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To

1. The Dean, Student's Welfare, Patna University
2. The Dean of the Faculties, Patna University
3. The Head of the Departments, Patna University
4. The Principal of the Colleges, Patna University (except Patna Law College, Patna Training College, Women's Training College, College of Arts & Crafts)
5. The Controller of Examinations, Patna University

Subject:- Regarding the approved Ordinance and Regulations of 2-year (4-Semester) and 1-year (2-semester) PG Programmes aligned with the NEP, 2020 effective from 04/07/2026.

Sir/Madam,

Please find the copy of the approved Ordinance and regulations of 2-year (4-Semester) and 1-year (2-semester) PG Programmes aligned with the NEP, 2020 effective from 04/07/2026 received from the Governor's Secretariat, Patna vide its notification No. L/ORD./04/2026-1418/GS(I) dated 04/07/2026 as annexure no.01 for information and compliance of the orders mentioned therein.

Enclosure:- Annexure no.01

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Registrar

Patna University, Patna

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Copy forwarded to 1. The In charge, I. T. Cell, Patna University for uploading on the University website, and 2. The Section Officer, Admission Section, Patna University for information and necessary action.

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Annexure-01



GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
BIHAR LOK BHAVAN, PATNA-800022



NOTIFICATION

No.-L/ORD./04/2026-1418 /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 Ordinance & Regulations of 2-Year (4 Semester) and 1-Year (2 Semester) PG Programmes aligned with the 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**.

3. This Uniform Ordinance and Regulation shall supersede the existing Ordinance and Regulations of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in Post-Graduate in the Universities of Bihar promulgated vide this Secretariat's letter no.-1457, dated-29.05.2018.

4. The amended Ordinance and Regulations shall not be applicable to the Kameshwar Singh Darbhanga Sanskrit University, Darbhanga for the time being.

By the order of the Hon'ble Chancellor,

(Dipak Kumar Singh)

Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor

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1. All Vice-Chancellors, Universities of Bihar (except the BASU, the BAU and the NOU);
2. The Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Bihar, Patna;
3. The Additional Secretary (University), Governor's Secretariat, Bihar Lok Bhavan, Patna;
4. The Director, Higher Education, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Bihar, Patna;
5. All Registrars, Universities of Bihar (except the BASU, the BAU and the NOU); and
6. The Joint Director, NIC, Governor's Secretariat, Bihar Lok Bhavan, Patna (for uploading on the official website of the Governor's Secretariat)...for information and necessary action.
7. Guard File.

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The OSD to the Hon'ble Governor for information please.

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ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES IN THE UNIVERSITIES OF BIHAR

(Based on the National Education Policy NEP-2020)

1. Title and Commencement

This Ordinance and Regulation shall be called the Ordinance and Regulation Governing the One-Year (Two-Semester) and Two-Year (Four-Semester) Post-Graduate Programmes offered by the Bihar State Universities (Excluding BAU, BASU, NOU and AKU) and shall come into force from the date of assent by the Chancellor.

2. Definitions and Keywords

- 2.1 "University" means State University of Bihar, excluding BAU, BASU, NOU and AKU, established by the Bihar State Universities Act, 1976 (as amended)/Patna University Act, 1976 (as amended).
- 2.2 "Student" means one who has been admitted either in a one-year (Two Semester) or Two-year (Four Semester) Programme of any of the universities as defined in 2.1 through any procedure as notified by the university or Bihar Lok Bhavan.
- 2.3 "Academic Year" means two consecutive semesters (One Odd and One Even).
- 2.4 "Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)" means a programme that provides choice for the students to select from the prescribed courses (Core papers in the discipline, Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC), Generic Elective Courses (ECA) Discipline Specific Elective Courses (DSE), Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC), Value Added Courses (VAC), MOOC Courses, as per the guidelines issued by Governor's Secretariat, Bihar Lok Bhavan or as approved by the appropriate bodies of the university.
- 2.5 "Course" means Papers and Field/Laboratory training through different modes of delivery and as a component of a programme as detailed out in the respective programme structure.

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- 2.6 **"Credit Point"** means the product of grade point and number of credits for a course.
- 2.7 **"Credit"** means a unit by which the coursework is measured. It determines the number of hours of teaching/instructions required per week. One credit is equivalent to one hour of teaching (Lecture, Seminar, and Tutorial) per week or two hours of practical work/field work/project, etc. per week. The number of credits for each course shall be defined in the respective scheme of examinations.
- 2.8 **"Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)"** means a measure of overall cumulative performance of students in all semesters. The CGPA is the ratio of the total credit points secured by a student across all courses and semesters to the total credits across all courses and semesters. It is expressed up to two decimal places.
- 2.9 **"Grade Point"** means a numerical weight allotted to each letter grade on a 10-point scale or as prescribed by UGC from time to time.
- 2.10 **"Letter Grade"** means an index of the performance of students in a course. Grades are defined by letters O, A+, A, B+, B, C, P, F, Ab, MP.
- 2.11 **"Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA)"** means a measure of performance of a student in a semester. It is the ratio of the total credit points secured by a student in the various courses registered in a semester to the total credit of all courses during the semester. It shall be expressed up to two decimal places.
- 2.12 **"Semester"** means an academic session spread over 15-16 weeks of teaching work with a minimum of 90 teaching days. The odd semester may normally be scheduled from July to December and the even semester from January to June.
- 2.13 **"Grade Card"** means a certificate based on the grades earned. Grade Certificates shall be issued to all enrolled students at the end of each semester. The Grade Certificate will contain the course details (Code, Title, Grade Point, Credits, Credit Point, Letter Grade) along with the SGPA and CGPA earned up to that semester. However, the final result will be based on the Grades/CGPA.

2.14 "Transcript" means a certificate issued to all enrolled students in a programme after successful completion of the programme. It contains the SGPA of all Semesters and the CGPA.

2.15 "Ex-Student" means

- (i) A regular student (Except First Semester student) who has failed to pass $(n/2)+1$ or $((n+1)/2)+1$ courses or is unable to appear for the End Semester/University Examination (Except due to shortage of attendance/fail in CIA) in any of its courses of study, may be allowed to appear at the same examination in next session as an ex-student. "n" is the number of course in a semester, when "n" is even, the first formula will apply while "n" being the odd, the second formula will apply.
- (ii) An ex-student may only appear in the examination and will not be eligible for any privilege of a regular student.
- (iii) An ex-student will forfeit his/her right as soon as he/she takes an admission to a regular programme of study.

