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Dated: 29-07-2026

To

1. The Dean, Student's Welfare, Patna University
2. The Deans of the Faculties, Patna University
3. The Principal, (i) Patna Science College, (ii) Patna College, (iii) Vanijya Mahavidyalaya, (iv) B. N. College, (v) Magadh Mahila College, Patna University
4. The Controller of Examinations, Patna University

Subject:- Regarding 1. Approved syllabus of Crosswords as an SEC(2-3 Credits) in any semester up to 4th semester for 4-year CBCS UG Courses in accordance with NEP, 2020, 2. Amendment to the 4-year CBCS Undergraduate Ordinance and regulations in respect of Programme Duration and Exit options notified vide the letter No.687 dated 15/05/2023, and 3. Corrigendum to Notification No.L/ORD./03/2026-1416/GS(I) dated 04/07/2026 regarding Amendment to the 4-year CBCS Undergraduate Ordinance and regulations in respect of Programme Duration and Exit options notified vide the letter No.687 dated 15/05/2023.

Sir/Madam,

Please find the photocopies of the Notification Nos.L/ORD./03/2026-1417/GS(I) dated 04th July, 2026, L/ORD./03/2026-1416/GS(I) dated 4th July, 2026 and L/ORD./2026-1432/GS(I) dated 07th July, 2026 of the Governor's Secretariat, Patna as annexure nos. 01, 02 and 03 respectively for information and compliance of the orders mentioned therein.

Enclosures:- Annexure nos. 01, 02 & 03.

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GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
BIHAR LOK BHAVAN, PATNA-800022



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NOTIFICATION

No.-L/ORD./03/2026- 14/7 /GS (I)

Dated- 04th July, 2026

The Hon'ble Chancellor, after due consideration, has been pleased to approve the Syllabus of Crosswords as an SEC (2-3 Credits) in any Semester up to 4th Semester for 4-Year CBCS UG Courses in accordance with NEP 2020.

2. This shall come into force from the date when the Hon'ble Chancellor was pleased to signify his assent, that is, 04.07.2026.

By the order of the Hon'ble Chancellor,

(Dipak Kumar Singh)

Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor

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Skill Enhancement Course (SEC): Cryptic Crosswords

Semester-(In any Semester up to IV Semester as SEC CREDIT- 2-3 (Theory- 01 + Practical-1-2))

The Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) titled "Cryptic Crosswords" is developed as part of the general pool of courses under the National Education Policy (NEP)-Undergraduate Curriculum Framework-2022 (UGCF) for Indian universities. It provides a comprehensive blend of theoretical foundations and practical learning experiences, aiming to foster multidimensional skills. Students across disciplines can enroll in this multidisciplinary undergraduate course to develop critical thinking, linguistic proficiency, and problem-solving abilities through the art and science of cryptic crossword puzzles.

Course Overview

Course Title	Cryptic Crosswords
Course Code	SEC
Course Type	Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)
Credits	2-3 (1 Theory + 1-2 Practical)
Duration	One Semester
Level	Undergraduate

Course Description

This course is designed to strengthen students' ability in problem-solving, logical reasoning, and vocabulary. Through active engagement in solving crossword puzzles—especially cryptic crosswords—students will develop proficiency in analytical thinking, creative reasoning, and language use.

Learning Objectives

- Foster critical thinking, analytical skills, and cognitive abilities through crossword puzzle solving.
- Improve vocabulary and linguistic proficiency.
- Enhance logical reasoning and problem-solving potential.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will improve their linguistic competence.
- Students will acquire logical-reasoning abilities and learn to apply them to real-life problem-solving.
- Students will find their creative potential strengthened, particularly in critical thinking and cognitive skills.

