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HORTICULTURE & FORESTRY
NAUNI-SOLAN (HP)**



**PROSPECTUS
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DETAIL OF FEE FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

Category	Amount (in Rs)		
	Normal Seat (a)	Self-financing Seat (b)	Both (a and b)
Unreserved/ OBC/ EWS/ Others	2000	3000	4000
Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe/ Person with Disability/ Third gender	1500		3500

Note: In case a candidate wishes to be considered for both Normal and Self-financing seats, the appropriate option i.e. both must be selected in the online application form. The above fee is non-refundable and applications submitted through Offline mode will not be considered.

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Candidates are advised to carefully read the instructions and verify their eligibility before submitting the online application form for admission. **No refund will be provided under any circumstances, once the application form has been submitted.**
2. Normal seats are reserved for Himachali domicile candidates only, whereas, self-financing seats are open for all desirous candidates at National level.
3. It is mandatory to appear in the entrance test that will be conducted by the university at the main campus for admission in both Normal and Self finance seats in any Doctoral Degree Programme.
4. The details regarding minimum marks required in the entrance test for a candidate to be considered for counselling see chapter 6 proviso 6.3.



IMPORTANT DATES

2025

January

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Sr No	Particulars	Date
1.	Last date of receipt of application	01.01.2025
2.	Date of Entrance Test	05.01.2025
3.	Date of uploading the answer key	05.01.2025
4.	Last Date of online submission of objections on the answer key, if any	08.01.2025
5.	Date of uploading final key	09.01.2025
6.	Date of declaration of result	13.01.2025
7.	Date of 1 st counseling	15.01.2025
8.	Commencement of Classes	20.01.2025
9.	Date of 2 nd counselling	29.01.2025

Note:

1. The candidates are advised to remain in regular touch with university website till the completion of admission process. Any change in the date of receipt of application form and counselling schedule will be uploaded on the university website www.yspuniversity.ac.in.
2. For any clarification/ inquiry with regard to admission, please contact the Assistant Registrar/ Section Officer (Academic), Office of the Registrar, Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry on any working day from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on ☎ 01792-252009 and 01792-252219 or submit queries through E-mail: admission@yspuniversity.ac.in



DISCLAIMER

1. **Scope of Prospectus:** The information presented in this Prospectus is intended for candidates seeking admission to various Doctoral Degree Programmes at the University. It serves as a general guide and should not be considered exhaustive or legally binding.
2. **Subject to Change:** While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the information at the time of publication, the University reserves the right to make alterations, modifications, or amendments without prior notice. Consequently, the University shall not be held responsible for any inconvenience, hardship, or expenses arising from such changes.
3. **Referencing Regulations:** Candidates are strongly advised to consult the Academic Regulations and other Statutory/Administrative provisions applicable at a given point in time. These may include rules governing the system of education, residence in University hostels, the award of Scholarships/Stipends, Fellowships, Medals, Certificates of Merit, and guidelines for the general conduct and behaviour of students within the University.
4. **Dynamic Nature of Policies:** Candidates should be aware that the provisions outlined in the Act, Statutes, Academic Regulations, or any other legal/administrative notifications, orders, instructions, and fee structures are subject to change. The Competent Authority reserves the right to implement modifications at any time, and such changes may occur without prior notice.
5. **Periodic Review:** The University periodically reviews and updates its policies to align with evolving educational standards and administrative requirements. Candidates are encouraged to stay informed about any revisions.
6. **Accessible Resources:** For the latest and most accurate information, candidates can refer to official University publications, websites, and communications from authorized University representatives. It is the responsibility of candidates to stay informed about any updates affecting their academic pursuits.



CHAPTER-I

GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Historical Background

Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan, was established on 1st December, 1985 with the objective to promote education, research and extension education in the fields of horticulture, forestry and allied disciplines. Late Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar, the 1st Chief Minister and the architect of Himachal Pradesh perceived the importance of horticulture and forestry to develop and improve the State economy which led to the establishment of this University. Its history lies in erstwhile Himachal Agricultural College, Solan, established in 1962 and affiliated to the Panjab University, Chandigarh. It became one of the Agriculture campus of Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla on its formation in 1970. Consequent upon the establishment of Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya, Palampur in 1978, this campus became its Horticulture Complex and finally in 1985, assumed the status of a State University, being the only University in the country engaged exclusively in teaching, research and extension in horticulture and forestry.

The University is located at Nauni in Solan district of Himachal Pradesh, 13 km from Solan on Solan-Rajgarh road, at an elevation of 1300 metres above mean sea level. Solan town is situated on national highway and is well connected by train and bus services. The University has four constituent colleges.

- 1.1.1. College of Horticulture, Nauni, Solan
- 1.1.2. College of Forestry, Nauni, Solan
- 1.1.3. College of Horticulture and Forestry, Neri, Hamirpur
- 1.1.4. College of Horticulture and Forestry, Thunag, Mandi



1.1.1 College of Horticulture, Nauni, Solan



The College of Horticulture, situated at the main campus of the University of Horticulture and Forestry in Nauni, Solan, Himachal Pradesh, is a beacon of Horticultural education and research. Established on December 1, 1985, it traces its roots to the Himachal Agriculture College and Research Institute in Solan, founded in 1962. Affiliated with Punjab University, Chandigarh, the college evolved over the years and gained university status in 1985.

The College of Horticulture plays a pivotal role in the region's agricultural landscape. With a mission to impart quality education and conduct research in horticulture and allied fields, the college strives to meet the challenges of modern scientific manpower requirements and provide effective extension services.

The institution's goals encompass educating and training human resources in horticulture, transforming Himachal Pradesh into a horticultural hub, advancing research in elite horticultural areas and contributing to the sustainable growth of horticulture while maintaining the fragile ecosystem of the Himalayan region.

The curriculum emphasizes both theoretical and practical aspects, preparing students for the dynamic field of horticulture. The College of Horticulture with its rich history and commitment to excellence is dedicated to building a skilled workforce and contributing to the sustainable development of horticulture in the region.

The college, aims to provide high-quality education, combining theoretical knowledge with practical experiences, ensuring that graduates are well-prepared for future challenges in the ever-evolving field of horticulture.



1.1.2 College of Forestry, Nauni, Solan



The College of Forestry, holds the distinction of being the first of its kind in forestry education under the University system in India. Its roots trace back to the Himachal Pradesh Agricultural College and Research Institute (HPAC & RI), established in 1965. Crucial moments in its evolution include its affiliation with Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, and the inception of the Department of Forestry in 1971.

Expanding its horizons, the college integrated forestry courses into the B.Sc. Agriculture degree in 1973. Further milestones were achieved with the introduction of M.Sc. and Ph.D. programs in Forestry in 1976 and 1983 respectively at the Department of Forestry, College of Agriculture, Solan. In 1987, the College of Forestry emerged as a standalone institution.

The college's mission is to train a skilled workforce for sustainable forestry and natural resource development, with a focus on conserving Himalayan Plant Diversity. The goal is to align human resource development with the fragile Himalayan ecosystem and create eco-friendly technologies meeting the needs of hill communities.

