



## **GONDWANA UNIVERSITY, GADCHIROLI**

**DIRECTION NO. 12 OF 2023**

### **Facility of Pursuing Two Academic Programmes of the University Simultaneously, Direction, 2023**

**Whereas**, Gondwana University, Gadchiroli [hereinafter the "University"], governed by Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 [Mah. Act VI of 2017] [hereinafter the "Act"], under its four faculties of Science and Technology, Commerce and Management, Humanities, and Inter-Disciplinary Studies, is offering various Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Under-Graduate and Post Graduate degree programmes as well as Ph.D. programmes, both through its Model College, post graduate teaching departments and its affiliated colleges many of which are also the recognized centers of higher learning;

**AND**

**Whereas**, as per the existing rules of the University, governing admission of students in various academic programmes of the University, no student is eligible to pursue two full time academic programmes simultaneously, which in other words means a student can take admission in any educational institution only for pursuing any one full time academic programme, subject to his fulfilling the eligibility criterion, by submitting essential documents which includes transfer certificate from the last attended educational institution and migration certificate, wherever applicable;

**AND**

**Whereas**, keeping in view the philosophy of the National Education Policy [NEP] 2020, emphasizing the need to facilitate multiple pathways to learning involving both formal and informal education modes, the University Grants Commission [UGC] has issued the Guidelines for pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously, by the students, in April 2022 and the said guidelines of the UGC have been adopted by the Academic Council of the University in its emergent meeting held on 30th September 2022 ;

**AND**

**Whereas**, the adoption of the UGC guidelines dated April 2022 has the impact of altering the conditions under which the students are admitted to various academic programmer offered in the University necessitating issuance of an Ordinance in terms of the provision of section 73(1)and (7) of the Act. However, Since making of an Ordinance is time consuming process and there is an exigency to facilitate admission of students of the University in two academic programmes simultaneously from the academic year 2023-2024.

Now, therefore, I, Dr. Prashant S. Bokare in exercise of my powers under section 12(8) of the Act, being satisfied about the need for exercise of this extraordinary power, do hereby issue the following Direction: -

1. This Direction may be called "Facility of Pursuing Two Academic Programmes of the University Simultaneously, Direction, 2023"
2. This Direction shall come into force from the date of its issuance.
3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any Ordinance, Statute, Regulations or Direction of the University the admission of students in any academic programme of the University offered by any institution of higher learning within the Jurisdiction of the University shall be as per the provisions of this Direction.
4. In this Direction, unless the context requires otherwise, the following words and phrases with their grammatical variations shall have the meaning as given below:-
  - i. "Higher Educational Institution" (HEI) means and includes the post Graduate Teaching Departments, conducted Colleges including the Model College of the University, and the affiliated colleges/institutions of the University.
  - ii. "Institution" means an educational institution/ school/ junior college/board/ from where the student has completed his education making him/her qualified to take admission for any academic programme of the University in any of its higher educational institution.
  - iii. "Primary programme" means a programme for which a student takes admission in any Higher Educational Institution by submitting the transfer certificate issued by the educational institution last attended by him/her as a full-time regular student.
  - iv. "Programme" means any academic programme, except the Ph.D. Programme, offered by the University (through its post Graduate Teaching Departments or conducted Colleges including the Model College) and the affiliated colleges/institution of the University, leading to the award of any Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Under Graduate and Post Graduate Degrees, conducted in offline or online mode or through the system of open and distance learning.
  - v. "Secondary Programme" means a programme for which a student, having taken admission for the primary programme, desires to take admission as a full-time regular student.
  - vi. "University" means Gondwana University Gadchiroli.
- 5.1 Subject to satisfying the requirement of eligibility for admission to any academic programme of the University a student shall be eligible to pursue two full-time academic programmes in physical mode, either in the same higher educational institution or different higher educational institutions, on the following conditions:  
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- a) The class timing for one programme does not overlap with the class timing of the other programme; -
  - b) Where admission is desired to be taken in two different higher educational institutions, the distance between the two institutions is not more than 40 kms.
- 5.2 A student can pursue two academic programmes, one in full-time physical mode and another in open and distance learning (ODL)/ online mode; or upto two ODL/ online programmes simultaneously, provided the degree or diploma programmes under ODL/ online mode shall be pursued with only such a HEIs which are recognized by UGC/ Statutory Council/ Government of India for running such programmes.
- 5.3 Wherever necessary the degree or diploma programmes referred to in this Direction shall also be compliant with the regulations issued/notified by UGC/ concerned statutory or professional councils.
- 5.4 The benefit of this direction cannot be claimed by any student who has already pursued or is pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously before coming into force of this Direction.
- 6.1 A student desiring to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously under this Direction shall have to submit the transfer certificate (T.C.) issued by the institution last attended by him/her in the HEI where he/ she takes admission for the primary programme.
- 6.2 A student desiring to take admission in the secondary programme, either in the same HEI or different HEI shall procure a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Principal/ Head of the HEI where he/she has taken admission as a full-time student for pursuing any academic programme. Such a NOC, in the prescribed form, shall specifically certify that the student in question has submitted his/her original transfer certificate issued by the institution last attended by him/her and that the HEI has no objection to his/her joining any other HEI for pursuing any academic programme.
7. Where a student is joining the University system for the first time either by virtue of migration from other university or having completed the eligibility programme from non university institution, the process of applying for obtaining Enrollment number/PRN of the University shall be initiated by the HEI where the student has taken admission for the primary programme and as such the fees for the said process shall be paid in the same HEI.
8. No student availing the benefit of this Direction has taken admission in more than one academic programme either in the same HEI or different HEIs shall become eligible to claim scholarship or free-ship of any government for more than one academic programme. Therefore, a student taking admission to more than one academic

programme shall submit an undertaking in other HEI i.e. other than the HEI where he has applied for scholarship/ free-ship that he has already applied for and has availed the free-ship/ scholarship.

9. The University shall, as far as possible, try to frame the time table of the end semester examinations of its academic programmes in such a manner that there is no overlap between the examinations of the academic programmes so that the students opting to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously are able to appear for both/all the examinations. However, where in spite of the best efforts of the University the overlap is unavoidable the University shall not be liable to any student for the loss of an opportunity to appear in the end semester examination conducted by the University for any academic programme.
10. The provisions of this Direction shall no way affect the provisions of any other direction/ordinance/ statute/regulation of the University with respect to conduct of university examinations, award of grace marks, preparation of programme wise merit list, award of gold medals and certificate, examination fee, conduct of convocation etc.

Gadchiroli

Date

31/05/2023



(Dr. Prashant S. Bokare)  
Vice-Chancellor