Syllabus Structure

Unit 1: Introduction to Crossword Puzzles

- History and evolution of crossword puzzles
- Significance for cognitive development and education
- Types of crossword puzzles: Simple, Cryptic, Cryptic
- Basic rules and conventions: Ximenean and Libertainian principles
- Development of crossword puzzles in India

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Unit 2: Crossword Structure (Grid) and Clue Structure

- Grid structures: Symmetric, Asymmetric, Blocked
- Terminology: Across, Down, Clue Fill, Entries
- Cryptic clue structure: Crossword jargon, wordplay (Word Masonry), pattern recognition, word identification

Unit 3: Cryptic Clue Types and Indicators

- Anagrams (Jumbled words)
- Double definitions / multiple definitions
- Hidden words (Telescopic words)
- Homophones
- Acrostics (first/last letter; even/odd)
- Reversals
- Deletions
- Containers and content
- Charades
- Combination and complex clues
- Spoonerism
- Cryptic Definition
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Unit 4: Abbreviations and Foreign Words used in Cryptic Clues

- General abbreviations
- Peculiar abbreviations
- Foreign words
- Numerals
- Symbols

Unit 5: Strategies for Solving Cryptic Crosswords

- Identifying clue types
- Recognizing definitions/direct clues
- Indicators for different clue types
- Utilizing dictionaries and solving tools
- Word lists and dictionaries
- Etymology and word origins
- Idioms and phrases

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Course Structure

Theory (15 hours)

- Introduction to Crosswords; Types of Crossword – Simple, Cryptic; Structure of a Cryptic Clue; Cryptic Crossword Conventions
- Word Masonry (Wordplay); Cryptic Clue Types
- Anagrams (Jumbled words) – Example Clues; Double Definitions – Example Clues; Hidden Words (Telescopic words) – Example Clues; Homophones
- Acrostics (first/last; even/odd); Reversals; Deletions
- Containers; Combination and Complex Clues; &Lit Clues; Reverse Anagram; Spoonerism
- Abbreviations in Cryptics; Charades; Complex or Combination Clues
- Identifying Clue Types; Anagram Indicators; Telescopic Indicators; Homophone Indicator
- Acrostic Indicators; Reversal Indicator; Container Indicators; Content Indicators
- Popular Crossword Platforms

Practical (30 hours)

- Analysis and practice on clue type indicators (4 hours)
Anagram Indicators
Hidden Words (Telescopic Clues) Indicators
Homophone Indicators
Acrostic Indicators
Container Indicators
Content Indicators
- Analysis and practice on clue types (8 hours)
Anagrams
Telescopic/Hidden Words
Homophones
Acrostics
Double Definitions / Multiple Definitions
- Analysis and practice on common abbreviations and short words used in cryptic crosswords (4 hours)
- Practice on solving Cryptic (simple cryptic) grids. (4 hours)
- Practice on solving published cryptic crossword grids to enhance skills (10 hours)

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Teaching & Examination Scheme

S.N.	Theory/Practical	Credit	Hour	ESE	CIA	Total	Notional Learning Hour:-
1.	Theory	01	15	35	15	50	Class room teaching, Assignment, Seminar, Project & Field work.
2.	Practical	01	30	35	15	50	
Total:		02	45	70	30	100	

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Suggested Readings/ Books:

1. Understanding Cryptic Crosswords – Vivek Kumar Singh
2. How to Solve the New York Times Crossword – P. Smith
3. The Chambers Crossword Manual – Don Manley
4. Wordplay: The Philosophy and Fun of Cryptic Crosswords – David Astle
5. Additional Books/Resources/E-Books/Platforms may be chosen as per the Programme requirement

Online Platforms

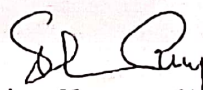
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2. The Hindu Daily Cryptic Crossword/The Hindustan Times Daily Cryptic Crossword
3. The Guardian Newspaper
4. Ximenes and the Art of Cryptic Crosswords
5. Exet Crossword Creation software
6. Crossword Compiler
7. Crosswordunclued.com


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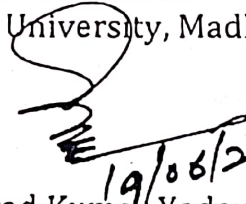
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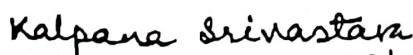
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Enclosure: Memorandum

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GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
BIHAR LOK BHAVAN, PATNA-800022

NOTIFICATION

No.-L/ORD/03/2026- 1416 /GS (I)

Dated- 04th July, 2026

In exercise of the powers vested in him by Section-38 (4) read with the first proviso to Section-39 (2) (ii) of the Bihar State University Act, 1976 and Section-38 (4) read with the first proviso to Section-39 (2) (ii) of the Patna University Act, 1976, the Hon'ble Chancellor is pleased to assent to the amendment to the 4-Year CBCS Under Graduate Ordinance and Regulations in respect of Programme Duration and Exit Options mentioned in Clause/Table "03. Program of Study/Course Structure", notified earlier vide letter no.-687 dated-15.05.2023.