The College emphasizes the commitment to balanced theoretical and practical education. Students benefit from experiential learning, rural work experiences, and industry attachments. The college invites aspiring foresters to join in preserving our precious forests and mastering the art and science of forestry for a sustainable future.



1.1.3 College of Horticulture and Forestry, Neri, Hamirpur



The College of Horticulture and Forestry, Neri stands as a beacon of excellence in agricultural education, particularly in the fields of Horticulture, Forestry, Biotechnology and Food Technology. The college is at the forefront of imparting quality education at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The institution's core mission revolves around enhancing agricultural productivity, developing cost-effective technologies and contributing to the Government of India's ambitious goal of doubling farmers' income.

The faculty members are not just educators but catalysts for change, actively involved in research, extension education and the introduction of innovative technologies tailored to the unique landscape of the Shiwalik hills. Their efforts extend beyond the classroom with a focus on transferring technology and knowledge to farmers, aligning with the college's commitment to agricultural development.

The college's mission is clear - to build an institution of excellence in Horticulture, Forestry, and allied disciplines, creating a pool of human resources capable of meeting the evolving needs of farm science education, industry and various stakeholders. With a goal to impart skill-based education, foster entrepreneurship, and enhance employability at the grassroots level, the college aspires to reach students in rural and semi-rural areas, establishing fruitful linkages with regional, national and international organizations. The vision extends to becoming a scale-neutral lead resource data center for education and research in Horticulture, Forestry and allied disciplines, contributing significantly to the agricultural landscape and the broader community.



1.1.4 The College of Horticulture and Forestry, Thunag, Mandi



The College of Horticulture and Forestry, Thunag, Mandi stands as a testament to agricultural excellence since its establishment on March 8, 2019, under the prestigious Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan. Evolving from the Regional Horticultural and Forestry Development and Extension Centre at Panicha village (established on September 11, 2018) to the College of Horticulture & Centre of Excellence for Horticulture Research and Extension, it finally adopted its present name, the College of Horticulture and Forestry, Thunag.

Situated in the temperate zone at an altitude of approximately 1900 meters, Thunag experiences a cool climate year-round with winter snowfall. Accessible by road, it is located just 59 km (approximately 2 hrs and 30 minutes) from Nerchowk and is reachable via the Nerchowk-Janjehli road, 14 km before Janjehli. The college has played a pivotal role in agricultural education, initiating its first batch of the BSc (Hons.) Horticulture 4-Year Program in August 2019, admitting 69 students initially and currently, hosting 282 students in both BSc (Hons.) Horticulture and BSc (Hons.) Forestry.

The college boasts comprehensive facilities, including smart classrooms, a library, conference halls, laboratories, a playground and a badminton court. With a dedicated faculty of 38 well-qualified members engaged in teaching, research and extension activities, the college is committed to its mission of building an institution of excellence in learning in Horticulture, Forestry and allied disciplines. The overarching goal is to educate and train human resources, conduct research, transfer technology and serve as a center for teaching and extension activities in the field of horticulture, forestry and allied sciences.

1.2. System of Education

The University follows the semester system of education as per ICAR course curriculum which requires continuous hard work and regularity on the part of the students in the classes throughout the semester.



The education aims at an all-round development of the student for which the University provides all necessary facilities. Emphasis is laid on high academic standards and discipline. The University also provides facilities for different games, sports, and other co-curricular activities (literary, cultural, hobby development, etc.). These activities are looked after by the Students' Welfare Organization.

1.3 Faculty and Infrastructure

1.3.1 Faculty

The University has adequate faculty of teachers/scientists catering to the needs of teaching, research and extension education activities.

1.3.2 Laboratories and Research Farms



The colleges have well equipped laboratories and class rooms with state of art instruments and teaching aids. Separate laboratories for conducting undergraduate practicals are available besides postgraduate laboratories catering to latest research. Being farm University, it has a vast experimental area at the main campus of 550 hectares provided with modern facilities like polyhouses, glass houses, mist chambers, sprinklers/drip irrigation system, precision farming etc. Besides, herbal garden and demonstration area serve as effective live tools for easy learning.



1.3.3 Satyanand Stokes Library



Satyanand Stokes Library of the university is pioneer in Automated Library Services with the provisions of in-house databases along with other important national and international databases. There is diversified library collection ranging from subject matter texts to the varied themes of religion, spirituality, philosophy, literature, art and culture, braille texts and competitive examinations. The library has access to e-Resources including CeRA, e-books (perpetual) and different Open Access Databases. The SNS library is also recipient of Best Usage Award of J-Gate@ CeRA through J-Gate Discovery Platform for two consecutive years 2022 to 2023 AD. The SNS Library is registered as an Institutional Member of NDLI (National Digital Library of India) and is consistently encouraging the use of NDLI resources. The library has also signed multiple MoUs with INFLIBNET (UGC Regulatory Body) to improve academic research integrity. All the theses of the university are uploaded on the ICAR database Krishikosh and INFLIBNET database Shodhganga for promoting university Research at global platforms. The library provides Plagiarism Detection Services to its faculty and users in the university and the constituent colleges of the university. The library provides services of Document Delivery Request, Inter-library Loan, Reference Services, News Clippings and Reprographic Services. A Reserved Reading Area for faculty and scholars is also provided, Awareness sessions and trainings for the students and the faculty are regularly organized for better understanding of the resources and services provided by the library. The vision of the library is to emerge as a digital platform compatible with the contemporary state of the art technologies including use of artificial intelligence for the library services. A hybrid mode of physical collections and digital resources will be the hall mark of SNS Library



1.3.4 Computing and Informatics Centre

The University has a separate Computing and Informatics Centre (CIC) which has its own Local Data Centre's, Domain Name Server, Sophos Firewall and 1Gbps Lease line for internet. CIC is playing a significant role in the delivery of computer education at the graduate and post-graduate levels. Through a campus-wide local area network the CIC facilitates a high-speed internet of 1Gbps via lease line provided by NKN and BSNL University receives new applications for admissions to UG, PG and PhD programmes via online Admission Portal of the university in which student can register and submit their application forms and fee online. The students can get latest notifications, news and Academics information from University Website which is handled by the CIC. The CIC offers the ability to share resources and information (through the Internet, email and website) to all the academic departments, offices as well as students. The CIC has a computer lab with 40 computers with latest configuration in which students can perform their practical works

1.4. Academic Programme

The normal duration of Ph.D. programme is 6 Semesters (3-years). The Academic Session comprises two semesters each of 21 weeks and two semester breaks.

1.5. Financial Assistance

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|------|--|---|
| i) | University Merit Scholarship | Rs 5000/- PM
(One in each discipline) |
| ii) | University Stipend (for HP domicile
: | Rs 2500/- PM
Students admitted under normal seats
not getting any financial assistance) |
| iii) | ICAR Fellowship | Rs. 3 1000/- per month for I st & 2 nd year and
Rs. 35,000/- per month for 3 rd year with a
contingent grant of Rs. 10000/- per annum. |
| iv) | Inspire (DST), UGC, As per Foundation, CSIR fellowship, ICSSR fellowship etc | |

1.6. Medals

Gold Medals awarded to the toppers at University level in accordance with the Provision of Academic Regulations: -

- i) Ph.D. College of Horticulture, Nauni (Solan) and for disciplines with common nomenclature at College of Horticulture and Forestry, Neri (Hamirpur).
- ii) ii) Ph.D. College of Forestry, Nauni (Solan) and for disciplines with common nomenclature at College of Horticulture and Forestry, Neri (Hamirpur).