3. Duration and Structure

The duration of Post Graduate Programmes offered under this Ordinance shall normally be one year (Two Semesters) for those entering after completing four-year Undergraduate Programmes and two years (Four Semesters) for those entering after completing three-year degree programmes or exiting after three years in a four-year Undergraduate Programme. The maximum duration (including re-admission, gap, detention, rustication, suspension, etc.) shall be five years from the session of initial admission for the degree in a two-year programme, in conformity with Section 15(ix) below, and three years for a one-year programme.

Students seeking admission to the two-year Postgraduate Programme may opt for an exit after completing two semesters and be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma. Universities interested in providing the exit option may design the curriculum structure for the concerned subject and submit it to the Bihar State Higher Education Council, Patna (BSHEC). Accordingly,

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exit option may be offered in such two-year PG programmes wherein PG Diploma are approved by the competent authority.

4. Academic Calendar

Academic Calendar will be as approved by the Chancellor's Secretariat, Bihar Lok Bhavan and/ or Bihar Higher Education Department, Government of Bihar and as notified from time to time.

5. Semester System

The academic Session means a duration of 12 months, beginning in July of each calendar year. Each academic session shall be divided into two semesters- Odd Semester and Even Semester with winter break and summer vacation. The Odd Semester shall be from July to December and the Even Semester from January to June every year. The exact dates of the commencement of each Semester shall be as per the Academic Calendar. There shall normally be a minimum of 90 teaching days in a Semester.

6. Programme Structure

The Postgraduate Programme has been designed in accordance with the guidelines of the University Grants Commission (UGC). It incorporates the principles of the National Credit Framework (NCrF), the National Curriculum Framework, the Learning Outcomes-based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) and integrates Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in the Curriculum as per the spirit of NEP-2020. The Curriculum Design ensures academic flexibility and a multidisciplinary, holistic approach, emphasising a learner-centric ambience to enable learners to achieve graduate attributes through inquisitiveness, problem-solving attitudes, and critical thinking.

The programmes are designed to ensure flexibility in learning pathways, promote student-centred learning, strengthen the culture of research, innovation, and creativity, and enhance employability, professional competence, and entrepreneurial skills.

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7. Credit Structure

The credit structure of the Postgraduate Programme is given below in accordance with UGC guidelines.

S.No.	Qualifications	Level Structure	Credits	Credit Points
1.	P.G. Diploma	6	44	264
2.	1-Year PG after a 4-year UG with Hons.	6.5	44	286
3.	1-Year PG after a 4-year UG Hons. with Research	6.5	44	286
4.	2-Year PG after a 3-year UG (Annual system)	6.0 (First Year)	44	264
		6.5 (Second Year)	44	286
5.	2-Year PG exiting 4-year UG Programme after VI Semester	6.0 (First Year)	44	264
		6.5 (Second Year)	44	286

Credits earned through MOOCs may be transferred through ABC, up to a maximum of 40%. However, Core Courses cannot be chosen through MOOCs or any other Digital Platform, as per the UGC Guidelines, and cannot be counted towards the award of the Postgraduate Degree/Postgraduate Diploma, as the case may be. In the case of MOOCs or other Digital Platform Courses, such as NPTEL, all students in a programme must choose the same course with the prior approval of the University.

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8. Minimum Credit Distribution As per UGC

(A) For 1-Year Postgraduate Programme

S.No.	Curricular Components	PG Programme (One year) for 4-year UG (Hons. /Hons. With Research) Minimum Credits			
		Course Level	Coursework	Research Thesis/ Project/ Patent	Total Credits
1.	Coursework	500	40+2+2	---	44
2.	(Coursework + Research) **	500	20+2	20+2	44
3.	Research *	---	---	40+ 4	44

* Only for those who have passed a 4-year UG Programme with a CGPA of 7.5 and above.

** After passing out the first Semester, the PG Department of the University concerned shall decide, on the basis of merit (SGPA of First Semester), how many students will opt for Option-1 and how many will opt for Option-2 based on the availability of supervisor, resources and other infrastructure required for successful completion of the Research Programme. The students' choice will also be obtained before deciding on the option.

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(B) For 2-Year Postgraduate Programme

S.No.	Curricular Components	PG Programme (Two year) for 3-year UG (Generic and Professional) Minimum Credits			
		Course Level	Coursework	Research Thesis/ Project/ Patent	Total Credits
1.	Postgraduate Diploma	400	40+2+2	---	44
2.	1 st Year				
	1 st Semester 2 nd Semester	400 400	20+2 20+2	---	44
For those who join 2-year PG programmes, there shall be only one exit point. Students who exit at the end of 1 st year shall be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma.					
3.	2 nd Year (3 rd and 4 th Semester)				
3.1	Coursework	500	40+2+2	---	44
3.2	(Coursework +Research)	500	20+2	20+2	44
3.3	Research**	500		40+4	44

** After passing out the first two Semesters, the PG Department of the concerned University shall, on the basis of merit (CGPA up to Second Semester), decide how many students will opt for 3.3, based on the availability of supervisor, resources, and other infrastructure required for the successful completion of the Research Programme. The students' choice will also be obtained before deciding on the option.

2-Year Postgraduate (PG) Curriculum: The first year of the PG curriculum consists solely of coursework. There will be 5 Courses at Level 400 of 4 credits each and one course at Level 400 of 2 Credits in the first Semester. In the second semester, there shall be 5 Courses at Level 400, each worth 4 credits, and 1 course at Level 400, worth 2 Credits. The course of 2 credits in the first Semester shall be

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an IKS Course. In the second semester, a Vocational Course may be introduced aligned with the Major.

1-Year Postgraduate (PG) Curriculum: The Courses in the 1-year Postgraduate Programme and the second year of the 2-year Postgraduate are the same.

