

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

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From

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Officer on Special Duty, PTC

To

The Director
Information & Public Relation Department,
Bhubaneswar

Sub: Publication of Advertisement for Common P.G. Entrance Test- 2026(CPET-2026) and admission into P.G. Courses for the Academic Session: 2026-27

Sir,

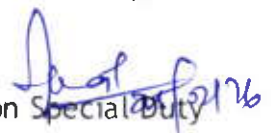
I am directed to enclose herewith the copy of the advertisement regarding timeline for Common P.G. Entrance Test- 2026 and admission into P.G. Courses for the Academic Session 2026-27 under project SAMS. The same advertisement may please be published in the following newspapers in the FRONT OR LAST PAGE as per the following schedule. The cost will be borne by SAMS Society, Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha.

Date of publication	News Paper	Editions
26.02.2026	Three Daily widely circulated Odia Newspapers & One English Newspaper	All Odisha Edition
27.02.2026	Three Daily widely circulated Odia Newspapers & One English Newspaper	All Odisha Edition

Encl: Soft copy of the advertisement sent by email.

e-Mail: sptc.hed2017@gmail.com

Yours faithfully,


Officer on Special Duty

Memo No: 10730 /H.E., Dated: 25 /02/2026

Copy submitted to the P.S to Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education for kind information of Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education.


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Memo No: 10731 /H.E., Dated: 25 /02/2026

Copy submitted to the P.S to Commissioner-cum- Secretary, Higher Education Department for kind information of Commissioner-cum- Secretary.


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Memo No: 10732 /H.E., Dated: 25 /02/2026

Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary to Government, PTC Section, Higher Education Department for kind information.


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Memo No: 10733 /H.E., Dated: 25 /02/2026

Copy forwarded to the President/Secretary, State Selection Board, Odisha for kind information and necessary action.


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Memo No: 10734 /H.E., Dated: 25 /02/2026

Copy forwarded to the General Manager, OCAC with a request to instruct the service provider, SAMS to upload the timeline on the SAMS P.G. Portal.


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Memo No: 10735 /H.E., Dated: 25 /02/2026

Copy forwarded to the Regional Director of Education (Bhubaneswar/Berhampur/Balasore/Sambalpur/Jeyapore) for kind information.


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Memo No: 10736 /H.E., Dated: 25 /02/2026

Copy forwarded to the P.G. Council Chairman of all State Public Universities/ Principals of all P.G. Teaching HEIs participating under SAMS for kind information.


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Memo No: 10737 /H.E., Dated: 25 /02/2026

Copy forwarded to IT Section / Social Media Cell, Higher Education Department with a request to upload this Letter in Department Website as well as on the social media platform.


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Government of Odisha Higher Education Department

Important notice for the applicants seeking admission into P.G. Courses at the State Public Universities and Colleges participating under SAMS for the Academic Session 2026-27

It is for information of all concerned that admission into P.G. Courses for the Academic Session: 2026-27 at the HEIs participating under SAMS shall be done through a **Common PG Entrance Test (CPET-2026)**. Accordingly, the applicants are hereby instructed to fill-up the Common Application Form by visiting the SAMS P.G. portal as per the timeline mentioned below. The Common Prospectus (CP) for admission into P.G Courses is available on the SAMS portal. The key points of P.G. e-Admission are as follows.

1. Like the previous academic session, admissions into P.G. courses for the Academic Session 2026-27 shall be made exclusively on the basis of scores obtained in the Common Postgraduate Entrance Test (CPET).
2. Applicants will have to fill up the Common Application Form (CAF) by providing their personal details, address, educational qualifications and their P.G. Admission Subject (Course Subject) for appearing in CPET-2026. During filling up the CAF, an applicant may apply for multiple P.G. subjects, subject to a maximum of 03 Entrance Subjects and 05 P.G. Subjects per applicant, based on his/her choice and eligibility.
3. In the current academic session, Phase-I admission will be conducted initially. Based on the availability of vacant seats, the Higher Education Department may consider conducting Phase-II or SPOT admissions later only for the left out or fresh applicants.
4. Applicants who got selected and taken admission during the Phase-I admission process (in any of the rounds) in any subject at any Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) will not be eligible to participate in further phase/round of admission process, which will be available exclusively for the left out or fresh students.
5. This implies, only the left out applicants who have not been admitted to any of the HEIs in Phase-I admission process will be allowed to participate in the further phase/round of admission process.
6. An applicant with Elective Papers which carries at least 24 credits at U.G. Level are eligible to apply for that subject to get admission into P.G. Courses. If an applicant enters incorrect details (not having at least 24 credits but mentioned the same in the CAF), his/her candidature will be canceled during the admission and document verification process or even after the admission is completed.
7. The applicants wish to be considered for scholarship from the Higher Education Department must upload the Residence, Income & Caste Certificates while filling up the CAF. Hence, they are advised to keep ready the required certificates in well advance before filling up the CAF. If the applicants fail to upload the certificates during filling up the CAF, another chance will be given to upload the certificates during updation of graduation marks/choice filling timeline.

