

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
(Directorate of Higher Education)

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NOTIFICATION

No.: JSHEC/NEP-03/2024-

Ranchi/dated:

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 39(1) of the Jharkhand State University Act, 2000 the Governor of Jharkhand hereby approves the following regulations namely: -

Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously (Dual Degree Programme) in State Universities of Jharkhand Regulations, 2024

1. Short title, application and commencement

- 1.1 This Regulation may be called Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously (Dual Degree Programme) in Higher Education Institutions of Jharkhand Regulations, 2024
- 1.2 It shall extend to the whole of Jharkhand
- 1.3 It shall come into force from the date of its notification.

2. Definition

In this Regulation, unless otherwise requires in the subject or context-

- a) “**Affiliated College including Linguistic and Regional Minority College**” means an educational institution having received privileges of the University as per the provisions of Act and Statute in Jharkhand State University Act, 2000 (as adapted and amended up to date)
- b) “**Constituent College**” means a teaching institution maintained or controlled by the University
- c) “**FYUGP**” means Four Year Undergraduate Programme
- d) “**Higher Education Institutes (HEI's)**” means the University / Constituent College and Affiliated College established as per the provisions of Act and Statute in Jharkhand State University Act, 2000 (as adapted and amended up to date)
- e) “**NEP**” means the National Education Policy, 2020
- f) “**Regulation**” means Regulation framed under Jharkhand State Universities Act, 2000 (adapted and amended up to date)
- g) “**University**” means “University referred in section 3 of the Jharkhand State Universities Act, 2000 (as adapted and amended up to date)
- h) “**UGC**” means the University Grants Commission established under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956

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3. **About Dual Degree Programme:** The National Education Policy (NEP) - 2020 states that pedagogy must evolve to make education more experiential, holistic, integrated, inquiry-driven, discovery-oriented, learner-centered, discussion-based, flexible, and, of course, enjoyable. The policy envisions an imaginative and flexible curricular structure to enable creative combinations of disciplines for study, that would offer multiple entry and exit points, thus, removing currently prevalent rigid boundaries and creating new possibilities for life-long learning and centrally involve critical and interdisciplinary thinking.

With the rapid increase in demand for higher education and limited availability of seats in the regular stream, several Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) have started several programmes in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode to meet the aspirations of students. It has also led to the emergence of online education programmes which a student can pursue within the comforts of her / his home.

4. **Objectives of Dual Degree Programme:** To allow the students to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously keeping in view the following objectives envisaged in NEP 2020:
- Recognizing, identifying, and fostering the unique capabilities of each student, by sensitizing teachers as well as parents to promote each student's holistic development in both academic and non-academic spheres.
 - No hard separations between arts and sciences, between curricular and extra-curricular activities, between vocational and academic streams, etc. to eliminate harmful hierarchies among, and silos between different areas of learning.
 - Multidisciplinary and a holistic education across the sciences, social sciences, arts, humanities, and sports for a multidisciplinary world to ensure the unity and integrity of all knowledge.
 - Enabling an individual to study one or more specialized areas of interest at a deep level, and develop character, ethical and constitutional values, intellectual curiosity, scientific temper, creativity, spirit of service.
 - Offering the students, a range of disciplines including sciences, social sciences, arts, humanities, languages, as well as professional, technical, and vocational subjects to make them thoughtful, well-rounded, and creative individuals.

5. **Mode of Implementation and Methodology**

- A student can pursue two academic programmes, simultaneously one in full time physical mode in any HEI and another in Open and Distance Learning (ODL)/Online mode; or up to two ODL/Online programmes.
- Degree or diploma programmes under ODL / Online mode shall be pursued with only such HEIs which are recognized by UGC / Government of India under UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 as amended from time to time.

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- c) Degree or diploma programmes under this regulation shall be governed by the Regulations notified by the UGC and the respective statutory/ professional councils, wherever applicable.
- d) The regulation shall come into effect from the date of its notification and shall be effective from the academic year 2024-25. No retrospective benefit can be claimed by students who have already done two academic programmes simultaneously prior to the notification of this regulation.
- e) **The above regulation shall be applicable to all students pursuing academic programmes other than Ph.D. programme in any HEI.**
6. Each University shall devise mechanisms, through their statutory bodies, for allowing their students to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously as per the provisions of the Jharkhand State Universities Act, 2000.
7. Each University shall comply with the provisions of the regulations issued by UGC with regard to pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously as modified from time to time.
8. **Establishment of Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA):**
- a) The Universities eligible and offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode and/or Online mode shall establish the Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) as per University Grants Commission (Open & Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and the amendments issued from time to time
- b) The objectives and functions of the committee are as enumerated in University Grants Commission (Open & Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 as modified from time to time.
- c) The CIQA Committee shall be constituted at the University Level with the following composition: -

(i)	Vice Chancellor of the University	Chairperson
(ii)	Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University (Wherever Applicable)	Member
(iii)	Dean, Students Welfare / Academic Affairs of the University / equivalent position as per the Statutes of the University	Member
(iv)	Controller of Examinations of the University	Member
(v)	Three (03) Senior Teachers of the University nominated by the Chairperson	Member
(vi)	HoD's of Three (03) Departments offering programmes in ODL and/or Online Mode nominated by the Chairperson	Member
(vii)	Two (02) external experts of ODL and/or Online Education nominated by the Chairperson	Member
(viii)	Finance Officer of the University	Member
(ix)	Director, Centre for Internal Quality Assurance of the University	Member Secretary

- d) The members at clauses (v) to (vii) shall be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor of the University.
- e) The membership of such nominated members shall be for a period of two years. The Committee of Centre for Internal Quality Assurance shall meet at least once in a semester. The quorum for the meeting shall be two-thirds of the total number of members with mandatory presence of one external expert.
- f) The agenda, minutes and Action Taken Reports are to be documented with official signatures and maintained electronically in a retrievable format.

9. **Adherence:** All Universities should strictly adhere to the University Grants Commission (Open & Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 as modified from time to time for offering courses through Online or ODL Mode.

By order of the Governor of Jharkhand,
Sd/-
(Rahul Kumar Purwar)
Principal Secretary to Government

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Copy to :- The Superintendent, Government Press, Doranda, Ranchi for publication in the next issue of the Government Gazette. Instructions are given to provide 100 copies of printed manuals to the Higher and Technical Education Department, Jharkhand, Ranchi.

2. Departmental Nodal Officer of e-Gazette for information and publication in e-Gazette.

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Principal Secretary to Government

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4.12.24
(Rahul Kumar Purwar)
Principal Secretary to Government