- a) **Course work only:** There will be 5 courses at level 500 of 4 credits and one course of 2 Credits each in every semester for the coursework offered in the programme.
- b) **Coursework and Research:** There will be 5 courses at the level 500 bearing 4 credits and one course of 2 Credits in each of the first semester of a 1-year PG or in the third semester of a 2-year PG. Research work will be offered next semester for the mode of study in the programme.
- c) **Research work only:** The eligible student will be offered this mode to conduct extensive research under the supervision of a guide. Each semester will be equivalent to 22 credits. The selection of a candidate for the research mode will depend upon the eligibility of the student, availability of the guide and seat in the in the College/University Department of the University.

Universities are required to follow the following ideal **Lecture-Tutorial-Practical (L-T-P)** distribution based on standard University Grants Commission (UGC) and National Credit Framework (NCrF) guidelines.

To calculate the contact hours, the standard formula applies:

- **1 Lecture (L) Credit** = 1 hour of teaching per week
- **1 Tutorial (T) Credit** = 1 hour of instruction/discussion per week
- **1 Practical (P) Credit** = 2 hours of laboratory/fieldwork per week

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Standard L-T-P Distribution Table

Paper Type	Total Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)	Total Hours/Week	Standard L-T-P (Credit)
4-Credit Theory	4	3 Credits (3 Hrs)	1 Credit (1 Hr)	0 Credits (0 Hrs)	4 Hours	3-1-0
2-Credit Theory	2	2 Credits (2 Hrs)	0 Credits (0 Hrs)	0 Credits (0 Hrs)	2 Hours	2-0-0
4-Credit Practical	4	0 Credits (0 Hrs)	0 Credits (0 Hrs)	4 Credits (8 Hrs)	8 Hours	0-0-4

Note: For the 4-Credit Theory paper, a 3-1-0 distribution is preferred over a 4-0-0 distribution as it reserves one dedicated hour per week for participatory learning, problem-solving, or remedial discussions, aligning with learner-centric curriculum standards.

8(C). Classification of Courses under Option 1 (Coursework only)

(i) For the purposes of these Regulations, the Courses prescribed under Option 1 (Coursework Only) in the credit distribution tables under Sections 8(A) and 8(B) above shall be classified into the following two categories:

(a) Advanced Courses, being courses designed to provide advanced disciplinary knowledge and higher-order analytical competence beyond the foundational level of the discipline; and

(b) Specialisation Courses, being courses designed to provide focused and in-depth study within a specific area, branch, or sub-discipline of the concerned subject, enabling the development of specialised academic and professional expertise.

(ii) The semester-wise placement of the aforesaid categories of Courses shall be as follows:

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- (a) In the Two-Year (Four-Semester) Postgraduate Programme under Section 8(B): Advanced Courses shall be offered in Semester III (Level 500); and Specialisation Courses shall be offered in Semester IV (Level 500).
- (b) In the One-Year (Two-Semester) Postgraduate Programme under Section 8(A): Advanced Courses shall be offered in Semester I (Level 500); and Specialisation Courses shall be offered in Semester II (Level 500).
- (iii) The designation of specific courses as Advanced Courses or Specialisation Courses, including their credit values, detailed syllabi, Course Learning Outcomes, and assessment patterns, shall be determined by the respective Subject-wise Courses of Studies Committees, in conformity with the Model Course Structure and Credit Distribution prescribed under these Regulations and Ordinances, the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission, and the National Higher Education Qualifications Framework from time to time. Provided further that, in terms of Clause 8(C)(ii) above, every such paper — irrespective of its designation as an Elective Course or a Core Course — shall be of an advanced and specialised character commensurate with its classification at the 500-level, and shall accordingly be designed and delivered at a standard of academic rigour higher than that prescribed for the foundational 400-level Courses specified under 8(B) above.
- (iv) The provisions of this sub-section are enabling in nature and are intended to provide the necessary academic flexibility for the introduction of advanced disciplinary learning and specialisation within the Coursework option. Nothing in this sub-section shall be construed to alter, derogate from, or override the total credit requirements, minimum credit distribution, or the course-level and track-wise framework prescribed under Sections 7, 8(A), 8(B), and 14 of these Regulations. In the event of any inconsistency between the classification under this sub-section and the credit distribution tables prescribed under the aforesaid Sections, the provisions of those Sections shall prevail to the extent of such inconsistency.

9. Eligibility for Admission to 2-Year Post Graduate Programme

- Students who exit upon completion of the Sixth Semester of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme shall be eligible to seek admission to the Two-Year Postgraduate Programme in the *Major, Minor, or Allied discipline* pursued during the said Undergraduate Programme. **Provided that**, in the course of selection, the

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order of preference shall be accorded firstly to the *Major discipline*, thereafter to the *Minor discipline*, and subsequently to the *Allied discipline*. The **Allied Subjects** shall be **explicitly defined and enumerated in the advertisement/notification** issued for the purpose of admission, so as to enable prospective students to ascertain their eligibility and to apply for the said Programme in accordance with the prescribed norms.

- A student shall also be eligible for admission to a 2-year (4 Sem.) postgraduate programme in the Hons. or Subsidiary discipline studied in the three years undergraduate programme. However, preference shall be given to Hons. Discipline.
- In case the admission is done on the basis of National Entrance Test (CUET) or any other entrance test, the admissions shall be on the basis of such merits.

10. Eligibility for Admission to 1-Year Post Graduate Programme

- Students who complete the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme shall be eligible to seek admission to the One-Year Postgraduate Programme in the *Major, Minor, or Allied discipline* pursued during the said Undergraduate Programme. **Provided that**, in the course of selection, the **order of preference** shall be accorded firstly to the *Major discipline*, thereafter to the *Minor discipline*, and subsequently to the *Allied discipline*. The **Allied Subjects** shall be **explicitly defined and enumerated in the advertisement/notification** issued for the purpose of admission, so as to enable prospective students to ascertain their eligibility and to apply for the said Programme in accordance with the prescribed norms.
- In case the admission is done on the basis of National Entrance Test (CUET) or any other entrance test, the admissions shall be on the basis of such merits.
- Students completing the Four year Under Graduate Programme under AEDP shall be eligible to seek admission in one year PG Programme in the major/majors of AEDP.
- Candidates who have completed a four-year undergraduate programme with a minimum CGPA of 7.5 or above are eligible for admission to the

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One-Year Postgraduate Programme with research, i.e., Option no.-3 in the Table-A.