8. As in the previous academic session, the Phase-I P.G. admission process shall commence early, irrespective of the declaration of final results; however, candidates admitted under Phase-I must submit their graduation or equivalent certificate to the concerned institution within **two months** from the date of admission, failing which, or in case the final marks do not meet the eligibility criteria prescribed in the Common Prospectus, their admission shall be **cancelled** and the vacant seats shall be allotted to other **eligible applicants** as per merit; **this relaxation of two months for submission of certificates shall be applicable only for the Phase-I admissions and shall not be permitted** in Phase-II, SPOT, or any subsequent admission phase/round, where submission of all required certificates at the time of admission shall be mandatory.
9. Whenever a seat is allocated, applicants are compulsorily required to choose one of the option - **Freeze, Float or Slide** - carefully. The detail process of “Freeze”, “Slide” and “Float” is mentioned in the Common Prospectus (CP) available on the SAMS portal. **If the applicant will not choose any of these options that implies the applicant is rejecting the offered/allocated seat and s/he will be out of the counselling process for the subsequent rounds of that Phase.**

Timeline for e-Admission into P.G. Courses under SAMS in the State Public Universities and Colleges for the Academic Session: 2026-27

The timeline for e-Admission into P.G. Courses for the session 2026-27 in the State Public Universities and Colleges participating in project ‘Student Academic Management System (SAMS)’ is given below. Any changes in the dateline will be published in the newspapers as well as in the website www.samsodisha.gov.in. The Common Prospectus (CP) for the said Course is available on the SAMS Portal. Kindly refer the CP for the below mentioned activities.

Sl#	Activities	Timeline
1	Availability of Online CAF in the website www.samsodisha.gov.in	27-Feb-2026 (11:00 AM)
2	Last date of applying online CAF through www.samsodisha.gov.in	15-Mar-2026 (11.45 PM)
3	Editing of the CAF, If required for the CAF submitted earlier (No New CAFs are allowed during this day)	16-Mar-2026 (11.00 AM to 11.45 PM)
4	Submission of applicant's data to the State selection Board(SSB), Odisha by OCAC	19-Mar-2026
5	Availability of Hall Ticket on the website of SSB,Odisha (https://ssbodisha.ac.in/) for downloading the Admit card	23-April-2026 (11.00 AM onwards)
6	Conduct of Entrance Examination (CPET-2026) (Date wise sitting wise examination schedule will be available on the official portal of SSB, Odisha)	27-April-2026 to 10-May-2026
7	Hosting of Provisional Answer Keys by SSB, Odisha on its official Portal: https://ssbodisha.ac.in/	11-May-2026 (11.00 AM)

8	Receiving objections to the Provisional Answer Keys by the Candidates on their Student's Login on SAMS Portal: https://www.samsodisha.gov.in/ by paying a non-refundable processing fee of Rs. 200/- for each question challenged (Payment will be collected in Online Mode)	12-May-2026 (11:00 AM) to 14-May-2026 (11:45 PM)
9	Submission of objections to the Provisional Answer Keys data to SSB, Odisha by OCAC	18-May-2026 (11:00 AM)
10	Hosting of Revised Answer Keys by SSB, Odisha on its official Portal, Handing over the entrance marks to OCAC by SSB, Odisha, Publication of subject-wise and State-wide merit list, Updation of Graduation /Equivalent marks, Choice filling of HEIs by the eligible applicants and Publication of Provisional Allotment of Seats for different Rounds	Dates will be notified by the Higher Education Department Later

For more details please contact: e-Admission Helpline (Toll Free) Number 155335 / 1800-345-6770

N.B.: To enroll into the P.G. Courses, the applicants must have completed their graduation/ equivalent courses from an UGC recognized university. Subject Wise eligibility criteria is available on the SAMS portal. Applicants are advised to check the same before filling the Common Application Form (CAF). Candidates, whose final U.G. results are awaiting (not published), can also apply on-line by filling up the Common Application Form (CAF) to appear the CPET-2026.


 Officer on Special Duty
 PTC Section