

IMPORTANT

UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU

ORDER

In partial modification to order No: PA/REG/2026/365-414 dated 16.07.2026, the Committee constituted to formulate a comprehensive Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for the procurement of books and academic material in the University including framing of a stringent screening mechanism alongwith periodic random scrutiny by a panel of Academicians to prevent objectionable content from entering the University and regularly examining the websites and digital repositories of the University shall function as the **Sub-Committee** to the following **TIER-I University Academic and Content Audit Committee** constituted by the Higher Education Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, Civil Secretariat, J&K vide Circular No: 03-JK(HE) of 2026 dated 09.07.2026:

1. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor	Chairperson
2. Dean Academic Affairs	Member Secretary
3. Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences	Member
4. Head, Department of History	Member
5. Head, Department of Political Science	Member
6. Head, Department of Sociology	Member
7. Head of the Department of concerned Language	Member
8. I/c Librarian, Dhanvantri Library	Member

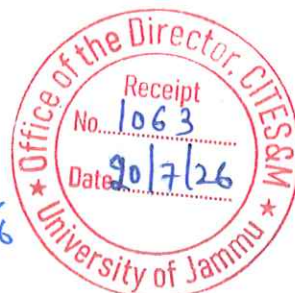
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No: PA/REG/2026/ 417-476
Dated: 17.07.2026

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1. Special Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor for kind information of the Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor
2. Dean Research Studies/ Dean Planning & Development/Dean Academic Affairs
3. Chief Coordinator Campuses/All Rectors/Directors of the Offsite Campuses/Heads/ Directors of the Teaching Departments of the University/Chairperson, 'UTSAAH', The Clubs, University of Jammu/ Convener Publication Cell
4. Controller of Examination/Director-CD&OE/Director-DIQA/Director, CITES&ET/Chief Proctor/Director, HRDC/Director, Centre for Studies in Museology & Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Noorani Museum of Heritage/Director, School of Visual & Performing Arts, Design and Architecture (SVAPADA)/Director, Centre for Women's Studies/ I/c Librarian (Dhanvantri Library)/ I/c Director-CDC.
5. All Concerned alongwith copy of Circular No: 03-JK(HE) of 2026 dated 09.07.2026 issued by the Higher Education Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, Civil Secretariat, J&K, *with the request to Member Secretary, Tier-I Committee to take the immediate necessary action as per the Mandate mentioned in the above-referred Circular.*

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Higher Education Department
Civil Secretariat, J&K

Subject: Constitution of an Academic and Content Review Mechanism for Comprehensive Academic and Content Audit of Academic Resources, Curriculum and Research Material in the State Public Universities of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

Circular No: 03 –JK(HE) of 2026

Dated: 09.07.2026

Whereas, the Universities established within the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir constitute institutions of higher learning, advanced research, innovation and academic excellence and enjoy academic autonomy under their respective Statutes, Ordinances and the regulatory framework prescribed by the University Grants Commission;

Whereas, such academic autonomy carries with it a corresponding institutional responsibility to ensure that the curriculum, syllabi, prescribed and recommended reference books, research publications, dissertations, theses, journals, digital repositories and other academic resources remain academically credible, factually authentic, legally sustainable and consistent with the Constitution of India, the laws in force and the broader objectives of higher education;

Whereas, it has become necessary to strengthen institutional safeguards by establishing a transparent and structured mechanism for periodic academic and content review of academic material, particularly in disciplines involving history, political science, sociology, languages, literature and other subjects having significant historical, constitutional, cultural or public importance, so as to ensure that such material maintains scholarly rigour and does not contain content that is factually distorted, misleading, inflammatory or otherwise inconsistent with constitutional values or prejudicial to the sovereignty, unity, integrity or security of the Union of India.