11. Letter Grades and Grade Points

The performance of a student in a course shall be assessed and awarded a Letter Grade and the corresponding Grade Point as indicated below:

S.No.	Grade	Grade Letter	Grade Point	Percentage	Class
1.	Outstanding	O	10	90 & above	First Class
2.	Excellent	A+	9	80-<90	
3.	Very Good	A	8	70-<80	
4.	Good	B+	7	60-<70	
5.	Above Average	B	6	55 - <60	Second Class
6.	Average	C	5	50-<55	
7.	Pass	P	4	45%-<50%	
8.	Fail	F	0	<45%	Fail
9.	Absent	Ab	0	0	
10.	Malpractice	M	0	0	

Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)

The SGPA shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$SGPA (S_i) = \sum(C_i \times G_i) / \sum C_i$$

Where:

C_i = Number of credits assigned to the i-th course

G_i = Grade Point obtained in the i-th course

$\sum C_i$ = Total credits registered in the semester

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Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)

The CGPA shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{CGPA} = \Sigma(C_i \times S_i) / \Sigma C_i$$

Where:

C_i = Credits assigned to each course completed during the programme

S_i = SGPA of the i th semester

ΣC_i = Total credits earned in all semesters

Formula for Calculation of Percentage of Marks

The percentage of marks obtained by a student shall be calculated from the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) using the following formula:

$$\text{Percentage of Marks} = \text{CGPA} \times 10$$

Note: At the time of determining the final rank of candidates, the **exact percentage of marks**—computed by dividing the *Gross Total Marks Obtained* by the *Total Marks prescribed over the Two-Year or One-Year Programme, as the case may be*—shall be taken into account. Such percentage shall be applied directly, and the **conversion formulae relating to Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)**, as hereinbefore mentioned, shall not be invoked for this purpose.

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12. Fee Structure for 1-Year PG Programme

Sl. No	Head / Item	For Indian Resident Fee in Indian Rupees.	Non-Residents Indian (NRI) and Foreign Students in US dollar(\$)
I	Admission Fee (Per Semester)	500/-	100
II	Registration Fee (One Time) if Applicable	300/-	50
III	Caution Money (One Time, Refundable on production of no dues)	1000/-	200
IV	Tuition Fee (Per Semester)	600/-	300
V	Eklavya&Tarang (One time in each Academic Session)	50/-	25
VI	Total	2450/-	675/-
VII	Miscellaneous (Per Semester)		
	Central Library	200/-	20
	Electricity Fee	300/-	10
	Identity Card Fee	100/-	10
	NSS Fee	50/-	5
	Parking	50/-	5
	Internal Examination(CIA) Fee	500/-	40
	Library Maintenance Fund	100/-	10
	Building Maintenance Fund	200/-	10
	Medical Fee	100/-	10
	Athletic Fund (for College/PG Dept.)	100/-	10
	Athletic Fund (for University)	100/-	10
	Environmental Protection Fee	100/-	10
	Zero Emission Campus		
	Student's welfare Fee	100/-	10
	Poor Student's Fund	100/-	5
	Student's Union Fund	100/-	---

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	Magazine fund	100/-	5
	Hand Book/Directory	50/-	5
VIII	Total	2350/-	175
IX	Grand total (VI+VIII)	4800/-	850
X	Less Registration Fee	200/-	50
XI	Total amount 1st semester	4600/-	800
XII	Total Amount in Subsequent Semesters Excluding Caution Money, I-Card & Registration Charges	3500/-	590
XIII	Practical Fee Per Semester Wherever Applicable	1000/-	100
XIV	Field Work/Research Project work Wherever Applicable (One Time)	2000/-	200

13. Fee Structure for 2-Year PG Programme

Sl. No	Head / Item	For Indian Resident Fee in Indian Rupees.	Non-Residents Indian (NRI) and Foreign Students in US dollar (\$)
I	Admission Fee (Per Semester)	500/-	100
II	Registration Fee (One Time) if Applicable	300/-	50
III	Caution Money (One Time, Refundable on production of no dues)	1000/-	200
IV	Tuition Fee (Per Semester)	600/-	300
V	Eklavya & Tarang (One time in each Academic Session)	50/-	25
VI	Total	2450/-	675/-
VII	Miscellaneous (Per Semester)		
	Central Library	200/-	20

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	Electricity Fee	300/-	10
	Identity Card Fee	100/-	10
	NSS Fee	50/-	5
	Parking	50/-	5
	Internal Examination (CIA) Fee	500/-	40
	Library Maintenance Fund	100/-	10
	Building Maintenance Fund	200/-	10
	Medical Fee	100/-	10
	Athletic Fund (for College/PG Dept.)	100/-	10
	Athletic Fund (for University)	100/-	10
	Environmental Protection Fee Zero Emission Campus	100/-	10
	Student's welfare Fee	100/-	10
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14. Course Structure for PG Diploma/ PG with- Coursework Only/ Coursework with Research/ Research Only

Table 1: Credit Framework for Two-Year Postgraduate Programme [Total Credits = 88]

Academic Level	Level of Courses	Semester	Coursework Level 400	Coursework Level 500	Research Preparedness	Research thesis/ Project/ Patent	Total Credits
YEAR 1							
Level 6	Coursework	I	4+4+4+4+4+2	---	---	---	22
		II	4+4+4+4+4+2	---	---	---	22
Exit Point: For those who join 2-year PG programmes, there shall be only one exit point. Students who exit at the end of 1st year shall be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma.							
YEAR 2:							
Level 6.5	Coursework	III	---	4+4+4+4+4+2	---	---	22
		IV	---	4+4+4+4+4+2	---	---	22
OR							
Level 6.5	Coursework + Research	III	---	4+4+4+4+4+2	---	---	22
		IV	---	---	22	---	22
OR							
Level 6.5	Research	III	---	---	22	---	22
		IV	---	---	---	22	22
Total credits of P.G. Programme = 88							

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Note:

1. For the students opting for "Research Only" in Third and Fourth Semester in the 2nd Year, 22 Credits for semester 3 are to be designed in such a way that the learner is prepared for taking up Research Programme successfully.
2. Every student shall compulsorily take one Value-Added Course of 2 credits in the 1st Semester of the PG programme, which shall be a course on Indian Knowledge System (IKS).
3. In the 2nd Semester, every student shall compulsorily take one course of two (02) credits from the basket of SEC/AEC/VAC.
4. One of the four-credit courses prescribed in each of Semester I and Semester II of the First Year shall be a Generic Elective (GE) Course, to be chosen by the student from the basket of Generic Elective courses offered by the University/College concerned.
5. Two Elective Courses shall be offered in the 3rd Semester for Programme Option 1 (Coursework only). These courses will carry 4 credits.
6. Two Elective Courses shall be offered in 3rd Semester for Programme Option 2 (Coursework with research). These courses will carry 4 credits.