Chapter-II

STUDENTS WELFARE ACTIVITIES

The Students' Welfare Organization of the University attends to the residential requirements, sports, cultural/ co-curricular activities, NCC/ NSS and medical care of the students.



2.1 Hostels

The Main Campus is in the beautiful lap of the Mother Nature where scenic beauty changes within short distances. Boys and Girls Hostels are situated on two hillocks to accommodate about 1250 students.

There is limited hostel accommodation available in the main campus as compared to admissions. The allotment of hostel is, therefore, made strictly on the basis of merit and availability. Persons with Disability are provided hostels on priority.

Name of the Degree Programme	Name of the Earmarked Hostel	Capacity	Year of Programme
BOYS HOSTEL			
B.Sc.	Neelkanth Hostel	43	1 st Year
	Shambhu Hostel	118	2 nd and 3 rd Year
	Madhav Hostel	102	3 rd and 4 th Year
M. Sc./M. Tech./MBA	Natraj Hostel	98	-



Ph. D.	Vishnu Hostel	80	1 st Year and M.Sc. extra Year (if seats are available)
	Keshav Hostel	59	2 nd and 3 rd Year
GIRLS HOSTEL			
B.Sc.	Sarswati Hostel	108	1 st Year
	Nandini Hostel	101	2 nd Year, 3 rd and 4 th Year
	Kalyani Hostel	139	2 nd Year, 3 rd and 4 th Year
	Kadambari Hostel	43	2 nd Year, 3 rd and 4 th Year
M.Sc./ M.Tech./MBA	Mangla Hostel	48	-
	Vasundhra*	60	
	Gaytri International Hostel	46	
Ph.D.	Gitanjali Hostel	80	-
	Gauri Hostel	45	
	Vaishnavi Hostel	54	

*Girls Students of any programme of ST category have choice to opt Vasundhara Hostel which has been marked as ST Hostel as per the ICAR Norms.

All the hostellers are bound to have meals cooked in the solar mess and served in each hostel by the service provider.

2.2 Other Welfare Activities





The main campus of the University has a spacious playground where different games like Cricket, Volley Ball, Hockey, Foot Ball, Kabaddi, Athletics etc. are played regularly. Inter-College Sports meet are also organized yearly. Inter-University and Intra-University sport meet are regularly held in the ground. Basket Ball facilities are also available to the students in a separate court. Besides, ground is also used for students practice matches for Cricket, Volley Ball, Foot Ball and other athletic events.

The University has a Gymnasium in its main campus for indoor games like Volley Ball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Boxing, Basket Ball etc. Two Badminton Courts have been made one each for boys and girls separately. Besides two TT Tables and a Kabaddi mat is also available in the gymnasium. World quality gym facilities are also available in the University gym such as Cardio, Strength, Spinning Bike, Multi Press, Treadmill run, Hip Thrust, etc.

The Main campus has a Health Centre which caters round the clock emergency services to the students, staff and their wards. Two Medical Officers, One Chief Pharmacy Officer, one Pharmacy Officer, One Female Health Worker, One Lab Technician and two Drivers are always in standby mode for the services of patients round the clock. The University Health Centre has been equipped with latest instruments viz. Centrifuge Machine, Incubator, Microscope, Biochemistry Analyzer, Glucometer, pipette, HB meter, Needle Cutter, BP operators, Nebulizer, Oxygen concentrator, Oxygen Cylinder, Thermal Scanner, Oximeter, Stadiometer, Height meter, Weighing Machine. All are being used to diagnose the patient then and there.

Numerous facilities are also available such as Dispensing of Medicines, Dressing, Injectioning, Stitching, etc. Medical Lab tests such as Hb, ESR, Blood Grouping, Blood Sugar, LFT, RFT, Lipid Profile, HBalc, Widal, Calcium and Urine M/E are also done. Equipment's for diagnosing thyroid is being procured. The University Health Centre is also functioning as Designated Microscopic Centre (DMC) where patients are diagnosed for tuberculosis.

2.3 Training and Placement Cell

A Training and Placement Cell is functioning in the University for Quality enhancement of education and Campus Placement of students. It aims for skill upgradation and capacity building of students besides providing opportunities for entrepreneurship development. Students' visits to Industrial hubs, start-ups, agri-incubators, successful farmer fields, processing units, etc. are organized. Specific programmes organized by this Cell are listed as under: -

- Personality Development Classes are regularly conducted every year for the final year students of B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. students.
- Career oriented workshops are regularly conducted with final year students of B.Sc. (Hons.) Horticulture in which they are made aware about career prospects after doing graduation.



- All advertisements are regularly displayed on the notice board for easy access by the students.
- All vacancies are circulated through Whatsapp groups maintained by the students of both the Colleges in the main Campus.
- Campus placements are regularly made.
- A database is being prepared about the student placements.
- Coaching sessions for JRF/ SRF/ Bank positions are organized.
- Invitation to motivational speaker(s) are regularly extended.
- Organization of business fests is a future activity.
- Organization of job fairs is a future activity.
- Career empowerment coaching is planned for SC/ ST/ OBC/ EWS – General.

2.4 Students' Centre

The Students' Centre consists of one large multipurpose hall with wi-fi facility for academic and social activities. Apart from this, a well-furnished Cafeteria runs for the facility of the students and staff.

2.5 Open Air Theatre

The University aims at the holistic growth and development of its students and encourages student as well as staff participation in co-curricular activities such as various forms of art and theatre along with providing them a platform to nourish their imagination and creativity.

Open Air Theatre at Dr YS Parmar University is centrally located and has remarkable aesthetics. It is a centre of attraction for students as well staff. Cultural, literary as well as academic events are organized at the Open Air Theatre throughout the session from time to time.

2.6 Anti-Ragging Committee

In order to curb the menace of raging to the Zero-tolerance level particularly in the hostels, the Hostel Anti-Ragging Committee is constituted for each Academic Session. The composition of the Committee is as under: -

- Chairperson
- Three Members from Teachers/ Wardens
- Four Members from Hostellers (2 boys and 2 girls)

2.7 Students Association (SA)

In accordance with the provisions of the Academic Regulations of the University, there is a provision of constitution of Students' Association in all the constituent colleges of the University. All regular and bonafide students of each constituent college except foreign and inservice students studying in various degree programmes are the members of Students'



Association. The students enrolled in short-term courses, certificate or diploma courses or any other course leading to a degree are not entitled for membership of the Students' Association. Each member of Students' Association pays an annual subscription fee and all those who pay the fee, forms general body of the Association.

