Office of the Registrar G.B. Pant University of Ag. & Tech., Pantnagar

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Dear Undergraduate Students of Intermediate Semesters,

All of us in the administration have taken cognizance of scores (about 1300 as you mentioned) of your emails received from time to time with an impressive analysis of difficulties being faced by you expressed through charts, pie diagrams, graphs, figures, photographs, newspapers cuttings ,etc. thereby making it a sizeable file size. The main difficulties posed by you are: poor or no internet connectivity, low mbps coverage, uncertain electricity, lack of tools and gadgets, lack of reading material, lack of preparation, harsh climate, etc. And therefore, prevailing situation does not allow you to take up online examinations. Further, you have taken recourse of UGC guidelines and seek promotion to the next level based on past performance.

At this juncture, your attention to the following facts/decisions is invited:

- 1. As was decided by the Academic Council in its 390th meeting held on June 22-23, 2020, II semester final examination (2019-20) would be held in 'on-line mode'. In this regard, MS meet / Google Suite platforms are being adopted.
- 2. If completion of Phase-I of examination is any indication, the university has equipped itself with a proficient system of semester final on-line examination. It was reported that there has been near 100 per cent turnout of students, in some colleges there was NO absentee on any of the days. With students friendly guideline in place, mocktests given to the students and trained faculty in the handling of gadgets, no difficulty, whatsoever, was registered.
- 3. Effective August 10, on-line final examinations of PG and Ph.D. students are underway as all the students justifiably and rightly so agreed to the advise offered by Dean, PGS and chose the logical methodology to earn next levels of their degrees. All the students are attempting to appear in the on-line examinations. For some 'disadvantaged' students, if there would be any, good alternatives exist.

- 4. Since there is no other recourse than the on-line examinations, as university would have only one mode of examination for all the students, a fervent appeal to all of you is to get encouraged and prepared to appear for the examination as scheduled for Phase-III and move to the next level of your academic career gracefully. It may please be noted that all the students falling under Phase I (UG Final year Students who have already completed their on-line examinations) and Phase II (all PG and Ph.D. students whose examinations are underway) of on-line examination have already attempted to take examinations successfully as decided by the university.
- 5. If however some of the UG I, II and III year deprived students who opt out of examinations (regular and make-up) would have to face online examinations on coming to the university when it reopens. Should they fail to clear their subject(s), they would be treated as per existing academic regulations.

6. Please use your trusted wisdom and take a decision for your betterment.

Best wishes,

Cc:

1. All Deans of faculties for circulation among respective faculty for further communication to their advisees

- 2. All undergraduate students of intermediate semesters through their advisers
- 3. Dy. Registrar

- 4. I/C university website for uploading the letter
- 5. P.S. to V.C. for kind information of Vice-Chancellor, please.