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Table 2: Credit Framework for One-Year Postgraduate Programme [Total Credits = 44]

Coursework for One-Year Postgraduate Programme [Total Credits = 44]							
Academic Level	Level of Courses	Semester	Coursework Level 400	Coursework Level 500	Research Preparedness	Research thesis/ Project/ Patent/Dissertation	Total Credits
YEAR 1							
Level 6.5	Coursework	I	---	4+4+4+4+4+2	---	---	22
		II	---	4+4+4+4+4+2	---	---	22
OR							
Level 6.5	Coursework + Research	I	---	4+4+4+4+4+2	---	---	22
		II	---	---	---	20+2	22
OR							
Level 6.5	Research	I	---	---	---	40 + 4	44
		II	---	---	---		
Total credits of P.G. Programme = 44							

- Note: 1. For option 1, the student shall take core courses combined with Discipline Specific Elective for 22 credits each in 1st and 2nd Semester.
2. In the first Semester for Option 2, the courses shall be of basic level related to research preparedness.
3. In the first semester for students opting for research work only, i.e., Option 3, the 1st semester shall be related to research preparedness.
4. For the students opting for Option 3, the first semester shall include an industrial visit/training/technical preparedness/hand on experimentation/ literature survey (depending on the subject, with a report to be evaluated by an external examiner)
5. The course of 2 credits in semester 1 for option 1 and option 2, shall be on IKS related to the Subject.
6. The course of 2 credits in semester 2 for option 1 shall be related to VAC/SEC/AEC.
7. Two credits in semester 2 for option 2 and 4 credits in semester 2 for option 3 shall be awarded on the basis of seminars on the topic assigned.

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15. Promotion Criteria for 2-Year Postgraduate Programme having coursework only:

- i. Each course shall be of 100 marks having two components: 30 marks for **Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA)**, conducted by the Department/College and 70 marks for the **End Semester Examination (ESE)**, conducted by the University.
- ii. The marks of CIA shall be further broken into 20 for Internal Written Examinations, 05 for Assignment/Project/Seminar presentation and 05 for attendance in the classroom lectures and other activities of the Department/College. These marks will be awarded based on the written records to be submitted to the University along with the CIA marks.
- iii. There shall be two internal assessments per semester per course, each of 1 hour duration and each of 20 marks. The average of the two assessments will be the final CIA marks. However, the attendance and assignment reports are to be submitted along with the final CIA marks.
- iv. The Requisite Marks obtained by a student in a particular course will be the criteria for promotion to the next Semester.
- v. It is compulsory to pass the Continuous Internal Assessment. If someone fails in the CIA of a particular course, he/she has to retake both the CIA and End-Semester exams next year, regardless of how many marks he/she obtained in the End-Semester Examination.
- vi. In case a student fails to secure pass marks in End Semester Examination, then he/she has to appear only in End Semester Examination of the following Sessions within the period of Upper Limit of Four Years and the Marks of CIA will be carried for the preparation of result.
- vii. Students' final marks and the result will be based on the marks obtained in CIA and End Semester Examination taken together.
- viii. The pass marks in each Course (Core/ Elective/ Other Courses offered) shall be 43.3% (13 out of 30 marks) in CIA and 45.7% (32 out of 70 marks) in ESE, taken separately, subject further to an aggregate minimum of 45% (45 out of 100 marks) in the Course as a whole.

A candidate shall be promoted to next Semester (2nd) provided he/she has passed at least in $(n/2)+1$ or $((n+1)/2)+1$ courses, where "n" is the number of course in a semester, when "n" is even, the first formula will apply while "n" being the odd, the second formula will apply.

- ix. A student will have to clear all his papers within a maximum of **Five Years of duration** to qualify for the degree.

However, it will be necessary to procure pass marks in each of the papers before completion of the programme.

16. Promotion Criteria for 1-Year Postgraduate programme having coursework only:

- i. Each course shall be of 100 marks having two components: 30 marks for **Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA)**, conducted by the Department/College and 70 marks for the **End Semester Examination (ESE)**, conducted by the University.
- ii. The marks of CIA shall be further broken into 20 for Internal Written Examinations, 05 for Assignment/Project/Seminar presentation and 05 for attendance in the classroom lectures and other activities of the Department/College. These marks will be awarded based on the written records to be submitted to the University along with the CIA marks.
- iii. There shall be two internal assessments per semester per course, each of 1 hour duration and each of **20** marks. The average of the two assessments will be the final CIA marks. However, the attendance and assignment reports are to be submitted along with the final CIA marks.
- iv. The Requisite Marks obtained by a student in a particular course will be the criteria for promotion to the next Semester.
- v. It is compulsory to pass the Continuous Internal Assessment. If someone fails in the CIA of a particular course, he/she has to retake both the CIA and End-Semester exams next year, regardless of how many marks he/she obtained in the End-Semester Examination.
- vi. In case a student fails to secure pass marks in End Semester Examination, then he/she has to appear only in End Semester Examination of the following

Sessions within the period of Upper Limit of Four Years and the Marks of CIA will be carried for the preparation of result.

