



## RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB

(Established under the Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006)

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### PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the meeting of RGNUL Academic Council held on 06<sup>th</sup> May 2020 through On-Line Mode.

Following members were present (**online**)

(1)	<b>PROFESSOR (DR.) PARAMJIT S. JASWAL</b> Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala	Chairperson
(2)	<b>PROFESSOR (DR.) FAIZAN MUSTAFA</b> Vice Chancellor, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad	Member
(3)	<b>PROFESSOR (DR.) HARPREET KAUR</b> Director, Centre for Corporate Law and Governance National Law University, New Delhi	Member
(4)	<b>PROFESSOR (DR.) MEENA SEHGAL</b> Former Chairperson, Department of Psychology, Panjab University Campus, Chandigarh	Member (Conveyed her approval through text message)
(5)	<b>MR. KARANJIT SINGH</b> Chairman, State Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh – 160 022	Member (Participated through audio mode)
(6)	<b>PROFESSOR (DR.) ANAND PAWAR</b> Professor of Law, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala	Member
(7)	<b>DR. SHARANJIT</b> Associate Professor of Law, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala	Member
(8)	<b>DR. JASLEEN KEWLANI</b> Assistant Professor of Sociology, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala	Member

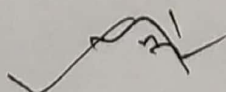
(9)	<b>PROFESSOR (DR.) NARESH KUMAR VATS</b> Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala	Member
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Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal welcomed the members and thanked them for joining Urgent On-Line Meeting of RGNUL Academic Council during lockdown period.

- ITEM (1) To consider and confirm the proposal of Covid-19 Committee, constituted by the RGNUL, Punjab, in view of UGC letter No. D.O. No. F-1-1/2020(Secy.) dated April 29, 2020, for conducting online examinations for B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) (FYIC) of Final year and LL.M. (OYC) in the month of May/June 2020.

Vice-Chancellor informed the members that University had constituted Covid-19 Committee for making recommendations regarding online classes, examinations and for considering matters arising out of lockdown. Vice-Chancellor also apprised members that in view of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown, the University Grants Commission constituted an Expert Committee to deliberate and make recommendations on the issues related to the Examinations and the Academic Calendar for avoiding academic loss and taking appropriate measures in the interest of the students. The Expert Committee interacted with the stakeholders such as Vice-Chancellors of the Universities, Principals of the Colleges and academia through various electronic means such as email, phones, WhatsApp, online meetings etc. and proposed guidelines for the universities, which, *inter-alia*, provide as under:

- (1) Maintaining the sanctity of academic expectations and integrity of examination process, the universities may adopt alternative and simplified modes and methods of examinations to complete the process in shorter period of time in compliance with CBCS requirements as prescribed by UGC from time to time. *These may include MCQ/OMR based examinations, Open Book Examination, Open Choices, assignment/presentation-based assessments etc.*
- (2) *"...the universities may adopt efficient and innovative mode of examination...."*
- (3) *The Universities may conduct Terminal/Intermediate Semester / Year Examinations in Offline/online mode as per the Ordinances/Rules and Regulations, Scheme of Examinations, observing the guidelines of "Social Distancing" and keeping in view the support system available with them and ensuring fair opportunity to all the students."*





Vice Chancellor apprised the members that COVID-19 Committee constituted by University deliberated on the issue and keeping in view the interests of the outgoing students and the sanctity of the examination, proposed, *inter-alia*, to conduct the online examinations for the X<sup>th</sup> - Semester, i.e., final year of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five Year Integrated Course and LL.M. (Post graduate) One Year Course, which are outgoing batches, in the Month of May/June, 2020. Vice Chancellor informed the members that the said proposal is in the interest of the outgoing students as they have to go for further studies or join the profession and/or employment/internship. Proceedings of the COVID-19 Committee are attached herewith.

