

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

No. 17 676 /HE Date: 16. 04.2021

From

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Saswat Mishra, IAS
Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Vice Chancellors (All State Universities under HE Department)
Principals (All Government Degree Colleges under HE Department)
Principals (All Aided Degree Colleges under HE Department)
Principals (All Unaided Degree Colleges under HE Department)

Sub: Suspension of Examinations and physical classes in view of Covid-19

- Ref: (1) Order No.1968/R&DM (DM) dated 15.04.2021 of Special Relief Commissioner, Government of Odisha
(2) Order No.11465/GEN dated 15.04.2021 of GA & PG Department, Government of Odisha

Madam/Sir,

As per the restrictions imposed by the State Government vide the above-referred orders to control the spread of Covid-19 Pandemic in the State, the following decisions have been taken by the State Government pertaining to all Higher Education Institutions of the State coming under the administrative control of Higher Education Department.

1. Examinations and Physical classes (theory as well as practical) shall be suspended with effect from 19.04.2021 (Monday). Revised examination schedule shall be communicated later on after consulting with Vice Chancellors and Principals.
2. Hostels shall be closed down and the boarders shall be asked to vacate the Hostels by 19.04.2021.
3. Classes shall be held in on-line mode to complete the syllabus in time.

4. All HEIs shall function with 50% strength of teaching and non-teaching employees w.e.f. 19.04.2021. The Head of the HEI shall decide the rotational roster duty arrangement in such a manner that the office work and academic/administrative functions do not suffer. The teachers shall conduct on-line classes from their HEI as well as their home depending on the roster duty arrangement. The teaching and non-teaching employees, when not on roster duty, shall work from home to perform their duty and should be readily available at the Headquarter to physically come to their HEI for any urgent matter, if called by the Head of the HEI.

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

(These instructions are, however, not applicable to HEIs offering health and medical related courses as they will be guided by the instructions issued by Health and Family Welfare Department.)

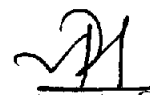
Yours faithfully,



Principal Secretary to Government

Memo No. 17677/HE dated 16.04.2021

Copy to Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Hon'ble Governor-cum-Chancellor, Raj Bhawan, Bhubaneswar for kind information.



Principal Secretary to Government

Memo No. 17678/HE dated 16.04.2021

Copy to PS to Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education Department for kind information.



Principal Secretary to Government

Memo No. 17679/HE dated 16.04.2021

Copy to Special Relief Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary (H & FW Dept.) for kind information.



Principal Secretary to Government

Memo No. 17680 / HE dated 16.04.2021

Copy to Vice-Chairperson, OSHEC/ SPD, OHPEE Project for kind information.



Principal Secretary to Government

Memo No. 17681 / HE dated 16.04.2021

Copy forwarded to Municipal Commissioner, Bhubaneswar/ Municipal Commissioner, Cuttack/ Municipal Commissioner, Berhampur/ Municipal Commissioner, Sambalpur/ Municipal Commissioner, Rourkela for information and necessary action.



Principal Secretary to Government

Memo No. 17682 / HE dated 16.04.2021

Copy forwarded to Collector-cum- District Magistrate/Superintendent of Police (All Districts) for information and necessary action.



Principal Secretary to Government

Memo No. 17683 / HE dated 16.04.2021

Copy to all RDEs for information and necessary action.



Principal Secretary to Government

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