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Ref. No.: SMVDU/AA/20/1193 **Date: 14/07/2020**

NOTIFICATION

Sub: Revised guidelines for conduct of Major Examination for Terminal Students (Final Year Students) Even Semester, Session 2019-20 in view of COVID-19 Pandemic and Subsequent Lockdown

Reference: 1. Notification no. SMVDU/AA/20/1169 dated 6th June 2020

- 2. "UGC Revised Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in view of COVID-I9 Pandemic" vide D.O.No. F. I -I I 2020 (Secy) dated 6th July 2020, entitled
- 3. Minutes of Meeting of Heads & Deans & Section Heads held on 8th July 2020.
- A) Reference is drawn to the Revised UGC Guidelines, as referred above which reinforce the fact that Academic evaluation of students is very important milestone in any education system. The performance in examinations gives confidence and satisfaction to the students and is a reflection of competence, performance and credibility that is necessary for global acceptability. University's decision to conduct the Major exams of the Final year students, as already notified vide No. SMVDU/AA/20/1169 dated 6th June 2020 and as decided in the meeting held on 15th June 2020 to conduct the Major exam by on-line mode, is in line with the revised UGC Guidelines.
- B) As approved by the Competent Authority, the following modifications in the earlier Notification issued vide No. SMVDU/AA/20/1169 dated 6th June 2020 are hereby notified as necessitated due to the relevant clauses in the UGC Revised Guidelines:
 - The final year students having backlog/improvement courses shall be required to take the Major examination to pass the course. (In supersession of sub-point B(6) of Notification no. SMVDU/AA/20/1169)
 - II. For Students who have completed all semesters of study prior to current semester but have registered for backlog/ improvement in some course, the Major Exam in the backlog / improvement course shall be required to be taken to pass the course. (In supersession of point C of notification no. SMVDU/AA/20/1169)
 - III. The final year students registered for Open Elective Courses offered by the various Schools in classroom mode shall be required to take the Major examination to pass the course. In case the student has registered for the NPTEL/SWAYAM course he/she will be awarded marks based on the score on the Certificate/ average of the best 8 assignments shall be proportionately taken towards score out of 100. (In supersession of sub-point B(4) & B(8) of Notification No. SMVDU/AA/20/1169)
 - IV. In case a student of terminal semester/ final year is unable to appear in the Major examination conducted by the University for whatsoever the reason(s) may be, he/she may be awarded I grade and be given opportunity to appear in special examinations for such course(s)/ paper(s), which may be conducted by the university as and when feasible, so that the student is not put to any inconvenience / dis-advantage. (In supersession of sub-point B(9) of Notification No. SMVDU/AA/20/1169)

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- V. The Major Exam of backlog courses shall be held from 20th July till 25th July 2020 while the Major Exams for Regular courses shall be scheduled from 26th July -10th August 2020. Schools shall notify the Date-sheet well in time to the students. (In supersession of subpoint B(1) of Notification No. SMVDU/AA/20/1169)
- C) Registering for Non Credit Open Elective shall not be mandatory for the current batch of Final year students of B.Tech. (ME,CSE &ECE)-Batch 2016 (Registered for Major Project) and passing the course will not be a degree requirement for this batch. However, the students who want their choice of Non Credit Open elective Course to appear on their Mark sheet shall be required to take the Major Exam and pass the course. In case such students have registered for this course on NPTEL/SWAYAM, then they will be awarded marks as described at sub-point B (III) above. Students will be required to mention their choice by 15th July 2020 failing which it will be assumed that they are not interested in taking Major exam of the course and the course will deemed to have been dropped.
- D) For the students of final year of B.Arch. program, the conduct of Major exams and the evaluation of thesis by Jury, shall be done by on-line mode as per the schedule to be notified by the School in accordance with the dates at Point B(V) above.
- E) As a onetime exception, in view of the current circumstance, the following is allowed regarding registration of backlog courses:
 - Students of Final Year are allowed to register for backlogs for both Even & Odd Semester currently for which the exams shall be held soon. However, this is applicable to only those backlog courses where attendance criteria has already been met.
 - II. For the students of Final Year, in case of backlog courses where attendance criteria has not been met earlier, registration can be done now but on-line course work will have to be attended and the Major exams shall be held in September. Dates for Minor Exams shall be communicated too. Concerned course coordinator will maintain a record of the conduct of course work which shall start from 20th July and shall continue till 3rd September.

Students desirous of registering for the backlog courses, as per Point I & II above, shall be required to register by 16th July 2020 by paying the Backlog Fee (RTGS/NEFT/IMPS) and the proof of payment along with the name of backlog courses is to be sent by them by email to their Head of School for confirmation and verification.

The above is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Sd/-Registrar

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- 4. I/c Website, for information and uploading of the same on the University website.
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