



Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Directorate of Colleges
Higher Education Department

CIRCULAR

Subject: Admission to the Fourth Year (Honours / Honours with Research) under FYUGP for NEP Batch 2023 during the Academic Session 2026-27.

Reference:

1. DC-HE/K/2026/1735 dated 08-06-2026.
2. General Guidelines for Admission issued vide No. DC-HE/2025/K/1604 dated 15-08-2025.
3. Order No. DC-HE/2025/K/1988 dated 29-09-2025.
4. Representations received from various Degree Colleges.

Kindly refer to the communication cited at (1) above, whereby all colleges were advised to counsel the 6th-semester students of the NEP Batch 2023 and to submit the combination-wise information regarding enrolment, exit and willingness for the 4th Year Honours (with and without Research) on the Directorate Portal. Subsequently, representations have been received from a number of colleges seeking introduction of the 4th Year Honours, and in particular of the Research vertical, in their institutions.

With a view to widening access to the Fourth Year and minimising the dislocation caused to students by inter-college migration, it has been decided that a college may offer the 4th Year Honours, with or without Research, in any Major programme, irrespective of whether it was authorised to do so during the session 2025-26, and without seeking any separate authorisation from this Directorate, subject to the following:

1. That the enrolled strength in the 4th Year Honours / 4th Year Honours with Research class in a Major shall not, in any case, be less than ten (10) students, as already stipulated vide the guidelines cited at (2) above.
2. That the Fourth Year shall be managed entirely within the existing faculty strength of the college without requiring any additional human resource. Supervision capacity, where required, may be augmented only through the 1+1 faculty pooling mechanism envisaged in the guidelines cited at (2) above, whereby a PhD faculty member of a nearby college can be involved to work in tandem with the host institution's faculty, without any transfer.
3. That the students admitted fulfil the eligibility criteria laid down by the affiliating university, and that the guidelines of the affiliating university relating to the 4th Year and to intra- and inter-university migration are adhered to.
4. That the college already possesses the required infrastructure and facilities for the 4th year Honors/Research programme.

A college fulfilling the above conditions shall not normally decline admission to the 4th Year to any eligible and interested student, whether of its own institution or of another college, so long as the minimum batch strength of ten students in the Major is met.



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Colleges offering the Honours with Research vertical shall ensure that the requirement of research infrastructure and availability of research supervisors, as mandated by the affiliating university, are met in full, shall constitute the College Research Committee in terms of the University guidelines, and shall assign supervisors to the enrolled students, the cohort in each research Major being equitably divided between the supervisors assigned to that discipline.

Where the number of students desirous of pursuing the Fourth Year in a particular Major in a college falls short of ten, the Principal shall counsel such students to seek admission in another college offering 4th year admission in that Major, and shall facilitate their migration by issuing the requisite documents without delay. Colleges shall likewise admit eligible students of other institutions. In case the applicants in a Major exceed the seats available, admission shall be granted on the basis of merit obtained up to the 6th Semester. In case the Minor / 2nd Major field of study of a migrating student is not offered by the receiving college, the college may either collaborate with a neighbouring college for offering the Minor / 2nd Major, or offer blended/hybrid delivery.

All colleges offering the Fourth Year shall upload, on the Directorate Portal, the Major-wise details of the programmes being offered and of the students enrolled therein. The consolidated position so declared shall be available on the Portal for the guidance of students seeking admission in other colleges, and shall serve as the intimation to this Directorate; no separate proposal or authorisation is required. Colleges shall also intimate the affiliating university of the programme(s) so offered, for purposes of registration and examination.


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No: DC-HE/K/2026/ 2448

Dated: 18-08-2026

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1. Dean Academic Affairs / Registrar, University of Jammu / University of Kashmir / Cluster University Srinagar / Cluster University Jammu, for information.
2. Nodal Principal, Jammu/Kashmir Division colleges, for information.
3. Principals, All Degree Colleges of J&K for information and compliance.
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**Principals,
All Degree Colleges of J&K**

Subject: General Guidelines for Admission to 4th Year Honors / 4th Year Honors with Research for UG Batch NEP 2022.

- Reference :
1. Minutes of the Review Meeting held on 30-07-2025 under the chairmanship of Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary, HED) vide No HED/ADM/37/2024-04(7432611) dated 12-08-2025.
 2. Record Note of the Review Meeting chaired by the Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary, HED) held on 19-07-2025 vide No HED/ADM/37/2024-04(7432611) dated 23-07-2025.
 3. Minutes of the Meeting to review and deliberate on the Key issues pertaining to Colleges of Higher Education in J&K chaired by the Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary, HED) on 11th April 2025.

