



Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Directorate of Colleges
Higher Education Department

The Principals of Govt. Degree Colleges,
Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Subject: Addressing the challenge of very low enrolment in Majors offered by Degree colleges for first NEP Batch 2022 & 2023

Sir/Madam,

With implementation of National Education policy 2020 from academic session 2022 we have presently two batches which are progressing from Semester 2 & 4 to Semester 3 & 5. As our academic session 2024-25 starts with admission to Semester 1 for Batch 2024, we have an ideal combination of even semesters. This means that from August 2024 we have Semester 1 Batch 2024 Semester 3 Batch 2023 and Semester 5 Batch 2022. This is the time when we require to make a course correction in terms of arresting the trend of very low enrolment for certain Majors.

As per the data available a good number of colleges have granted admission in a major for less than ten students which is creating the problem of availability of staff in view of Guidelines for Engagement of Faculty on academic arrangement in vogue. The way forward in this is to take corrective measures in right earnest. Accordingly, it is proposed that;

For Semester 3 Batch 2023 we need to initiate the process of switching as envisioned in National Education Policy 2020 and facilitated by the universities to which colleges are affiliated or are a constituent of.

For Semester 5 Batch 2022 we need to initiate the process of movement of students from a college with very low enrolment to a nearby college with reasonable enrolment through a proper counselling mechanism.

For Semester 1 Batch 2024 which is yet to come we have to ensure that every major offered by the college has reasonable number of students enrolled to have a class size which can be taught by an academic arrangement or a guest faculty. College

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admission conveners need to work in close coordination with designated CUET/e-Smarth admission cells based in both divisions.

Further, we need to educate enrolled students that they can **exit after three years with a degree** and **incase they want to pursue higher studies or research, then they can continue with fourth year of FYUGP.**

These measures are essential to arrest the trend of student enrolment as low as below ten which will be difficult to manage in terms of human resource and infrastructure as we move on.

I request you to personally supervise and ensure that college admission committee works towards a proper class size by working on batches in the suggestive way detailed above.

Yours Sincerely,


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Director Colleges.

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Dated: 19-07-2024.

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