2.8 Environmental Sports and Cultural Club (ESCC)

Environmental Sports and Cultural Club (ESCC) was established by energetic and talented Youths of Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Nauni (Solan) on 15th February, 1997 to create awareness about Environment, Sports and Culture. It is a registered NGO under Societies Registration Act, 1860. The club has golden history of 27 years, which reveals successful organization of various activities related Environment, Sports and Culture. Moreover, it also provides a platform for the new comers to explore their hidden and intellectual talent in various fields.

Today, the youth is forgetting about heritage and Culture and is far behind in sports; therefore, the Club has chosen Environment, Sports and Culture as main fields. The club is supported by the University Authorities from time to time by organizing various activities.

2.9 Laundry Services

The University has centralized laundry services mandatory to be used by hostel dwellers where they get their clothes washed twice a week along with steam ironing. Monthly 60 clothes can be washed and ironed by every student at very nominal charges.

2.10 'SRIJAN' Arts Club

'Srijan Arts Club' was founded in the year 2022 with the aim to promote creativity among the students, faculty as well as staff of the University and to provide a platform to showcase talent and channelize their energies in a positive manner. Currently, the Club has 112 members (open to all students and employees of the University) including 103 students and 9 faculty members.

2.11 Students' Welfare Activities at College of Horticulture and Forestry, Neri (Hamirpur)

The College of Horticulture and Forestry, Neri (Hamirpur) is dedicated in shaping the overall career prospects of the students to withstand the competitive world. Under the Students' Welfare Activities, the main objective is to foster overall personality development opportunities to the students. For this, the students are essentially required to enrol in more than one of the following clubs: -

1. Management and Finance Club
2. Culture Club (Dance and Drama)
3. Music, Poetry and Stand-up club
4. Environment Club
5. Social Welfare Club



6. Art and Crafts Club
7. Photography and Media Relations Club
8. Public Speaking (Debate and Declamation) Club
9. Language and Literacy Club (Literary Club)
10. Health, Yoga and Meditation Club
11. Electoral Literacy Club

2.11.1 Sports Activities at College of Horticulture and Forestry, Neri

Participation in various sports helps students to get acquainted with the live skills such as team work, leadership, accountability, patience and self-confidence besides enhancing their mental and physical capabilities. To groom the students in these traits, the College hosts following sports club: -

1. Badminton
2. Table Tennis
3. Kabaddi
4. Football
5. Basket Ball
6. Volley Ball
7. Cricket
8. Track Events
9. Field Events

To facilitate the above-mentioned activities, the College has a big playground including cricket ground, track and field ground, basket-ball court, foot-ball ground, table tennis hall and two badminton courts.

2.11.2 Hostel Facilities at College of Horticulture and Forestry, Neri

The College has one girls' hostel with a capacity of hosting 103 students. The rooms are three seated. The hostel is provided with basic facilities including bedding, water coolers, water purifiers, common TV room, Common mess and adequate dining area for all the hostellers.

Apart from this, the College has outsourced two more hostels, one for boys and other for girls. The Ashoka Boys Hostel has a capacity of 80 students, whereas the Payal Girls Hostel has a capacity of hosting 70 girl students. Both the hostels have mess facility, common TV room and Badminton Court etc. The College has appointed separate Wardens for these hostels for facilitation of students and to have a check over the hostel discipline. For girls, special buses are arranged by the hostel service provider for the to and fro movement of the girls to the College.

The College has special students' grievance redressal system for delivering high standard students' satisfaction.



2.12 Social Media accounts of YSP UHF Nauni

The University has official accounts on different social media platforms like Facebook, Youtube, Twitter and LinkedIn. Many of these accounts carry important information related to the university and the Facebook pages and Youtube channel in particular also carry important technical videos on different topics which can prove to be helpful. The links are as follows: -

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIh2vYzR4tUdShW4y7Wx-jw>

Facebook page- Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni

<https://www.facebook.com/UHFNauniOfficial>

Facebook page- UHF Kisan Sewa

<https://www.facebook.com/uhfkisansewa>

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/Nauniuniversity>

LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/uhf-nauni-634bb5152/>



CHAPTER-III

PROGRAMME OF STUDIES AND INTAKE CAPACITY

The programmes of studies and intake capacity of different programmes in three colleges of the University has been given below: -

3.1 College of Horticulture, Nauni (Solon)

Sr. No.	Discipline	Normal Seats						Self-financing Seats	ICAR Quota
		UR	SC	ST	EWS	PwD	Total		
1.	Agribusiness Management	3	1	1	-	-	5	5	2
2.	Entomology	1	-	1	-	-	2	3	1
3.	Floriculture & Landscaping	1	-	1	-	-	2	2	1
4.	Food Technology	1	-	1	-	-	2	2	-
5.	Fruit Science	2	1	-	-	-	3	5	1
6.	Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	2	-	1	-	-	3	3	1
7.	Plant Pathology	3	1	-	-	-	4	4	1
8.	Postharvest Management	1	-	1	-	-	2	2	1
9.	Seed Science & Technology	2	-	1	-	-	3	3	1
10.	Vegetable Science	3	-	-	-	-	3	5	1
	Total	19	3	7	-	-	29	34	10

3.2 College of Forestry, Nauni (Solon)

Sr. No.	Discipline	Normal Seats						Self-financing Seats	ICAR Quota
		UR	SC	ST	EWS	PwD	Total		
1.	Agricultural Economics	2	-	1	-	-	3	1	-
2.	Agricultural Statistics	1	-	1	-	-	2	1	-
3.	Environmental Science	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
4.	Forest Biology & Tree Improvement	2	-	1	-	-	3	3	1
5.	Forest Products & Utilization	1	-	1	-	-	2	2	1
6.	Microbiology	1	-	1	-	-	2	2	-
7.	Silviculture & Agroforestry	3	-	1	-	-	4	2	1
8.	Soil Science	1	-	1	-	-	2	2	-
	Total	13	-	7	-	-	20	15	3



3.3 College of Horticulture & Forestry, Neri (Hamirpur)

Sr. No	Discipline	Normal Seats						Self-financing Seats
		UR	SC	ST	EWS	PwD	Total	
1.	Agricultural Economics	1	-	-	-		1	1
2.	Fruit Science	2	-	1			3	3
3.	Plant Pathology	1	-	1			2	2
4.	Silviculture & Agroforestry	1	-	1			2	2
5.	Soil Science	1	-	1			2	1
6.	Vegetable Science	2	-	1			3	3
7.	Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
	Total	8	1	5	-	-	14	14

3.4. Over and above the intake capacity

3.4.1 Seats for participation in Sports and Co-curricular activities (Only Normal Seats)		
Sr. No.	Name of the College	No. of Seats
1.	College of Horticulture, Nauni, Solan	1
2.	College of Forestry, Nauni, Solan	1
3.	College of Horticulture & Forestry, Neri Hamirpur	1

3.5 Reservation of Seats

Admission to Ph D Programmes shall be open to all eligible candidates subject to the reservation of seats as under: -

1. Normal seats shall be reserved for HP domicile residents: -
 - (i) 30 percent of the Normal Seats shall be filled up by ICAR.
 - (ii) The remaining Normal seats under HP Quota shall be reserved for the domicile residents of Himachal Pradesh. The gist of reservation for these seats is as under: -

From the Academic Session 2023-24 onwards 40-Point Reservation Roster is applied in each discipline in respect of allotment of seats/ specialties amongst UR, SC, ST, PwD and EWS categories in the following manner: -



Category	Reservation	Points
SC	15%	1,8,14,22,28 and 36
ST	7.5%	4,17 and 31
PwD	5%	20 and 40
EWS	10%	9,19,29 and 39

The remaining seats shall be kept for UR category candidates.

