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STATUTES OF THE CENTRE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

CHAPTER - I PRELIMINARY

Short Title and Commencement

- (I) These Statutes may be called the Centre of Distance Education Statutes, 2007.
- (ii) These Statutes shall come into force from the date of their notification by the University.

St 2: Definitions

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In these Statutes, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (I) "Act" means the Kashmir and Jammu Universities Act, 1969;
- (ii) "University" means the University of Kashmir as defined under Section 2(k) of the Act;
- (iii) "Statutes and Regulations" means Statutes and Regulations as defined under Section 2(h) of the Act;
- (iv) "Centre" means the Centre of Distance Education of the University of Kashmir;
- (i) "Director" means the Director of the Centre of Distance Education;
- (vi) "Programme/Course" means any approved correspondence programme/course offered by the Central of Distance Education;
- (vii) "Academic session" means the period of time commencing from the date of admission till the commencement of examination (of any course/ programme offered by the Centre);//

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- (viii) "Personal Contact Programme" means the Contact classes/class-room lectures arranged by the Centre by engaging teachers/resource personnel/subject experts;
- (ix) "Response-Sheet" means preparation of assignments by students in response to the set of questions appended to each lesson-script in each subject. The answer pertaining to one script shall constitute one Response-Sheet;
- (x) "Course Co-ordinator" means a teacher as defined under Section 2(j) of the Act and who shall be in charge of a particular course.
- (xi) "Bodies and Authorities" means bodies and authorities of the University as prescribed under the Act;
- (xii) "Advisory Board" means the Advisory Board of the Centre constituted under Statute 6 of these Statutes;
- (xili) "Academic Connsellor" means an experienced resource person/expert engaged by the Centre on fixed honorarium basis for providing guidance/counseling to students;
- (xiv) "Liaison Officer of the Study Centre" means a person incharge of a study-cum-information centre of the Centre of Distance Education engaged on fixed honorarium basis;
- (xv) "Counsellor" means a person incharge of the Enquiry
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- (ii) to provide instructions in such branches of learning as the Advisory Board of the Centre/ University may think fit for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge through correspondence modes of education;
- (iii) to co-operate with other Universities for promoting education through distance mode in such a manner and for such purposes as the Advisory Board of the Centre/University may determine;
- (iv) to suggest to the Academic Council the syllaturand courses of studies of different Courses/ programmes after consulting the Board of Studies in the concerned subject;
- (v) to establish and maintain the Study-cuminformation Centres at different places for the benefit of the students enrolled with the Centre of Distance Education for promoting and facilitating distance education;
- (vi) to demand and receive payments of such fees and other charges as may be authorised by the Statutes and Regulations;
- (vii) to prepare the study material in approved branches of learning/Courses/programmes, and issue instructions to students by correspondence;
- (viii) to undertake editing, printing and publication of Study Material and other relevant material for various courses, as the Centre may deem proper;

(ix) to provide procedure for admission of students to various courses/programmes.\

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(xvi) "Division" means a constituted unit of the Centre imparting instruction in Various programmes/ courses comprising the Division.

CHAPTER - II CONSTITUTION OF THE CENTRE

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- (1) The Centre shall, for all purposes be treated as a constituent unit of the University of Kashmir and shall:
 - (i) promote equality of opportunity in the field of education by providing necessary facilities through distance and correspondence modes of education;
 - (ii)establish its Study-cum-Information Central at such places in the state and other states of the country, as may be deemed necessary for the purpose;
 - (ill) enroll persons residing in any part of the country in different programmes as per the approved justile capacity and there shall be no reservation for any category(s);
- (2) The Headquarter of the Centre shall be at the University Campus, Naseembagh, Hazratbal, Sringer.

4: Functions of the Centre

Subject to the provisions of the Act and directions issued by the University from time to time, the functions of the Centre shall include:

(i) to provide instructions through correspondence to such persons who are not otherwise in a position to acquire knowledge, education and improve upon their professional competence by remaining whole-time students in the University or in its affiliated and constituent colleges; //

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(3) The quorum for the meeting of the sory Board shall be the majority of the members tituting the Board, including the Chairman.

Powers and Functions of the Advisory Board.