Now, therefore, in the interest of preserving academic excellence, safeguarding the integrity of the higher education ecosystem, reinforcing institutional accountability and promoting a uniform framework for the evaluation, academic and content audit, recommendation, retention, circulation, periodic review and management of curricula, syllabi, reference books, library holdings, research publications, dissertations, theses, journals, digital repositories and other academic resources, the following instructions are hereby issued for

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immediate compliance by all Universities established or functioning under the administrative control of the Higher Education Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir. These instructions shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to all Faculties, Teaching Departments, Schools of Studies, Centres, Directorates, Central Libraries, Departmental Libraries, Research Centres and all other academic units maintained by such Universities, while duly respecting their statutory and academic autonomy under the respective University Acts, Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations and the applicable framework of the University Grants Commission:

1. All curricula, syllabi, prescribed and recommended reference books, books available in the Central Library and Departmental Libraries, journals, periodicals, research publications, dissertations, theses, digital repositories and all other academic and learning resources maintained by the Universities covered under this Circular shall be subjected to a comprehensive **Academic and Content Audit**. The audit shall extend to the entire corpus of academic material irrespective of the year of its adoption, procurement, publication or inclusion and shall not be confined to the material introduced during the current academic session.

2. No curriculum, syllabus, publication, reference material, research publication, dissertation, thesis, journal, digital resource or any other academic material containing factually inaccurate, misleading, distorted, inflammatory or otherwise objectionable content, including material that directly or indirectly promotes, glorifies, legitimises or justifies terrorism, violent extremism, secessionism, radicalisation, anti-national ideology or any activity prejudicial to the sovereignty, unity, integrity or security of the Union of India, shall be prescribed, recommended, retained, circulated, published, hosted or otherwise made available for academic instruction, research or reference in any Faculty, Teaching Department, School of Studies, Centre, Library, Research Centre or any other academic unit of the Universities covered under this Circular.

3. With a view to institutionalising a transparent, accountable and academically robust framework for the periodic review of academic resources while duly respecting the statutory and academic autonomy of the Universities, a **Two-Tier Academic and Content Review Mechanism** is hereby established. The mechanism shall comprise a **University Academic & Content Review Committee** under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in each University and a **Union Territory Academic Coordination & Oversight Committee** in the Higher Education Department. The Committees shall be responsible for undertaking Academic and Content Audit, institutional review, quality assurance, periodic monitoring, inter-university coordination and such other measures as may be necessary to preserve academic integrity, constitutional values and the overall quality of higher education across the Universities of the Union Territory. The framework shall comprise:

Tier-I: University Academic and Content Audit Committee in every University under the overall supervision of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.



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Tier-II: Union Territory Higher Education Academic Coordination and Review Committee under the overall supervision of Commissioner Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department

Tier	Committee	Composition	Mandate
I (At University Level)	University Academic and Content Audit Committee	1. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor – Chairperson; 2. Dean Academic Affairs-Member Secretary 3. Librarian- Member 4. Dean, Department of History-Member 5. Dean, Department of Political Science-Member 6. Head of Department - Sociology 7. Head of Department of concerned Language - Member	1. To undertake a comprehensive Academic and Content Audit of the curriculum, syllabi, prescribed and recommended reference books, departmental reading lists, journals, dissertations, theses, research publications, digital repositories and other academic resources maintained by the University; 2. To examine whether such material conforms to accepted academic standards, factual authenticity, constitutional values, applicable laws, UGC Regulations and the academic objectives of the University; 3. To specifically examine publications relating to History, Political Science, Sociology, Languages, Literature, Law and other disciplines involving constitutional, historical, cultural or national significance, to ensure that the material is academically credible and does not contain factually distorted, misleading, inflammatory or otherwise objectionable content; 4. To recommend revision, withdrawal, replacement or further expert examination of publications wherever considered necessary; 5. To maintain proceedings of every meeting together with detailed recommendations and place the same before the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for

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			appropriate orders.
II (At Administrative Department level)	Union Territory Higher Education Academic Coordination and Review Committee	1. Administrative Secretary, School Education Department – Chairperson; 2. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu - Member 3. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, University of Kashmir- Member 4. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Cluster University Jammu- Member 5. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Cluster University Srinagar-Member 6. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, IUST-Member 7. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU-Member 8. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, BGSBU, Rajouri-Member 9. Senior most Special / Additional Secretary, HED -Member. 10. Director Colleges-Member Secretary.	1. To review the compliance reports submitted by the Universities. 2. To examine issues involving publications or academic material having wider legal, constitutional or public significance. 3. To recommend policy measures for strengthening institutional safeguards while preserving academic autonomy. 4. To advise the Higher Education Department on measures necessary for maintaining academic integrity, constitutional values and institutional accountability throughout the University system of the Union Territory.