2. Self-financing seats shall be open for all at National level and shall be filled up by the University as Self-financing Seats.

Conditions

In case of non-availability of candidate in a specified category of reservation, the seat shall be transferred from one category to another during 2nd counselling as under: -

- a) At the end of 2nd round of Counselling, in case, the eligible candidate to the extent of reservation in any category are not available or remain unfilled, the vacant seats shall be filled up by making them available to other category as given below: -
 - (i) The vacant/ unfilled seats of SC category shall be filled up from amongst the eligible ST category candidates.
 - (ii) The vacant/ unfilled seats of ST category shall be filled up from amongst the eligible SC category candidates.
 - (iii) In case, the eligible candidates are not available in the above two reserved categories in the above manner, the vacant seats shall then be filled up from amongst the eligible unreserved candidates.
 - (iv) The vacant/ unfilled seats of person with disability shall be filled –up from general category candidates.
 - (v) As per 40-point reservation roster, there is no specific point earmarked to OBC, hence OBC candidates shall be considered against the point of UR category according to General combined merit.
- b) If any seat is lying vacant under HP Quota, it may be filled as self-financing seat.
- c) The student admitted for self-financing seat shall be treated at par with other students for the purpose of merit scholarships as per rules of the University.
- d) The candidates having permanent disability of not less than 40% (low vision, hearing impairment, locomotor disability or cerebral palsy) shall be considered for reserve seats of physically challenged category.



- e) The seats in various disciplines can be increased/ decreased keeping in view the availability of infrastructure and faculty.

3.6 Nomenclature of Degrees awarded

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College of Horticulture, Nauni (Solan)

1. Doctor of Philosophy Agri-Business Management
2. Doctor of Philosophy Entomology
3. Doctor of Philosophy Floriculture & Landscaping
4. Doctor of Philosophy Fruit Science
5. Doctor of Philosophy Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
6. Doctor of Philosophy Plant Pathology
7. Doctor of Philosophy Food Technology
8. Doctor of Philosophy Post-harvest Management
9. Doctor of Philosophy Seed Science & Technology
10. Doctor of Philosophy Vegetable Science

College of Forestry, Nauni (Solan)

1. Doctor of Philosophy Agricultural Economics
2. Doctor of Philosophy Environmental Science
3. Doctor of Philosophy Forest Biology and Tree Improvement
4. Doctor of Philosophy Forest Products and Utilization
5. Doctor of Philosophy Microbiology
6. Doctor of Philosophy Silviculture and Agroforestry
7. Doctor of Philosophy Soil Science
8. Doctor of Philosophy Agricultural Statistics

College of Horticulture and Forestry, Neri (Hamirpur)

1. Doctor of Philosophy. Agricultural Economics
2. Doctor of Philosophy Fruit Science
3. Doctor of Philosophy Plant Pathology
4. Doctor of Philosophy Silviculture and Agroforestry
5. Doctor of Philosophy Soil Science
6. Doctor of Philosophy Vegetable Science
7. Doctor of Philosophy Molecular Biology & Biotechnology



CHAPTER-IV

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMME WITH WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA

Dual Degree Programme, PhD

Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni-Solan (HP) is offering the option of dual degree for the students as per the following details of the PhD programme (Research) programme.

The students under this programme will get two degrees; one Doctorate (PhD and Equivalent) in Dr YSPUHF and second PhD degree at WSU- Western Sydney University. The opting student shall have to complete course work at Dr YSPUHF and the research work will be carried out jointly in Western Sydney University, Sydney (Australia) and Dr YSPUHF, Nauni-Solan after approval of Confirmation of Enrolment (COE). There will be two advisors, one from Dr YSPUHF, Solan (India) and second from WSU- Sydney (Australia). The student will have to submit two PhD theses, one to the Dr YSPUHF – Nauni (HP)- India and second to the WSU- Sydney (Australia). There is a provision for tuition fee waiver during attachment with Western Sydney University for the meritorious students.

The students obtaining degree from Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni-Solan under this arrangement will have job eligibility and PhD equivalence at all SAUs in India including those offered by the Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni-Solan. The degree offered by the Western Sydney University; Australia will have equivalence in all world leading universities/ organizations/ regions where the WSU is recognized.

The interested students will have to pay allowances for their study and stay of Western Sydney University during their dual degree programmes; however, work permit as per the rules of the Western Sydney University will be provided to the students for partially funding their living costs. Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni-Solan has formulated a Committee for International Study programmes which will provide all the assistance to the willing students. A representative from Western Sydney University will provide all the logistic supports for submission of application forms and other visa formalities. One of the PhD student, Mr Vijay Kumar in the discipline of Silviculture and Agroforestry, College of Forestry – Nauni campus is first beneficiary of this dual degree programme.



CHAPTER-V

PART TIME Ph. D. FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

The University has started Ph. D. in Horticulture, Forestry and Allied Sciences for civil servants (part time) with the following details as under

Admission: The candidate will be admitted on Inter-Se merit of the Post Graduate Degree without any entrance test. All interested civil servants seeking admission are advised to submit their application, including relevant documents such as the postgraduate degree and a No Objection Certificate on official letterhead from the Competent Authority in the organization clearly stating the required conditions mentioned below. Applications should be sent to the email registrar-acad@yspuniversity.ac.in on or before 14.01.2025 for consideration of admission.

Duration: 3 years (6 Semesters)

Seats: Total 04 seats (as per the choice of the candidate over and above the intake capacity)

Eligibility: Post Graduate Degree in any field in Life Sciences/Engineering and 10 years' experience as Civil Servant on regular Govt. services.

Sponsorship/NOC (No Objection Certificate)

Part-time candidates will be required to submit a “No Objection Certificate” on a proper letterhead from the Competent Authority in the organization clearly stating the following:

- 1.The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.
- 2.That his/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.
- 3.He/she will be fully relieved from duty and permitted to reside at the Institute for the period required residency.

Requirements for PhD (Credit Hours)

1. Course work: 9 credit hours
2. Seminars: 2 credit hours (two seminars of one credit hour each) [Online/Offline mode]
3. Supporting courses: 3 credit hours (Statistics)
4. Doctoral Research: 75 credit hours
5. Total credits: 89 credit hours

One semester course work will be residential however, seminar can be delivered through online/offline mode.

Fee: At par with the regular students.