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the admission to Fourth Year of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) under NEP 2020 is to be offered for UG Batch 2022. In this regard, after a series of deliberations and consultations with colleges and universities across J&K, the following general guidelines for admission are issued:

- On the basis of the Verticals offered in 4th year, colleges have been categorised as:
 - **Colleges offering Honors (without Research) as per Annexure 'A'**
 - **Colleges offering Honors with Research as per Annexure 'B'**
- All colleges shall issue detailed admission notifications and the admission process shall be conducted as per the following timelines:

S. No	Activity	Timeline
1	Granting of admission to own enrolled/eligible students by colleges offering Honors/Research Verticals	up to 25th August 2025
2	Consolidation and Submission of Vacancies by colleges offering Honors/Research Verticals on the Directorate Portal for students of other colleges.	26th August 2025
3	Submission of College preferences by students who wish to pursue their 4th year in other colleges.	27th August 2025 to 28th August 2025
4	Granting of admission to eligible students of other institutions by colleges offering Honors/Research Vertical	29th August 2025 onwards



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1. Granting of admission to own enrolled/eligible students by colleges offering Honors/Research Verticals

- Colleges listed in Annexure 'A' and 'B' shall complete the admission process in 4th year Honors with/without Research for their own enrolled eligible students as per the specified timelines.
- For colleges offering the Research Vertical, the total intake capacity of the majors may be fixed at 40 or higher as per the availability of resources and the norms of the affiliating university.
 - For each subject offered under the Research mode, the respective class cohort shall be equitably divided between two research supervisors assigned to that discipline to ensure rationalised supervisory responsibilities and a more focussed guidance to the students.
 - In view of the immediate admission process, the research supervision capacity needs to be strengthened without making transfers. For the same, in case a host college has only one faculty member with a PhD in a research major, a faculty pooling mechanism between colleges having geographical proximity needs to be established for optimum utilization of PhD qualified resources. Under this arrangement, a 1+1 model will be operationalised whereby one additional PhD faculty member from a nearby college will be temporarily deployed to work in tandem with the host institution's existing PhD faculty member.

1. Consolidation and Submission of Vacancies by colleges offering Honors/Research Verticals on the Directorate Portal

- Colleges listed in Annexure A and B shall prepare a list of vacancies available in both verticals with them for granting admission to students of other colleges and submit the same on the Directorate Portal as per the timelines specified.

2. Submission of College preferences by students who wish to pursue their 4th year in other colleges

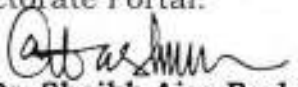
- Colleges not offering the 4th year Honors or Research verticals, and/or colleges where enrolled eligible students wish to pursue their 4th year in other institutions, such colleges will **notify** and obtain a list of college-preferences from their enrolled students.
- Students and admission convenors will refer to the college/subject-wise list of vacancies available on the Directorate Portal for submitting the preferences.
- The colleges shall upload the details of such students including their submitted preferences on the Directorate Portal as specified in the timeline table.



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3. Granting of admission to eligible students of other institutions by colleges offering Honors/Research Verticals

- This list of preferences submitted by students across all colleges of J&K shall be shared with the colleges offering 4th Year in Honors/Research verticals, for consideration towards grant of admission.
 - Such colleges shall grant admission to eligible students for their preferred 4th year vertical as per the availability of vacancies.
 - In case the number of applicants for a particular major exceed the number of vacancies available, such colleges shall grant admissions on the basis of merit obtained by the candidates up to the 6th Semester.
 - Students should regularly check the websites of their preferred colleges for further information regarding their admission process.
 - Colleges should also intimate the candidates via phone for expediting the admission process.
 - This process shall be carried out within the timeframe as specified in the timeline table.
- Students willing to opt for 4th Year in either of the two verticals need to fulfil the eligibility criteria strictly as laid down by the respective affiliating universities/autonomous colleges.
- The minimum batch strength of a Major with or without research shall not be less than 10 students in any case.
- All guidelines issued by the affiliating universities regarding the 4th year as well as the Intra and Inter-University Migration criteria should be strictly adhered to.
- In case the Minor field of study of a student is not offered by the college to which they are migrating, the colleges can: (a) Collaborate with a neighbouring college for offering the minor, or (b) offer blended/hybrid delivery using prescribed MOOCs or University-approved online modules in consultation with the Board of Studies.
- The list of colleges and programs may get updated as and when required and the same will be notified on the Directorate Portal.


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