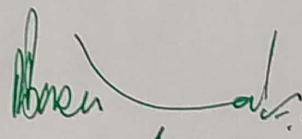
**Decision :**

Hon'ble members of the Academic Council, after thoughtful consideration, unanimously approved all the proposals of the RGNUL COVID-19 Committee including the proposal to conduct online examination of outgoing students of X<sup>th</sup> Semester B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five Year Integrated Course and LL.M. (Post graduate) One Year Course i.e. Outgoing batches in the month of May/June 2020. Academic Council further unanimously resolved to authorize RGNUL COVID-19 Committee to work out the modalities for conducting the examination with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor.

Vice Chancellor thanked the Hon'ble members for their valuable inputs in the course of discussions and for sparing valuable time during the lockdown period. Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



REGISTRAR



VICE-CHANCELLOR

### Recommendations of RGNUL COVID 19 Committee

The RGNUL Punjab authorities constituted a committee to examine the holistic impact of COVID-19 lockdown on academic activities of the University and to recommend the modalities to resume the academic activities during this period. The members of the committee convened various meetings since 18.3.2020 through audio and video conference to deliberate upon various relevant issues and to suggest the appropriate workable measures in consonance with the guidelines/directions issued by the MHRD Govt. of India, UGC, Govt. of Punjab etc. to resume academic activities and classes in the academic interest of the students and the institution.

Recently University Grant Commission had constituted a committee vide notification D.O. No. F.1-1/2020 (Secy) dated 29.04.2020 and the Committee has submitted its recommendations on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and accordingly guidelines suggesting various modes/measures to save the academic interest of the students were issued by UGC. The RGNUL COVID 19 Committee is satisfied to note that the measures suggested by the UGC have already been adopted and implemented at RGNUL, Punjab since the early stage of lockdown, which upto an extent provide a comfort to conclude the academic session within academic schedule with certain modifications. Committee discussed and deliberated upon various issues involving completion of syllabi, viva-voce, projects, assignments, examinations and academic calendar for next academic session.

UGC Recommendations Notification D.O. No. F.1-1/2020 (Secy.) dated 29.04.2020	Actions taken at RGNUL
<p>The Committee is also of the view that each university should be at liberty to chart out a contingent plan of action, if the situation so demands, to deal with any sort of exigency.</p> <p>All the universities may follow a 6-day week pattern to compensate the loss for the remaining session of 2019-20 and the new session 2020-21.</p>	<p>RGNUL planned the chart of activities as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online submission of projects/assignments of B.A.LL.B (Hons.) FYIC, 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Year for all the subjects</li> <li>• Online viva-voce from 16.3.2020 to 14.4.2020 for B.A.LL.B (Hons.) FYIC, 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Year for all the subjects</li> <li>• Uploaded online course contents and study material for all the students of UG course, B.A.LL.B (Hons.) FYIC and PG Course,</li> </ul>



The Committee recommends the following calendar for the academic session: 2019-2020.	for all the subjects on the University academic portal ERP.
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Particulars	Dates	RGNUL Action
Start of Even Semester Suspension of Classes	01.01.2020 16.03.2020	The RGNUL, Punjab started the session as per RGNUL scheme of study and Calendar on 01 <sup>st</sup> February 2020 and classes continued till 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2020.
Continuation of effective delivery of education in e-learning mode	16.03.2020 to 15.05.2020	<p>RGNUL, Punjab E-learning Mode</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculties have conducted online presentations of project viva-voce, moot-court presentations.</li> <li>• Uploaded study material online at University academic portal ERP.</li> <li>• Took online classes on Google meet, hangout, zoom, Cisco Webex... etc.</li> <li>• Uploaded recorded audio/video lectures etc to facilitate the students in continuation of academic activities</li> <li>• The faculty members also conducted doubt clearing sessions for the students</li> <li>• The University scheduled the online academic assignment submission and viva voce from 20.3.20 to 15.4.20 and online classes from 15.4.20 till 10.5.20.</li> </ul>
In the prevailing circumstances, the universities may adopt appropriate strategies to facilitate the UG/ PG students pursuing Projects/		RGNUL, Punjab has already conducted online project viva-voce of all the subjects for the first four years of UG Course. The Term Paper submission and Viva –voce is pending which is also scheduled to be conducted before 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2020.