2. This shall come into force from the date when the Hon'ble Chancellor was pleased to signify his assent, that is, 04.07.2026.

3. The amended Ordinance and Regulations shall not be applicable to the Patliputra University, Patna and the Maulana Mazharul Haque Arabic & Persian University, Patna for the time being.

By the order of the Hon'ble Chancellor,

Sd/-

(Dipak Kumar Singh)

Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor

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Research Project/ Dissertation (RP)

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Programme Duration and Exit Options

S. No.	Name of the Award	Stage of Exit	Mandatory credits to be secured for the award
1.	Undergraduate Certificate	After the successful completion of Semester II	Exit option to students with U.G. Certificate. After completing I, II Semester earning full credits students will be awarded UG Certificate only if he or she takes Internship as per Internship Guidelines of 4 Credit (during Summer Vacation).
2.	Undergraduate Diploma	After the successful completion of Semester IV	Exit option to students with U.G. Diploma. After completing I, II, III & IV Semester earning full credits, if a student want to exit he / she will be awarded UG Diploma only if he or she takes Internship as per Internship Guidelines of 4 Credit (during Summer Vacation).
3.	Bachelor of Science/ Arts/ Commerce	After the successful completion of Semester VI	A student may be awarded 3 Year UG in the Major discipline, provided he /she earns all credits of I, II, III, IV, V & VI th Semester. Every student has to mandatorily undergo Internship as per Internship Guidelines of 4 Credit (during Summer Vacation after 4 th Semester).
4.	a). Bachelor of Science/ Arts/ Commerce (Hons.) b). Bachelor of Science/ Arts/ Commerce (Hons. with Research)	After the successful completion of Semester VIII	a). A student will be awarded Degree in UG Honours Major if he /she earns all the credits of I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII & VIII th Semester. b). Students who want UG Degree Honours with Research in Major he / she must obtain 7.5 CGPA and above in the I to VI Semester. Such Students can choose a research stream in the fourth year if they earn (80 Credits, including 12 credit from a research project/ dissertation. They will be awarded UG Degree (Honours with Research). B.A./B.Sc./B.Com (Hons.): Total credits 160 B.A./B.Sc./B.Com (Hons. With Research): Total credits 160

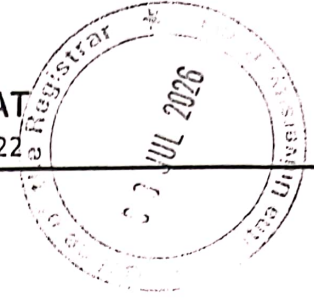
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Enclosure - Amendment



GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
BIHAR LOK BHAVAN, PATNA-800022



NOTIFICATION

(Corrigendum to Notification No.- L/ORD./03/2026-1416/GS(I), dated- 04.07.2026 regarding the amendment to the 4-Year CBCS Under Graduate Ordinance and Regulations in respect of Programme Duration and Exit Options notified vide Letter No. 687 dated 15.05.2023)

No.-L/ORD./03/2026-1432 /GS (I)

Dated-07th July, 2026

In exercise of the powers vested in the Hon'ble Chancellor under Section 38(4) read with the first proviso to Section 39(2)(ii) of the Bihar State Universities Act, 1976 and Section 38(4) read with the first proviso to Section 39(2)(ii) of the Patna University Act, 1976, regarding the amendment to the 4-Year CBCS Under Graduate Ordinance and Regulations in respect of Programme Duration and Exit Options notified vide Letter No. 687 dated 15.05.2023, the following corrigendum is hereby issued:

For Clause 3, the following shall be substituted:

"3. This amended Ordinance and Regulations shall be adopted by the concerned Universities after obtaining the approval of its respective Statutory Bodies, wherever such approval has not already been obtained."

All other contents of the aforesaid notification shall remain unchanged and shall continue to be in force.

By the order of the Hon'ble Chancellor,

(Dipak Kumar Singh)

Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor

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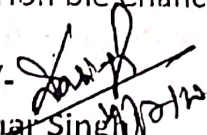
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