CHAPTER- VI

ADMISSION TO NORMAL SEATS AND SELF-FINANCING SEATS

6.1 Minimum Educational qualification/eligibility

Master's degree with an OGPA of 6.50/10.00 under course credit system or with a minimum of 65% marks in Master's degree from a recognized University. However, 5% relaxation shall be granted for the Candidates belonging to SC/ST & PwD category, Further candidates holding a Bachelor's degree of three years' duration will not be considered for admission. The discipline wise qualification for admission shall be as under: -

Sr No.	Discipline	Eligibility Criteria
1.	Ph.D. Fruit Science	M.Sc. Fruit Science with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme
2.	Ph.D. Floriculture & Landscaping	M.Sc. Floriculture & Landscaping with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.
3.	Ph.D. Vegetable Science	M.Sc. Vegetable Science with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.
4.	Ph.D. Seed Science & Technology	M.Sc. Seed Science & Technology with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.
5.	Ph.D. Food Technology	M.Sc. Food Technology/. Food Science & Technology with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme or M. Tech. Food Technology/ Food Science & Technology with dissertation in partial fulfilment of the programme.
6.	Ph.D. Entomology	M.Sc. Entomology/ Plant Protection Entomology with research thesis submitted in partial fulfilment of the programme.
7.	Ph.D. Postharvest Management	M.Sc. Postharvest Management with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.



8.	Ph.D. Plant Pathology	M.Sc. Plant Pathology/ Mycology & Plant Pathology with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.
9	Ph.D. Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	M.Sc. Molecular Biology & Biotechnology/ Plant Molecular Biology & Biotechnology/ Plant Biotechnology/ Agricultural Biotechnology with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme or M. Tech. degree in Biotechnology with dissertation in partial fulfilment of the programme.
10.	Ph.D. Agri-Business Management	Master's degree in Agricultural Business Management/ Agricultural Marketing/ Business Management with specialization in Agriculture/ Fisheries/ Forestry/ Rural Business Management with research project report in partial fulfilment of the programme.
11	Ph.D. Silviculture and Agroforestry	M.Sc. Silviculture/ M.Sc. Agroforestry/ M.Sc. Silviculture and Agroforestry degree with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.
12.	Ph.D. Forest Biology and Tree Improvement	M.Sc. Forest Biology & Tree Improvement/ Tree Improvement and Genetic Resources degree with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.
13	Ph.D. Forest Products and Utilization	M.Sc. Forest Products and Utilization/ Medicinal and Aromatic Plants/ Wood Science and Technology/ Forest Products degree with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.
14	Ph.D. Soil Science	M. Sc. Soil Science with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.



15	Ph.D. Agricultural Economics	M.Sc. Agricultural Economics with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.
16	Ph.D. Microbiology	M.Sc. Microbiology/ Agri. Microbiology with research thesis in partial fulfillment of the programme.
17	Ph.D. Environmental Science	M.Sc. Environmental Science/ M.Sc. (Forestry) Environmental Management with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme
18	Ph.D. Statistics	M.Sc. Statistics/ Agricultural Statistics with thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.

Note: If seats remain vacant, the candidates with dissertation or project work in Master's programme shall be considered.

6.2 Submission of Online Application Form (Ph D -2024)

Normal Seats/ Self-financing Seats: It is mandatory for all the candidates to submit online application form of the University alongwith application fee (non-refundable) within due date by accessing university website www.yspuniiversity.ac.in.

Both seats: In case, the Himachali domicile candidate is willing to be considered for both the seats (Normal and Self-financing Seat) he/she is required to select the appropriate option i.e. Both Normal and Self finance in the online application form.

Note: Application form submitted as hard copy shall not be considered.

6.3 Criteria for admission

Normal seats/ Self-financing seats

The marks obtained in Ph. D Entrance Test will be considered for admission in Normal seats as well as Self-financing seats which shall be conducted by the Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Nauni (Solan). If the candidates having secured equal marks in the entrance test, the candidate with higher OGPA/ percentage of marks at Master's level shall be placed higher in merit. In case, the tie still exists. the candidate elder in age will be considered for admission.

Candidates securing **50 marks or above** in the entrance test are eligible for both **normal** and **self-financing seats**, with a relaxation to **45 marks** for SC/ST and PwD candidates in **normal seats only**. However, candidates scoring between 49 to 35 marks in the entrance examination who wish to seek admission under **self-financing seats** will be required to pay an



additional tuition fee over and above the existing self-financing seat fee. The additional fee structure is as follows

Sr No.	Marks in the entrance test	Additional tuition fee (₹)
1.	45-49	10,000/- per semester
2.	40-44	20,000/- per semester
3.	35-39	40,000/- per semester

Sports and Co-curricular activities seats (Only for Normal Seats)

Eligibility criteria will be the same as for other candidates under normal seats, applying for Doctoral degree programmes. The merit of candidates shall be determined on the basis of aggregate score in different sports and co-curricular activities obtained during Master's degree (upto 31st December, 2024) as per weightage of different activities.

6.3.1 Weightage of various activities (only applicable for the candidates being considered for sports and co-curricular activities seat)

6.3.2 List of recognized games/ sports and cultural and co-curricular activities

The weightage criteria and methodology for the allotment of Sports and Co-Curricular seats under Proviso 6.3.1 and 6.3.2 will be notified later on. The candidates seeking admission under these categories are advised to regularly check the University website for updates.

Further, it is mandatory for candidates applying for Sports and Co-Curricular seats to attend both the 1st and 2nd counselling sessions. The candidates must submit their Sports and Co-Curricular documents during the first counselling session for marks allotment. Subsequently, the list of all candidates who applied for these seats, along with their allotted marks, will be uploaded on the University website for any objections.

During the 2nd counselling session, seats will be allotted to physically present candidates based on the merit list for Sports & Co-Curricular Activities. Candidates who fail to attend the first counselling session will not be eligible for consideration under the Sports and Co-Curricular seats.

6.4 List of candidates

The merit list of candidates on the basis of score obtained in Ph. D entrance test -2024 shall be drawn. **No candidate having secured less than 50 marks (45 in case of SC/ST/PwD) for normal seat and 35 mark for Self-financing seat in the Ph D-2024 entrance test shall be included in the merit list for Counselling Process.**

6.5 Counselling

Counselling shall be conducted as per the procedure mentioned in the Chapter-IX of this prospectus. However, it will be mandatory for all applicants to fill and supply the counselling proforma alongwith all relevant documents to the Counselling Committee at the time of personal appearance.

An amount of ₹1000/- (₹ One Thousand only) will be charged as non-refundable counselling fee from candidates who wish to participate in the counselling sessions. This fee should be paid in the university account through QR code which will be provided in the notice for counselling.



The candidates will have to provide proof of counselling fee submission at the time of the counselling. This fee is mandatory when the candidate appears for counselling session for the first time.

6.6 Selection of Candidates

Provisional allocation of the available seats will be made during offline counselling in order of merit. If the provisionally selected candidate does not present himself/ herself before the Dean of the concerned college for registration/ admission within the stipulated date and time as notified on the University Website, he/ she will not have any claim for the allotted seat and the same will be offered to next candidate in the merit during subsequent counselling.