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The Advisory Doard shall have the following powers and functions:

- (i).To review the existing academic : ammes;
- (ii). To introduce new programmes and suspension of any existing programme;
- (iii).To recommend prescription/ frates of remuneration for conducting different activities of the Centre;
 - (iv). To frame/review the Annual Budget;
 - (v). To suggest measures for impressing the functioning
 - (vi). To Approve the propositis for collaborations with other institutions/signing of MoU;
 - (vii). To approve the proposals for future expansion of the Centre;
 - of reation different tio (viii).Recommending positions(teaching/non-teaching) in disciplines; and
 - (ix). To consider any other matter which may be referred by the Director. Director

St. 8: The Director

The Centre shall be headed by a Director appointed in Person, accordance with the provisions of the Kashmir and Jammu Universities Act, 1969.

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Subject to the changes from time to time, the Centre shall have the following Organisational Structure:

ADVISORY BOARD

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Advisory Roard

- (1) The Advisory Board shall consist of the following member:
- (i).Vice Chancellor

(Chairman);

- (ii).Dean Academics:
- (iii). Two Deans on the Campus to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor by rotation:
- (iv).Director Distance Education Council(DEC), New Della or his nonance;
- (v). Two External Experts of Distance Education to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.
- (vi). Director of the Centre of Distance Education, University of kashmir;
- (vii).Registrar of the University; and
- (viii). Two faculty members amongst Professors/ Readers of the Centre of Distance Education to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor by rotation.
- (2) The term of office of the members of the Advisory Board other than ex-officio members shall be three years. I

- vill. To exercise drawing and disbursement powers in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Regulations (Account & Finance), and shall sign such cheques or other instruments as may be necessary for the purpose.
- ix. To submit panels of Resource Personnel of various courses to the Vice-Chancellor through Dean Academics for his approval.
- x. To sanction casual leave to the teachers and the sub-ordinate staff of the Centre;
- xi. To sanction deputation of officials to visit Study Centres/District offices for official business within the valley; and

St.10: Central Committee

- (1) The Centre shall have a Central Committee which shall consist of:
 - i. the Director (Chairman); and
- ii. all the faculty members of the Centre;
- (2) The quorum for the meeting of Central Committee shall be the majority of the members, including the Chairman

St. 11: Divisions

- (1) The Centre shall have the Divisions one each for Education, Humanities, Law, Management & Commerce, Science/IT and such other Divisions as may be established with the approval of the Advisory Board/University from time to time.
- (2) The Divisions not prescribed in these Statutes shall be prescribed in the Regulations as and when the need arises.

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- Make proposals/plans for development and expansion of the Centre for placement before the Advisory Board/other bodies of the University.
- ii. To propose reforms and reorganization of the existing system of distance education for the smooth and efficient functioning of the Centre.
- iii. To engage Liaison Officers, Academic Counsellors, Part-time Coordinators and other supporting staff for study-curn-information centres in consultation with the concerned Head of the Division on fixed honorarium basis.
- iv. To control the teaching, ministerial, technical and other supporting staff of the Centre and shall maintain discipline in all the Divisions and Units of the Centre and take action whenever needed for the purpose.
- v. To organise/arrange Personal Contact Programmes for the students enrolled with the Centre of Distance Education and Orientation Programmes for Academic Counsellors, as and then necessary, and engage Subject Experts/fesource Persons/Part-time Coordinators/supporting staff for this purpose.
- vi. To have the power to prescribe the instructions/guidelines for the preparation of the Study Material/Evaluation of Response Sheets and Assignments/Guidance of Project Work, by issuing matifications from time to time keeping in view the requirements for the same.
- vii. To make arrangements for writing, typing, editing, proof reading and printing of the Study Material for all the courses offered by the Centre