- vii. Students' final marks and the result will be based on the marks obtained in CIA and End Semester Examination taken together.
- viii. The pass marks in each Course (Core/ Elective/ Other Courses offered) shall be 43.3% (13 out of 30 marks) in CIA and 45.7% (32 out of 70 marks) in ESE, taken separately, subject further to an aggregate minimum of 45% (45 out of 100 marks) in the Course as a whole.
A candidate shall be promoted to next Semester (2nd) provided he/she has passed at least in $(n/2)+1$ or $((n+1)/2)+1$ courses, where "n" is the number of course in a semester, when "n" is even, the first formula will apply while "n" being the odd, the second formula will apply.
- ix. A student will have to clear all his papers within a maximum of Five Years of duration for Two Year Programme, and Three Years for One Year Programme to qualify for the degree.

However, it will be necessary to secure pass marks in each of the papers before completion of the programme.

17. Assessment and Examination Scheme for Practical/Practicum Courses

- (i) Wherever the Course of Studies of a discipline prescribes a Practical/Practicum component, one or more of the courses in the credit distribution under Table 1 or Table 2, as the case may be, may be designated as a Practical/Practicum Course, subject to the provisions of this Clause.
- (ii) Notwithstanding Clause 2.7, and in derogation of the general norm prescribing *one credit as equivalent to one hour of theory instruction per week*, it is hereby provided that, in the case of a Practical Course or Field-Work Course, *two hours of practical or field-work engagement per week shall be deemed equivalent to one credit*.
- (iii) The Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) of 30 marks, End Semester Examination (ESE) of 70 marks and duration of the End Semester Examination for a Practical/Practicum Course shall be decided by the course of study committee of the respective subject.
- (iv) Notwithstanding Sections 15 and 16, where a semester includes one or more Practical/Practicum Courses, passing such Practical/Practicum Course(s) shall be a necessary condition for promotion to the next Semester, in addition to the requirement of passing at least $(n/2)+1$ or $((n+1)/2)+1$ theory courses, as the case may be.

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18. Question Paper Design for End Semester Examination (Theory Courses)

The End Semester Examination in each theory course shall ordinarily follow a three-section question paper pattern:

Section A, comprising 10 questions of 2 marks each, to be answered compulsorily (20 marks);

Section B, comprising 6 questions of 5 marks each, of which any 4 are to be attempted (20 marks); and

Section C, comprising 5 questions of 10 marks each, of which any 3 are to be attempted (30 marks): Provided that individual Universities/Colleges may prescribe minor variations in the question paper pattern, which shall be consistent with, and supplementary to, these Regulations.

19. Attendance Requirement

Every student shall be required to maintain a minimum attendance of 75% in each course, whether theory or Practical/Practicum, during the Semester, failing which he/she shall not ordinarily be permitted to appear in the End Semester Examination of that course, save as may be condoned by the competent authority of the University.

The award of CIA marks for attendance shall operate independently of the minimum attendance requirement. However, failure to meet the 75% threshold under Clause 19 shall render a student ineligible for the ESE, irrespective of CIA marks earned.

The detailed Course Structure and the Examination Scheme for each PG Programme will be prepared separately based on the Model Course Structure and Credit Distribution provided in this Ordinance and Regulations. The model formats for preparing the detailed syllabus of each option (Coursework only/Coursework with Research/ Research) are attached as Annexure-I, Annexure-II and Annexure-III, respectively. These should be considered as guidelines only. Minor deviation as per the needs of the Programme may be considered by the Experts, wherever necessary.

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ANNEXURE

Notes:

1. Annexures I, II, and III set out the Model Course Framework applicable to the different Semesters and course options of the Postgraduate Programme, namely, Option 1 (Coursework Only), Option 2 (Coursework and Research), and Option 3 (Research Only).
2. The said Frameworks have been designed in conformity with the requirements of the Ordinance and Regulation Governing the One-Year (Two-Semester) and Two-Year (Four-Semester) Postgraduate Programmes, based on the National Education Policy, 2020. The concerned Subject-wise Courses of Studies Committee may, at the time of finalising the Courses of Studies of the respective subject, make such minor modifications or adaptations to the said Frameworks as may be found necessary: Provided that no such modification or adaptation shall alter, derogate from, or override the total credit requirements or the course-level and track-wise framework prescribed under the said Ordinance and Regulation.
3. In terms of the explanatory note appearing after the Minimum Credit Distribution Table under Clause 8(B) of the Regulations — to the effect that the Courses of the One-Year Postgraduate Programme and of the Second Year of the Two-Year Postgraduate Programme are the same — Semester III and Semester IV of Year-2 of the Two-Year Postgraduate Programme shall, mutatis mutandis, be construed as Semester I and Semester II, respectively, of the One-Year Postgraduate Programme, for all purposes of these Annexures.

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Model Course Structure

Annexure-I

Year-1 of Two-Year PG Programme

Semester I Structure – Non-Practical Subjects

Course	Nature	Credits
CC-1	Core Course	4
CC-2	Core Course	4
CC-3	Core Course	4
CC-4	Core Course	4
GE-1	Generic Elective/Open Elective	4
VAC-1/AEC-1/SEC-1	VAC/AEC/SEC	2
Total		22

Semester II Structure – Non-Practical Subjects

Course	Nature	Credits
CC-5	Core Course	4
CC-5	Core Course	4
CC-7	Core Course	4
CC-8	Core Course	4
GE-2	Generic Elective/Open Elective	4
VAC-2/AEC-2/SEC-2	VAC/AEC/SEC	2
Total		22

Semester I Structure – Practical Subjects

Course	Nature	Credits
CC-1	Core Course	4
CC-2	Core Course	4
CC-3	Core Course	4
Practical-I	Generic Elective/OE Course	4
GE-1	Practical/Laboratory Course	4
VAC-1/AEC-1/SEC-1	VAC/AEC/SEC	2
Total		22

Semester II Structure – Practical Subjects

Course	Nature	Credits
CC-4	Core Course	4
CC-5	Core Course	4
CC-6	Core Course	4
Practical-II	Generic Elective/OE Course	4
GE-2	Practical/Laboratory Course	4
VAC-2/AEC-2/SEC-2	VAC/AEC/SEC	2
Total		22

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Year-2 of Two-Year PG Programme — Option 1: Coursework Only