General Conditions/ Instructions

- i) The prescribed minimum percentage of marks in qualifying degree for all the programmes shall be relaxed by 5% in case of SC/ST/PwD candidates
- ii) In case two or more candidates obtain the same score in the Ph. D entrance test - 2024, the candidate having more percentage of marks in Master's Programme will be considered for admission. If tie still occur, the candidate elder in age will be considered for admission.
- iii) The admission of in-service nominees of Himachal Pradesh Government/ Himachal Pradesh Government Undertakings/ ICAR will normally be limited to one seat in each discipline over and above the approved intake capacity. The in-service candidates shall be exempted from entrance examination provided that the candidate fulfils the other criteria. In case, where more than one candidate for a particular seat is recommended, inter-se merit of the qualifying degree shall be considered.
- iv) The candidate would be deemed to have passed the qualifying examination only after his/ her result has been formally declared by the University before the date of counselling and duly supported by PDC/ Result Notification issued by the Competent Authority. However, in case of the candidate passing his/ her qualifying examination from this university, the PDC/ Result Notification issued by the Registrar or a Certificate issued by the Dean of the College to the effect of having passed all the requirements for the award of degree in respect of the candidate will be accepted.
- v) The OGPA will be converted into percentage of marks on per cent basis or as per the conversion formula of the concerned University.
- vi) If it is found, at any time, that a candidate obtained admission to a programme by misrepresentation of facts or that candidate has availed some benefit which was not due to him/ her or if a candidate has been admitted/ selected due to inadvertent error, the Registrar may at his discretion, cancel his/ her admission.
- vii) The candidate admitted for self-financing seat shall be treated at par with other students for the purpose of scholarships as per rules of the University.
- viii) The seats can be increased/ decreased keeping in view the availability of infrastructure and faculty.

6.7 Requirements for admission

Provisional allocation of the available seats will be made during offline counselling in order of merit. The candidates so selected for admission after the conduct of counselling shall report to the Dean of the concerned College on the scheduled date and time for registration.



Self-attested copies of the following certificates are required at the time of admission/ registration along with original certificates: -

- i) 10th certificate (for date of birth)
- ii) 10+2 detail of marks certificate
- iii) Graduate and Postgraduation degree certificate/ PDC/ Courses Transcript/ Detailed marks sheet
- iv) Character certificate
- v) HP domicile certificate (If applicable)
- vi) SC/ ST/ EWS (If applicable)
- vii) Physically Challenged certificate (If applicable)
- viii) Sports/ co-curricular activities (If applicable))
- ix) Medical Fitness Certificate
- x) Migration Certificate
- xi) Aadhar Card
- xii) Any other certificates
- xiii) Two Passport size photographs
- xiv) Declaration of non-use of illicit Drugs (Annexure-II)

Details of some of the above-mentioned certificates is as under: -

Medical Fitness Certificate

Admission shall be subject to the applicant being declared medically fit by the Medical Officer of the University / Medical Officer of the State Government Hospital. This certificate shall have to be submitted at the time of registration.

Character Certificate

The character certificate from Dean of the College (Principal or equivalent) last attended is required at the time of counselling failing which he/ she will not be considered for admission. However, Chairman Admission Committee may allow a candidate to consider in counselling subject to submission of an undertaking.

Migration Certificate

Selected candidate/ admitted student is required to submit migration certificate within one year of admission, failing which his/ her admission shall be cancelled.

Physically Challenged Certificate

Candidate shall have to submit this certificate issued from a duly constituted and authorized medical board. Physically Challenged candidates having permanent disability of not less than 40% (Low vision, hearing impairment, locomotor disability or cerebral palsy) found suitable by the admission committee, provided the candidate is otherwise fit for admission. The candidates should be capable of performing the field operations, activities pertaining to Horticulture/ Forestry and allied disciplines.



Certificates of Participation

Candidate shall have to submit the certificates of games/ sport/ NCC/ Scouting/ NSS/ Cultural and Co-curricular activities.

6.8 Refusal of Admission

The past conduct of a candidate shall be considered while deciding his/ her admission. If it is found that the candidate has been indulging in act of indiscipline or guilty of having organized unlawful demonstration or has affiliated with any political organization etc., he/ she may not be entertained for admission. Rusticated/ debarred candidates shall not be admitted during the period of disqualification.

The Vice-Chancellor reserves the right to refuse admission to any candidate whose admission in his opinion, is not in the interest of the University.

6.9 Advisement

Newly admitted students shall be assigned the Advisor in the concerned department as per university rules and regulations.

6.10 Registration

Registration of selected candidates shall be completed on the date notified by the Registrar on the University Website. Broadly the process of registration is given below: -

- i) Medical check-up of fresh students.
- ii) Meeting with Advisor, enrolment of students in different courses by concerned teacher.
- iii) Depositing of the receipt of online payment of fee and other dues in office of the Dean of the College.
- iv) Depositing registration cards duly filled in by the student and signed by the Advisor and teacher, in the Dean's office.
- v) Meeting with the Dean Students Welfare/ Hostel Warden for allotment of room.



Chapter-VII

PROCEDURE OF ENTRANCE TEST FOR ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

1. The Entrance Test will be conducted at the University Main Campus, Nauni (Solan) on **5th January, 2025 (Sunday)** from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
2. Admit card with roll number will be auto-generated on a fixed date which will be displayed on the University Website. In any case, the candidate does not find admit card, he/ she is advised to contact the helpline number immediately. However, the candidate may contact the office of the Registrar through e-mail on ID: admission@yspuniversity.ac.in or on phone No. 01792-252009.
3. Candidates are expected to take their seats 15 minutes before the commencement of the examination.
4. Candidate who does not possess the 'Admit Card' will not be allowed to enter the examination hall.
5. The duration of the examination will be two hours. Candidate who comes after 30 minutes of the commencement of the examination shall not be permitted to sit in the examination.
6. No candidate shall be allowed to leave the examination hall till the completion of the examination.
7. Candidates shall not be allowed to carry any material inside the examination hall. Calculator, cell phone, electronic watches with facilities of calculator, slide rule, log tables, etc. are not allowed inside the examination hall.
8. The candidate shall forfeit the right of selection in case of unfair means, impersonation, disturbance, misbehaviour, non-return of OMR answer sheet, etc. The decision of the Centre Superintendent shall be final.
9. Eatables (Tea, coffee, cold drinks, snacks, etc.) will not be allowed inside the Examination Hall. Candidates using intoxicants shall not be allowed to enter the examination hall.
10. The dispute relating to entrance test will be subject to Solan jurisdiction.
11. There will be a composite question paper of 100 marks of two hours duration. The question paper will have two parts.



12. The marks obtained in the entrance test by a candidate will be displayed on the University website (www.yspuniversity.ac.in) on scheduled date.
13. The key will be uploaded on the University website on 05th January, 2025 inviting objections from candidates upto 08th January, 2025. The committee, so appointed will settle the objections and revised key, if required, will be uploaded on the website on 09th January, 2025.
14. The candidates are advised to remain in touch with the University Website for further instructions regarding eligibility to attend the counselling and other related instructions.
15. No separate letter will be issued for attending the counselling.
16. There will be no re-checking or re-evaluation of OMR answer sheet.