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- (1) Each of the Divisions shall be headed by a senior most faculty member of the concerned Division for a period of two years.
- (2) Each Head of the Division In the execution of his official duties shall be assisted by the teaching, ministerial, technical and other supporting staff of the concerned Division in such manner as the Head/Director may assign from time to time.
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- (1) The Heads of Divisions shall work under the overall supervision of the Director.
- (2) Each H.O.D shall be responsible for the due observance of the Statutes and Regulations relating to his Division.
- (3) The other duties and functions of the H.O.D shall be the same as prescribed under these Statutes for teaching staff/course co-ordinators.
- (4) The H.O.D shall subject to the sanction of the Director and Regulations that may be framed from time to time in this behalf control the ministerial, technical and other supporting staff of the Division concerned and assign such duties to them as he may think fit.
- (1) There shall be a Divisional Committee in each Division comprising following members:
 - i. Director of the Centre (Chairman);
 - il. Head of the Division;
- iii. All teachers/Course Coordinators of the Division;
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 - il. Head of the Division;
- iii. All teachers/Course Coordinators of the Division;
- iv. Any other person whose presence may be considered essential by the Chairman.

4) The Enquiry Cell shall consist of a Counsellor and other supporting staff to be appointed in accordance with the Regulations of the University.

Subject to the control of the Director, the Counsellor shall perform the following duties and functions:

- i. to provide information to the students regarding examinations, results, admission procedure and schedules, examination centres, contact programmes and matters incidental thereto;
- ii. to keep liaison with the Part-time Co-ordinators of the Study-cum-Information Centres;
- iii. to arrange publication of notifications of the Centre through media;
- iv. to maintain liaison between Course Co-ordinators for the information of students;
 - v. to respond to the queries of the students/public;
 - vi. to maintain Liaison with the various units of the University for the information of the students; and
 - vii. to discharge such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Director.
 - (1) The Centre shall establish its Study-cum-Information Centres for the furtherance of its objectives at District levels or at such other places as may be deemed necessary for the purpose.
 - (2) The Centre shall engage a Liaison Officer for each Study-cum-information Centre on part-time/fixed honorarium basis.
 - (3) The Liaison-cum-information Officers shall be engaged on such terms and conditions and for such

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- (2) The Divisional Committee shall have the authority to take decisions related to the matters pertaining to the concerned Division.
- (3) The quorum for the meeting of the Divisional Committee shall be the majority of the members, including the Chairman.

St 15: Powers and Functions of each Divisional committee

Subject to the control of the Director, each Divisional Committee shall have the following powers and functions:

- (i) to organize the teaching work/Contact Programmes of the courses/programmes comprising the Division;
- (ii) each head of the division shall represent the Centre as a co-opted member of each concerned Board of Studies;
- (iii) to assign the writing/revising of the study material to resource personnel and preparation of the lesson scripts according to guidelines issued in this behalf;
- (Iv) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the Statutes and Regulations; and
- (v) to transact such other business as may be approved by the Heads of the Divisions/Director.

St 16: Feaching Staff/Course Co-ordinators

The teaching staff/Course Co-ordinators for the Centre chall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Kashmir and Jammu Universities Act, 1969 and the Statutes prescribed by the University Council and on such terms and conditions as the University Council and on many prescribe from time to time.

St 17: Dutles and Functions of Teaching Staff

(1) The duties and functions of the Teaching Staif of the Centre shall include the following:

- a) teaching, editing, writing and revising the study material in their own area of specialisation;
- b) providing guidance and counselling to the students as per the guidelines issued by the Director;
- c) issuing instructions regarding contact programmes, examinations, etc;
- d) such other work as may be assigned by the Director for smooth conduct of the business of the Centre.
- (2) Assigning the job of script writing to resource personnel of various subjects after seeking approval of the Director;
- (3) Ensuring the supply of Study Material to students of e concerned Course/Programme;
- Preparing panel of resource personnel/academic ounsellors and subject experts, for writing of study material/providing guidance to students and upgradation respectively, and submit the same to the frector through Head of the Division for approval of the Vice-Chancellor;
- Subject to the Regulations that may be framed in this behalf, each Course Co-ordinator shall, in the secution of his duties be assisted by the ministerial, technical and other supporting staff of the Course neemed and it shall be obligatory upon them to inder such assistance to the Course Co-ordinator as many be required/assigned by him in the performance of official duties.
- () Subject to the general supervision of the Director, the supporting staff as mentioned under these Statutes /