<p>Dissertations. These students may be assigned review-based/ secondary data based projects or software-driven projects, instead of laboratory-based experiments or field/ survey-based assignments.</p>	<p>The Fifth year project viva and moot court presentations are in progress. All the academic assignments will be completed before 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020.</p> <p>Project assignments of PG course LL.M. presentations of all the subjects are also completed online.</p> <p>The dissertation submission and viva-voce is pending for LL.M. course. The submission of the dissertation can be done online before May 31<sup>st</sup> and the viva-voce can be scheduled in the first week of June 2020.</p>
<p>The universities may conduct the practical examinations and Viva- Voce through Skype or other meeting apps, and in case of intermediate semesters, the practical examinations may be conducted during the ensuing semesters.</p>	<p>Since all the assignments are completed or at the verge of completion for few courses therefore nothing will be pending so far as academic assignments are concerned at the time of reopening of the ensuing semester.</p>
<p>Notwithstanding the recommendations of the Committee regarding the resumption of session, conduct of examinations and commencement of next academic session, every university/ college has to ensure that it is prepared in all respects to carry out the academic activities following necessary advisories/guidelines/directions issued by the Central/State Government MHRD or UGC from time to time to prevent the spread of COVID-19.</p>	<p>The Committee accordingly suggested/recommended as considered appropriate in the academic/future interests of the students and the institution.</p>



## ATTENDANCE

### UGC Recommendation

Regarding the requirement of minimum percentage of attendance for the students/ research scholars, the period of lockdown may be treated as 'deemed to be attended' by all the students/ research scholars,

### RGNUL COVID-19 Committee Recommendation

The RGNUL academic session for the even semester commenced for all the semesters from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020. The classes of the courses were conducted uptill 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and the Mid-Term Examinations were scheduled from 16.3.2020. In compliance with the government directives, university was closed and teaching was suspended. However, immediately thereafter online assignments/projects/classes began from 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

The effective classes were conducted from 1.2.2020 till 14.3.2020 accordingly the attendance for eligibility and marks may be counted as follows:

A - From 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2020 to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 actual attendance be counted.

B- From the date of lockdown till 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 all the classes shall be deemed to have been taken and students for all the classes scheduled as per the time-table be deemed to be present.

To count the marks of attendance, it shall be determined by calculation of A+B.

The faculty members must be instructed to update the attendance uptill 14<sup>th</sup> March of their concerned subjects at the earliest possible.

**As a special measure no student should be detained for shortage of lectures in the present semester.**

## EXAMINATION

UGC Recommendation	COVID 19 Committee Recommendations
Maintaining the sanctity of academic expectations and integrity of examination process, the universities may adopt alternative and simplified	Considering the academic interest of the Final Year students of B.A.LL.B. (Hons) FYIC UG Course and the LL.M. OYC PG Course the examinations as they have to join their jobs, further studies abroad, appear in competitive examinations etc. it is moral responsibility of the institution to have their examination on priority.

modes and methods of examinations to complete the process in shorter period of time in compliance with CBCS requirements as prescribed by UGC from time to time. These may include MCQ/ OMR based examinations, Open Book Examination, Open Choices, assignment/ presentation-based assessments etc.

The Universities may conduct Terminal/Intermediate Semester / Year Examinations in Offline/online mode as per the Ordinances/Rules and Regulations, Scheme of Examinations, observing the guidelines of "Social Distancing" and keeping in view the support system available with them and ensuring fair opportunity to all the students."

The committee recommends to conduct the online examination of 5<sup>th</sup> Year B.A.LL.B. (Hons) FYIC UG Course in the academic interest of the students.

The examination of LL.M. (OYC) should also be conducted along with the final year UG course students.

