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education with the Vice Chancellors of the State Universities. Based on the discussions therein, a Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Eknath, Member (Education and Health) Planning Board and former Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala, to make recommendations on the extent of changes to be brought about in pedagogy, conduct of examinations and evaluation, going forward.

Government are also pleased to issue the following directions to the Universities and other Higher Education Institutions for the conduct of examinations and valuation of answer scripts:

i) Universities shall make arrangements for conducting the balance examinations starting May 11, 2020 and home valuation starting April 20, 2020. The examinations may be conducted in such a manner that they can be completed in a week's time. Sufficient notice must be given to the students. Examinations must also be held by following all safety precautions laid down by Health Department issued for containment of the COVID 19 spread and also the directions issued vide GO(Ms)No. 78/2020/GAD dated 17/04/2020.

ii) Universities are encouraged to try out on-screen marking system in some subjects where valuation is pending. Director, IHRD is directed make presentations to all Universities on the on-screen marking system that is developed and can be administered by them.

iii) Universities should take care to put an end to false numbering and use only unique/bar coded answer sheets for examinations starting next academic semester.

iv) Universities shall conduct online classes and provide online assignments for
students. They are requested to partner with ASAP in the ongoing webinars and
online classes for college students and the MOOC courses for faculty on Online
Learning and Content Development conducted under the FLAIR initiative of
Directorate of Collegiate Education.

v) Universities shall take steps to keep their libraries open for research students, by
following all safety precautions laid down by Health Department.

vi) Universities shall take steps for conduct of contact classes for students of
Distance Education using digital/online means.

By order of the Governor

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