4. The **Academic and Content Audit** of all books, journals, supplementary reading material, reference books, periodicals and other educational resources available in the libraries or learning resource centres shall be undertaken with a view to ensuring that educational material:

- (i) remains academically relevant and pedagogically appropriate;
- (ii) is factually accurate and supported by authentic sources;
- (iii) conforms to the curriculum and academic framework prescribed by the competent authority;
- (iv) promotes constitutional values, responsible citizenship, scientific temper and national integration;
- (v) does not contain misleading, distorted, inflammatory, unlawful or otherwise objectionable material, including any content which directly or indirectly promotes, glorifies or legitimizes terrorism, violent extremism, secessionism, radicalization, communal disharmony or activities prejudicial to the sovereignty, unity, integrity or security of India.



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5. Any curriculum, syllabus, reference book, journal, periodical, dissertation, thesis, research publication, digital resource or other academic material identified during the Academic and Content Audit as containing objectionable, factually inaccurate, misleading, distorted, inflammatory or otherwise impermissible content, or found to be inconsistent with prescribed academic standards, research ethics, constitutional values, applicable laws or the educational objectives of the Higher Education Department, or whose continued availability is considered prejudicial to the academic environment or public interest, shall be withdrawn from academic use with immediate effect and placed under safe custody. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor shall ensure that such material is inventoried in detail and transmitted, under proper acknowledgment, to the Administrative Department, where it shall remain in safe custody pending further orders of the Government.

6. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, shall exercise overall supervision over the Academic and Content Audit and ensure that the entire exercise is undertaken through the duly constituted Academic and Content Review Committee in each department of the University. Upon completion of the audit, the competent authority shall furnish the prescribed **Certificate of Academic and Content Verification**, certifying that:

(i) the Academic and Content Audit has been conducted strictly in accordance with the provisions of this Circular;

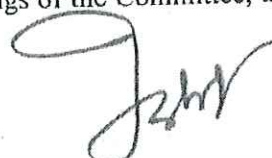
(ii) the curriculum, syllabi, prescribed and recommended reference material, library holdings, journals, dissertations, theses, research publications, digital repositories and other academic resources retained for academic use conform to the provisions of this Circular; and

(iv) all material identified for withdrawal, restricted access, replacement or further expert examination has been dealt with in accordance with the prescribed procedure and reported through the designated administrative channel.

7. The Academic and Content Audit shall culminate in a structured certification and reporting mechanism, whereby the prescribed Certificate of Verification shall accompany every Audit Report before its submission to the next competent authority. No Audit Report shall be entertained unless accompanied by the prescribed Certificate duly authenticated by the competent authority. The authority at the succeeding tier shall independently satisfy itself regarding the adequacy and completeness of the scrutiny undertaken at the preceding level and shall record such observations or recommendations as may be considered appropriate before authenticating the report.

8. The Academic and Content Audit shall thereafter constitute an **annual institutional exercise** to be undertaken every academic year. However, in respect of the existing curriculum, library holdings, research material and other academic resources presently available in the Universities and Colleges, the one-time audit shall be completed in accordance with the following schedule:

(i) The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (Tier-I) shall, upon completion of the Academic and Content Audit through the University Academic & Content Review Committee, furnish the **Certificate of Academic and Content Verification** in the prescribed format, together with the proceedings of the Committee, the University Academic and



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Content Audit Report and the inventory of academic resources examined, to the **Higher Education Department** on or before **31st of July, 2026**.

(ii) The **Higher Education Department**, through the **Union Territory Higher Education Academic Coordination Committee**, shall examine the reports received from all Universities, undertake such review or verification as may be considered necessary, and prepare a **Consolidated Union Territory Academic & Content Audit, Verification and Compliance Report**.

9. The Certificates issued at each tier shall constitute an integral component of the Audit Record and shall invariably accompany the Audit Report throughout the prescribed reporting hierarchy until its submission before the Administrative Department.

10. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellors, Registrars, Deans, Heads of Departments and all officers or authorities entrusted with responsibilities relating to academic governance, curriculum development, academic and content audit, library administration, research oversight, institutional quality assurance or regulatory supervision shall ensure scrupulous implementation of the provisions contained in this Circular. They shall exercise due diligence at every stage, adhere strictly to the prescribed timelines and remain personally responsible and accountable for ensuring effective compliance within their respective spheres of responsibility.

11. In addition to the foregoing directions, and **for the sake of repetition and clarity**, the Authorities concerned in respect of each University, shall bear primary responsibility for ensuring strict implementation of the provisions contained in this Circular.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Sd/-

(Ram Niwas Sharma) IAS

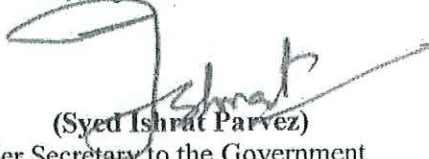
Commissioner Secretary to the Government,

No: HED/US/Cir/2026-27

Dated: 09.07.2026

Copy for information and necessary action to the:

1. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K.
2. Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department.
3. Director Information, J&K.
4. Director Colleges, J&K.
5. Registrars of the Universities of J&K (All).
6. OSD to the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education Department.
7. Nodal Principal, Kashmir/Jammu.
8. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, J&K.
9. Private Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department.
10. Incharge Website, HED.
11. Circular file.


(Syed Ishrat Parvez)

Under Secretary to the Government

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Annexure-I
Certificate of Academic and Content Verification
(To be furnished by the Vice-Chancellor)

CERTIFICATE

Certified that, in pursuance of Circular No. _____ dated _____ issued by the Higher Education Department, the **University Academic & Content Review Committee** constituted under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor of _____ (Name of the University) has undertaken a comprehensive **Academic and Content Audit** of the curricula, syllabi, prescribed and recommended reference books, Central Library and Departmental Library collections, journals, periodicals, research publications, dissertations, theses, digital repositories, departmental reading lists and all other academic resources maintained by the University.

It is further certified that the aforesaid Academic and Content Audit has been conducted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the said Circular, after due examination by the concerned Faculties, Teaching Departments and the University Academic & Content Review Committee.

On the basis of the recommendations of the University Academic & Content Review Committee, I hereby certify that:

1. The academic resources examined have been duly scrutinised with reference to their academic relevance, factual authenticity, scholarly credibility, pedagogical suitability, research integrity and conformity with the curriculum, statutory regulations and academic standards prescribed by the competent authorities.
2. The curricula, syllabi, reference material, library resources, research publications, dissertations, theses, journals and other academic resources retained by the University are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, consistent with the Constitution of India, the laws for the time being in force, constitutional values, accepted principles of academic scholarship, scientific temper and the educational objectives of the Higher Education Department.
3. No academic material containing factually inaccurate, misleading, distorted, plagiarised, inflammatory, unlawful or otherwise objectionable content, including material directly or indirectly promoting or glorifying terrorism, violent extremism, secessionism, radicalisation, communal disharmony or any activity prejudicial to the sovereignty, unity, integrity or security of the Union of India, has been retained for academic instruction, research, reference or circulation.
4. All academic material identified by the University Academic & Content Review Committee as requiring withdrawal, restricted access, replacement or further expert examination has been dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Circular and reported through the prescribed administrative channel.

I further certify that the information furnished herein is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that no material fact has been concealed.

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Particulars	Details
Name of the University	
Date(s) of Academic & Content Audit	
Total Number of Faculties / Schools / Teaching Departments covered	
Total Academic Resources Examined	
Total Books / Reference Books Examined	
Total Journals / Periodicals Examined	
Total Research Publications, Dissertations & Theses Examined	
Total Digital Repositories / Electronic Resources Reviewed	
Academic Material Withdrawn / Placed under Restricted Access (if any)	
Academic Material Referred for Further Expert Examination (if any)	

Signature of the Ho'ble Vice-Chancellor

Name: _____

University: _____

Official Seal

Date: _____

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