And

Year-1 of One-Year PG Programme--- Option 1: Coursework Only

Semester III Structure – Non-Practical Subjects

Course	Nature	Credits
CC-9	Core Course (Introductory)	4
CC-10	Core Course (Advanced)	4
CC-11	Core Course (Advanced)	4
DSE-1	Discipline Specific Elective — Basket-1*	4
DSE-2	Discipline Specific Elective — Basket-2*	4
SEC-3/AEC-3	SEC/AEC**	2
Total		22

Semester IV Structure – Non-Practical Subjects

Course	Nature	Credits
CC-12	Core Course (Specialisation)***	4
CC-13	Core Course (Specialisation)***	4
CC-14	Core Course (Specialisation)***	4
CC-15	Core Course (Specialisation)***	4
CC-16	Core Course (Specialisation)***	4
SEC-4/AEC-4	SEC/AEC**	2
Total		22

Semester III Structure – Practical Subjects

Course	Nature	Credits
CC-7	Core Course (Introductory)	4
CC-8	Core Course (Advanced)	4
DSE-1	Discipline Specific Elective — Basket-1*	4
DSE-2	Discipline Specific Elective — Basket-2*	4
Practical-III	Practical/Laboratory Course****	4

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Course	Nature	Credits
SEC-3/AEC-3	SEC/AEC**	2
Total		22

Semester IV Structure – Practical Subjects

Course	Nature	Credits
CC-9	Core Course (Specialisation)***	4
CC-10	Core Course (Specialisation)***	4
CC-11	Core Course (Specialisation)***	4
CC-12	Core Course (Specialisation)***	4
Practical-IV	Practical/Laboratory Course (Specialisation-related)	4
SEC-4/AEC-4	SEC/AEC**	2
Total		22

Notes:

1. Total credits for Year-2 (Semester III + Semester IV) = 44. Combined with Year-1 (44 credits), the aggregate for the Two-Year Postgraduate Programme is 88 credits, in conformity with Table 1 of Clause 14 of the Regulations.
2. *DSE-1 and DSE-2 are the "Advanced Courses" referred to in Clause 8(C)(ii)(a) of the Regulations, and correspond to the "Two Elective Courses" prescribed for Semester III of Programme Option 1 under Note 5 to Table 1 of Clause 14. Each of DSE-1 and DSE-2 shall be selected from a separate basket, each with three options (Basket-1 and Basket-2 respectively), such that every student takes one paper from each basket. The composition of each basket, together with the syllabi, Course Learning Outcomes and assessment pattern of the papers therein, shall be determined by the concerned Subject-wise Courses of Studies Committee under Clause 8(C)(iii) of the Regulations.
3. ***In Semester IV, the candidate shall pursue specialisation in whichever one of the two areas represented by DSE-1 (Basket-1) or DSE-2 (Basket-2) was opted for in Semester III. Accordingly, all Core Courses of Semester IV shall be designed around the chosen specialisation track, and shall necessarily be offered in two parallel variants — one for the cohort specialising via the DSE-1/Basket-1 track and another for the cohort specialising via the DSE-2/Basket-2 track — as determined by the concerned Courses of Studies Committee. The specialisation track successfully completed by a student shall be duly recorded and reflected in the Grade Card, Transcript, and Degree/Provisional Certificate issued to the student, wherever applicable, in such form and manner as may be prescribed by the University.
4. **IMPORTANT — Consistency with the Regulations: Note 5 to Table 1 of Clause 14 requires "Two Elective Courses" to be offered in Semester IV, which needs to be modified accordingly now.**
5. **The Regulations expressly prescribe the nature of the 2-credit course only for Semester I (Indian Knowledge System, Note 2 to Table 1) and Semester II (SEC/AEC/VAC, Note 3 to Table 1) of Year-1. No corresponding provision governs the 2-credit course in Semester III or Semester IV. Pending clarification by way of amendment, the 2-credit papers at SEC-3/AEC-3 and SEC-4/AEC-4 above are

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proposed as a working default from the existing SEC/AEC basket; the concerned University/Courses of Studies Committee may substitute a Research Methodology, Practicum, or other Skill/Value-Added component in its place, as considered appropriate.

6. In the Practical Subjects structure, one Core Course otherwise appearing in the corresponding Non-Practical structure has been substituted by a Practical/Laboratory Course in each of Semester III and Semester IV (Semester III: 3 Core reduced to 2; Semester IV: 5 Core reduced to 4), so as to accommodate the Practical component within the fixed 22-credit-per-semester ceiling under Table 1, while retaining both DSE electives (Semester III) and the full specialisation-track design (Semester IV) intact.

7. Course numbering (CC-9 to CC-16 for Non-Practical Subjects; CC-7 to CC-12 for Practical Subjects) continues sequentially from the numbering adopted in Annexure-I (Year-1), each stream (Practical/Non-Practical) being numbered independently and without overlap, consistent with the convention used therein.

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ANNEXURE-II

Year-2 of Two-Year PG Programme — Option 2 (Coursework + Research)
And
Year-1 of One-Year PG Programme--- Option 2 (Coursework + Research)

Semester III Structure – Non-Practical Subjects

Course	Nature	Credits
CC-9	Core Course (Introductory)	4
CC-10	Core Course (Advanced)	4
CC-11	Core Course (Advanced)	4
DSE-1	Discipline Specific Elective — Basket-1*	4
DSE-2	Discipline Specific Elective — Basket-2*	4
SEC-3/AEC-3	SEC/AEC**	2
Total		22

Semester III Structure – Practical Subjects

Course	Nature	Credits
CC-7	Core Course (Introductory)	4
CC-8	Core Course (Advanced)	4
DSE-1	Discipline Specific Elective — Basket-1*	4
DSE-2	Discipline Specific Elective — Basket-2*	4
Practical-III	Practical/Laboratory Course	4
SEC-3/AEC-3	SEC/AEC**	2
Total		22

Semester IV Structure – Research (Common to Non-Practical and Practical Subjects)

Course	Nature	Credits
Research	Dissertation/Research Project/Patent***	18
	Research Seminar / Pre-Submission Presentation***	2
	Viva-Voce (Open Defence) ***	2
Total		22

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Notes to Annexure-II:

1. Total credits for Year-2 under Option 2 (Semester III + Semester IV) = 44, in conformity with the "Coursework + Research" row of Table 1, Clause 14. Combined with Year-1 (44 credits), the aggregate for the Two-Year Postgraduate Programme remains 88 credits.
2. *Semester III of Option 2 is identical in credit structure to Semester III of Option 1 (Annexure-I) — both being fixed at $4+4+4+4+4+2 = 22$ under Table 1 — and, per the explanatory note under Clause 8(B)(3), students are assigned to Option 1 (Coursework only), Option 2 (Coursework + Research), or Option 3 (Research Only) on the basis of merit (SGPA/CGPA up to the Second Semester) only after the completion of Year-1. It follows that Option 1 and Option 2 cohorts share the same Semester III papers — CC-9/CC-10/CC-11 (or CC-7/CC-8 in the Practical stream) and the DSE-1/DSE-2 electives — with divergence occurring only from Semester IV onward. DSE-1 and DSE-2 correspond to the "Two Elective Courses" prescribed for Semester III of Option 2 under Note 6 to Table 1, and shall each be selected from a separate basket of three papers, as more particularly described in Note 2 to Annexure-I.
4. **The Regulations do not prescribe the nature of the 2-credit course in Semester III for Option 2 any more than they do for Option 1 (see Note 5 to Annexure-I); the same working default (SEC/AEC, substitutable by **Research Methodology** or a comparable component at the University's discretion) is proposed here, and is, if anything, more apt for Option 2 given the research trajectory of Semester IV.
5. ***The Semester IV credit break-up (Dissertation 18 + Research Seminar 2 + Viva-Voce 2) is entirely a proposed one. Table 1 prescribes only the aggregate figure of 22 credits under "Research thesis/Project/Patent" for Semester IV of Option 2. **The assessment/promotion criteria for Option-2 shall be the same as for Option-1 (i.e. 45% of the Total Marks in Semester-III and IV).**
6. The University are required that a student's Dissertation/Research Project topic in Semester IV be aligned with whichever of DSE-1 (Basket-1) or DSE-2 (Basket-2) the student pursued in Semester III, and that this alignment, where adopted, be reflected in the Grade Card/Transcript in the same manner as recommended for the specialisation track under Note 3 to Annexure-I.

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Annexure-III

Year-2 of Two-Year PG Programme — Option 3: Research Only And Year-1 of One-Year PG Programme--- Option 3: Research Only

Semester III Structure – Research Preparedness

Course	Nature	Credits
RP-1	Research Methodology*	4
RP-2	Literature Review & Research Proposal Development*	4
RP-3	Statistical/Analytical Tools Relevant to the Discipline*	4
RP-4	Field/Industrial Training or Technical Preparedness (Hands-on Experimentation/Pilot Project/Lit Survey)**	4
RP-5	Seminar-I: Research Proposal Presentation*	6
Total		22

Semester IV Structure – Research Thesis

Course	Nature	Credits
Research	Thesis/Dissertation***	14
	Seminar	4
	Viva-Voce (Open Defence)***	2
	Publication/Research Article	2
Total		22

Notes to Annexure-IV:

1. Total credits for Year-2 under Option 3 (Semester III + Semester IV) = 44, in conformity with the "Research" row of Table 1, Clause 14. Combined with Year-1 (44 credits), the aggregate for the Two-Year Postgraduate Programme remains 88 credits.
2. *Note 1 to Table 1 provides only that, for students opting for "Research Only" in the Third and Fourth Semester, the 22 credits of Semester III "are to be designed in such a way that the learner is prepared for taking up Research Programme successfully," without itemising the constituent papers or their credit values. The five-component break-up proposed above (RP-1 to RP-5) is designed accordingly. Notes 2 to 4 to Table 2 (governing the parallel Research-only

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pathway of the One-Year Postgraduate Programme), also contemplate research-preparedness content of this general character.

3. **Consistent with Note 4 to Table 2 (applicable to the One-Year Programme's Research-only pathway, and adopted here by analogy), the Field/Industrial Training or Technical Preparedness component (RP-4) should, depending on the subject, take the form of an industrial visit, technical training, hands-on experimentation, or literature survey, with the report evaluated by an external examiner.

4. Unlike Option 1 (Annexure-II) and Option 2 (Annexure-III), no Note to Table 1 prescribes any Discipline Specific Elective or "Two Elective Courses" requirement for Option 3. The Research Preparedness structure above accordingly contains no elective component, and Clause 8(C) (Classification of Courses under Option 1) has no application whatsoever to Option 3, both by its own express terms and for want of any elective/coursework component to classify.

5. ***The Semester IV credit break-up (Thesis 18 + Viva-Voce 2 + Publication/Research Article 2) is for Option-3 only. Table 1 prescribes merely the aggregate of 22 credits under "Research thesis/Project/Patent" for Semester IV of Option 3. **The assessment/promotion criteria for Option-2 shall be the same as for Option-1 (i.e. 45% of the Total Marks in Semester-III and IV).** The requirement of a Publication/Research Article, in particular, is a proposed enhancement rather than a regulatory mandate, and the University may substitute any of the following in its place if a publication requirement is not considered appropriate at the Postgraduate level:

- Presentation of a research paper or poster at a recognised National or International Conference, Seminar, Workshop, or Symposium;
- Development of a prototype, model, process, software application, or innovative product;
- Filing of a patent, copyright, design registration, or other intellectual property based on the research conducted;
- Preparation of policy briefs, draft policy recommendations, or research-based submissions to relevant Ministries, Government Departments, or other stakeholder organisations; and
- Any other research, innovation, entrepreneurship, or knowledge dissemination outcome relevant to the discipline.

6. No Practical/Non-Practical bifurcation has been proposed for Option 3, since the Field/Industrial Training/Technical Preparedness component (RP-4) is already capable of subject-specific, discipline-appropriate content (including laboratory-based work, where relevant) without a separate parallel structure; the concerned Department/Courses of Studies Committee may design RP-4 accordingly.

7. The University are required to ensure that a student's **Research Stream** should be reflected in the Grade Card/Transcript in the same manner as recommended for the specialisation track under Note 3 to Annexure-I.

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