The examination for these courses may be scheduled from 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 onwards as the classes are scheduled up till 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

#### **Modalities for Examination**

Examinations can be conducted online (platform and other modalities can be worked out in consultation with the examination, IT and Library branches.)

Mid-Term Examination and End-Term examination should be clubbed for all the semesters of UG courses. The First term and Second Term examination of the LL.M. Course should also be clubbed for conducting one single examination.

The examination should be conducted as per the RGNUL, End -Term Examination patterns for 80 Marks criteria.

#### **Pattern of Question Paper**

In all there shall be Five Sections in a question Paper.

Section A Shall be compulsory, Comprising four questions, one question from each module.

Section B, C, D & E shall have two questions each, out of which student shall attempt one question from each Section.

Division of marks will be as follows:

Section A	- 20 Marks
Section B,C,D& E	- 15 Marks each
<b>Total</b>	<b>- 80 Marks</b>

Though the paper setter will be requested to frame the paper in the above order but while providing question paper to the students, the second part i.e. B, C, D, E can be clubbed in to two or one section and the students may be provided the option either to attempt out of 8 questions any four or out of two set of four question any two

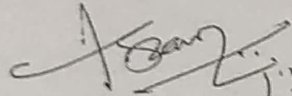


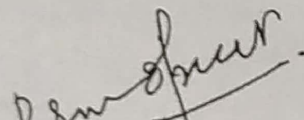
	<p>questions each from sections B and C.</p> <p>The above marks can be divided in appropriate scale as per applicable examination regulations to make the entry in the software for result purposes.</p> <p>The LL.M Course examination may accordingly be conducted on the same parameter at the scale of 80 marks clubbing both the term examination of 40 marks each.</p> <p>Before starting the final examination, detailed instruction will be provided to the concerned students, in addition to the detailed instructions to resolve the problems of the students. at the university level a helpdesk may be created for the purpose of resolving problems and issues related to the examination. Helpline numbers will be shared with the students.</p> <p>Those who would not be able to attend/appear in the online examination their examination shall be conducted offline after commencement of next semester. The examination papers will be framed afresh. The examination will be considered as fresh examination but not the repeat or reappear examination. The students who appears in the online examination shall not be allowed to appear again in the offline examination.</p> <p>Detailed modalities for conduct of examination in online mode can be worked out accordingly.</p> <p>It is also proposed that the faculty members be requested to prepare two sets of question papers for the safer side to counter any problem related to QP, if any, during online examination.</p>
<p><b>Examination Schedule</b></p> <p>The students should be informed well in advance (at least one week) about the conduct of examinations and other related activities.</p>	<p>The date-sheet of End Term Examination for these semester be prepared by the examination branch and shall be notified on or before 10.5.2020 if the exams are scheduled from 20.5.2020</p> <p>The matter may please be placed before the academic council to seek approval to take the online examination considering the academic interest of the students.</p>
<p>Next academic session and conduct of examination in the month of July 2020</p>	<p>Next academic session shall commence as per the RGNUL Academic Calendar subject to review of the circumstances from time to time.</p>

	<p>Examination final year of UG course and the PG course LL.M. should be conducted in the month of May.</p> <p>So far as first four years of B.A. LL.B. Course are concerned, they shall be promoted in the next class but they shall be required to clear the papers as per RGNUL scheme of study and examination shall be conducted as soon the lockdown is completely lifted or as may be decided by University from time to time on review of prevalent situation.</p>
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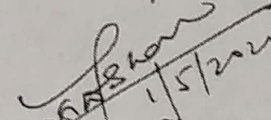
The COVID-19 Committee of RGNUL, Punjab accordingly submit the recommendations to the authorities for kind perusal and appropriate decision.

Submitted for kind perusal and approval please.

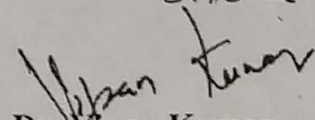
  
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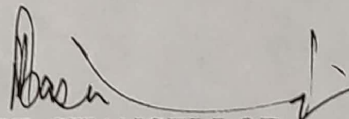
  
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