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- (1) The Liaison Officers shall, subject to the control and directions of the Director, perform the following duties
- (i) to make necessary arrangements for conducting Contact Programmes for the students of the Centre in consultation with the Concerned Course-Co-ordinator of the Centre of Distance Education:
- (ii) to provide guidance to the students of the concerned area enrolled with the Centre of Distance
- (iii) to issue instructions to the students regarding contact programmes, examinations, etc.
- (iv) to supply stady material and issue books to the
- (v) to maintain the books, audio-visual equipment, or any other movable or immovable property of the Education; and
- (vi) to perform such other functions for the benefit of time is time.
- (2) Each Liaison Officer shall be assisted by such other purpose.
 - (3) The terms and conditions of service and centre of the Lialson Officers shall be such as the posseribe.\\

St 22: Academic Counsellors

- (1) The Director shall on the recommendation of the Course Co-ordinator(s) engage Academic Counsellors for providing counselling to the students.
- (2) The Academic Counsellor shall be qualified/experienced/expert in the concerned subject to be engaged on part-time/fixed honorarium basis during an academic session.
- (3) Each Academic Counsellor will perform his functions under the guidance and supervision of the concerned Course Co-ordinator of the Centre. The minimum number of students to be engaged by an Academic Counsellor shall be fifteen at Graduate level and ten at Post-Graduate level.

Part-Time Coordinators

: Resource Personnel & The Director shall engage:

(1) Resource Personnel for:

- (i) writing, revising, proof reading and editing of study material;
- (ii)delivering lectures in Personal Contact of Programmes; and
- (2) Part-time Co-ordinators and other supporting staff for conducting such new programmes as may be offered by the Centre from time to time.

St 24: Creation New/ Additional Positions (Teaching & (lon-Teaching)

- (1) The Centre shall from time to time examine/review the staffing pattern as per the requirement of existing courses and launching of new courses/programmes and accordingly recommend to the appropriate bodies the creation of additional/new teaching and non-teaching positions in different disciplines.
- The conditions of service, academic and other (2) qualifications required for teaching and non-teaching posts shall not be lower than those prescribed for corresponding posts in the University

shall be subject to the immediate direction and control

- (7) The Course Co-ordinators shall supervise the the Centre.

 Contact Programmes, wherever arranged by
- (8) The Course Co-ordinators shall maintain the record of work done and shall submit the same to the Director of the Course of the Director of
- (9) It shall be the duty of the Course Co-ordinators to review the stock position of the study material and of and/or for preparing the new study material.
- (10) The teaching staff engaged in "personal contact programmes" on Sundays and other holidays will be
- (11) The leaching staff shall remain available on each working day in the Centre for not less than 6 hours
- (12) The norms of work-load for teachers shall be
- 1) The Contre shall constitute a separa e Enquiry Cell for keeping the public in general and the desirous programmes.
- The Enquiry Cell shall be under the direct control of
- 3) The Director shall prescribe the procedure to

St 10: Enquiry Cell
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(2) The enrolment shall be valid only for a period of live years for Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate courses, however, in case of Certificate/Diploma courses, the enrolment shall remain valid for a period of three course, the date of admission.

9: Programme Mainistration

- (1) All programmes shall be administered through various modes of distance education for convenience and benefit of the students.
- (2) The main components of a programme shall comprise of Lessons/Printed Study Material, Compulsory/Optional Personal Contact Programmes, Extension Lectures, Evaluation of Response Sheets, Individual Consultation and Radio/TV Programmes.

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- (1) The Director shall in consultation with the Course Coordinators draw a panel of qualified Resource Personnel after every two years in the subjects concerned for the preparation of self-instructional material (SIM), delivering of lectures in Personal Contact Programmes and for providing counselling and guidance to students.
- (2) The SIM shall be prepared by the Resource Personnel/Subject experts strictly in conformity with the syllabi and guidelines prescribed by the Centre.
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- (1) The Director shall, every year, arrange conducting of Compulsory/Optional Contact Programmes and Extension Lectures in each course/programme.
- (2) The Compulsory/Optional Contact Programme may extend over a period of 40 working days or may be conducted in two phases in an academic session each programme of about 20 days.

Provided that on the recommendation of the Director the Vice-Chancellor may authorize extension of a Contact Programme or/and//

ADMISSIONS AND PROGRAMME ADMINISTRATION

Ct 25: Admission Hetification

The Dean Academics shall issue notifications for, admission to various courses/Programmes offered by the Centre.

St 26: Admirsion Committee

- (1) The admission to the various courses/ programmes of the Centre shall be made by the Admission Committee of the Centre. The Admission Committee shall consist of
 - I. Director (Charman)
 - ii. All Heads of the Divisions of the Contre, and
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St 27: Files

The University shall from time to time prescribe to an another, admission, tuition and other rees to be callised from the candidates at the time of admission to a carticular course.

3t 28: Enrolment Number

(1) The Candidates accepted for admission shall be assigned an "Enrolment Number" which shall be quoted by them in all the communications addressed to the Centre of Distance Education and queries received without the enrolment number will not be accepted and attended to.

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- (iv) any acr amount received by the Centre by conducting any activity under rules or interest accrue to funds deposited in the bank.
- (3) Subject to the regulations/guidelines framed by the solversity from time to time, the accounts of the Contravith a banit shall be operated upon by the Director of the Centre or by Each other officer as may be authorized by the Vice-Chancellor for the purpose:

Ct 35: Utilization of Foods

- (1) The funds reflected in the annual budget under different heads of expenditure shall be utilized strictly in accordance with the budgetary allocation.
- (2) 30% shall be utilized with the prior approval of the competent authority on case-to-case basis as per the requirement of the Centre.

Ut 36: Maintenance of Accounts and Avoiting

- (1) The accounts shall be maintained by the Centre as per the Financial Rules prescribed by the University from time-to-time
- (2) The accounts of the Centre shall be audited annually by such agency as may be specified by the University and a copy of audited accounts and balance sheet shall be submitted by the Centre to the University, as and when med-arises.

CHAPTER-V COLOUCT OF EXAMINATIONS

St 37: Examination

- (1) The examination for Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate courses/programmes shall be held at the completion of each academic session on annual pattern basis for the programmes/courses offered by the Centre.
- (2) The dates for the examinations shall be fixed by the Director in consultation with the Controller of Examinations.

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conducting a special programme for such a period as may to considered necessary.

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the remuneration for the engagement of Resource Personnel for preparation of Study Material/delivering of lectures in Contact Programmes/evaluation of Response Sheets and Assignments/guidance of Project Work, etc shall be prescribed by the University from time to time.

SOURCES AND UTILISATION OF FUNDS AND CHAPTER-IV MAINTENANCE OF ACCOUNTS

St 34: Sources of

- (1) All moneys generated and all sums received by or on behalf of the Centre shall be credited in the Bank Account of the Centre. 70% of the emount received as admission fee shall be immediately transferred to the university Chest.
- (2) The Centre shall be entitled to receive the following funds:
 - (i).to retain 30% of moneys received from admission fees collected from the students including the refundable amount;
- (ii).the amount earmarked in the budget by the University and grants from Distance Education Council(DEC) or from any other Central or State agency;

(iii). The moneys generated from sale of prospectus,

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- (i) The examination form(s)/application(c) duly file brong with prescribed fees and certificates (if any) a by Jorganded by the Director, before the proposed di of commencement of extremations, to the Controller Examinations vito shall admit them in the said anna Post disation.
- (2) The University shall prescribe the examination has
- (1) The examination shall be open to a candidate:
 - (a) who produces the cartificate(s) signed by the Lirector:
 - (i) that he/she line attended the first cribed number of contact classes/lectures; and
 - (ii) that he/she has submitted the required number of response cheets/assignments;
- in each course of study prescribed in the examination during the reademic year.
- (b) who was otherwise digible to appear as as in examination in a particular academic year but
- ii, was unable to pass the examination in any of the paper(s).

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- (1) No candidate shall be dearned to have completed the prescribed course unless he/she has attended sixty Percent (SG%) lectures in aggregate in the Contact Programmes.
- (2) A student shall not be eligible for examination unlerg he/sha has submit ad sixty percent (60%) F. sponson Sheets/Assignments in each paper in the particular \ \alpha \in \text{line control from time to t

- (iv) any other amount received by the Centre by conducting any activity under rules or interest accrued on funds deposited in the bank.
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