Chapter-VIII

GUIDELINES FOR ATTEMPTING THE QUESTION PAPER

1. The candidate will be provided with a question paper booklet and an OMR answer sheet. The candidate will fill the roll number on the OMR answer sheet and mention choice for the relevant section(s).
2. The question paper for entrance test will be of objective type carrying 100 marks as under:

Part-A	General Awareness	30 questions
Part-B	Specialization	70 questions

Part-A of the question paper is compulsory for all. This part will include 30 questions on current affairs and policy programmes in the field of Horticulture, Forestry and Agriculture at National and International level.

Part-B shall have the options and will contain 70 questions. The syllabus will be of the concerned discipline of M.Sc. Programme approved by the ICAR as per Broad Subject-Matter Area (BSMA) recommendations. The candidate will choose the subject of specialization in accordance with the nomenclature of qualifying degree.

Part-B shall be conducted for the following specializations: -

SN	Discipline	Subject code
i.	Fruit Science	01
ii.	Vegetable Science	02
iii.	Postharvest Management	03
iv.	Floriculture & Landscaping	04
v.	Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	05
vi.	Entomology	06
vii.	Plant Pathology	07
viii.	Seed Science & Technology	08
ix.	Agri-Business Management	09
x.	Forest Products and Utilization	10
xi.	Silviculture and Agroforestry	11
xii.	Forest Biology and Tree Improvement	12



SN	Discipline	Subject code
xiii.	Environmental Science	13
xiv.	Soil Science	14
xv.	Agricultural Economics	15
xvi.	Microbiology	16
xvii.	Agricultural Statistics	17
xviii.	Food Technology	18

4. Each question has four responses and out of these only one is the most appropriate.
5. The answer sheet will have 100 boxes arranged section-wise numbered as per serial number of questions in the question paper. Candidate is required to fill the boxes according to serial number of questions with appropriate response i.e., A, B, C or D with ball point pen.
6. **Scoring:** Each question carries one mark and for each correct response the candidate will get one mark. The candidates are advised to put 'X' against question not attempted and should not leave the column blank. When a box is left blank, it will be treated (X) i.e. not attempted. More than one answer indicated against a question will be deemed as incorrect response. Erasing, cutting, use of white fluid or overwriting is not allowed.
- 7.

Correct Way	Incorrect way

8. The candidate should not do any rough work on the answer sheet. All rough work is to be done in question paper itself or on the plain paper attached with it.
9. At the end of the examination, the candidate shall return the OMR answer sheet to the invigilator.



Specimen of OMR Sheet

DO NOT FOLD

Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Nauni - Solan (HP) OMR ANSWER SHEET

Name of Candidate :

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CHAPTER-IX

PROCEDURE FOR COUNSELLING

(NORMAL SEATS and SELF-FINANCING SEATS)

Candidates, who fulfil all the required educational qualification/ eligibility mentioned in Chapter-VI and have secured 50 and above marks (45 marks in case of SC/ST/PwD) for normal seat and 35 and above marks for self-financing seat in the Ph. D entrance test 2024 will be eligible for appearing in the counselling process.

9.1 Counselling

- a) There shall be two rounds of offline counselling.
- b) Offline Counselling for all Ph.D. Programme will be carried out after preparation of merit list. Dates of different rounds of counselling are mentioned in the table IMPORTANT DATES. The candidates are advised to remain in touch regularly with the University website for counselling dates. No separate letter for any round of counselling will be sent to any candidate. No letter, FAX or telephonic enquiry about the counselling will be entertained.
- c) The counselling process is conducted purely based on the merit of the entrance test, along with the candidates' attendance during counselling, category (in the case of normal seats only), availability of seats, and the candidate's preferences.

Certificates required for counselling

The eligible candidates are required to fill the counselling proforma along with a set of self-attested copies of following documents **at the time of counselling**:-

- i. 10th certificate (for date of birth) (Compulsory of all)
- ii. Graduation and Postgraduation degree certificates (Compulsory of all)
- iii. Transcript of Academic Record/ marks sheet (Compulsory of all)
- iv. Character certificate from the Institute last attended (Compulsory of all)
- v. HP domicile certificate (compulsory for all HP candidates applying for normal seats)
- vi. The following certificates (wherever applicable)
 - a. SC/ ST/ EWS Certificate
 - b. Sports/ NCC/ NSS/ Scouts/ Co-curricular activities certificates
 - c. Person with disability certificate
 - d. Any other certificate



9.2 Allocation of seats

Provisional allocation of the available seats will be made during offline counselling in order of merit. If the provisionally selected candidate does not deposit the fee/present himself/herself before the Dean of the concerned college within the stipulated date and time as per notice on the university website, he/ she will not have any claim for the allotted seat and the same will be offered to next candidate on the merit during subsequent counselling. The candidature of such candidate shall stand cancelled.

9.3 Certificates required for admission

The provisionally selected candidates appearing for registration should bring a set of self-attested copies of certificates mentioned in section 6.7, copy of bank receipt of admission fee and two passport size photographs.

9.4 Other Instructions

- a) It is mandatory for the candidate to report for registration on the specified date and time.
- b) It is the responsibility of the candidates to remain in touch with the university website from time to time for information related to admission process.
- c) It is the sole responsibility of the candidates to furnish full and correct information on the application form. Any selection/ admission made on the basis of wrong or concealed information supplied by the candidates would be cancelled even after the admission at the cost and risk of the candidates.

9.5 Right of Petition

No representation/ petition against the selection will be entertained after the lapse of one month from the date of last counselling.



CHAPTER-X

FEE STRUCTURE

(NORMAL SEATS and SELF-FINANCING SEATS)

The provisionally selected candidates shall have to pay the requisite fee as detailed below: -

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| (i) Normal Seat | - | Rs. 39,320.00
Rs. 19,320.00 for HP-BPL girl candidates
No fee for PwD category candidates |
| (ii) Self-financing Seat | - | Rs. 79,320.00* |

This fee includes fee for 1st Semester of the degree programme, annual charges and one-time charges for the degree programme.

The fee structure is approved by the Competent Authority of the University and it shall generally remain unchanged during the entire duration of the degree programme. The candidates selected for admission shall have to deposit the requisite fee directly in the University Bank Account through internet banking or any other mode of bank transaction. All the candidates shall have to produce the actual receipt in hard copy from the bank at the time of registration in the concerned College.

10.1 The detailed fee structure is as under: -

i) Normal Seats

Sr No.	Particulars	Fee (Rs)	Remarks
1.	Admission fee	5000	At the time of admission
2.	Registration fee	3000	Annual
3.	Tuition fee (exempted in case of girls belonging to HP-BPL families)	20000	Semester-wise
4.	Sports, games and youth welfare activity	1000	Semester-wise
5.	Examination fee	3000	Semester-wise
6.	Infra-structure development/ maintenance fund	2500	Semester-wise
7.	Placement guidance fee	50	Semester-wise



8.	Identity card fee	150	At the time of admission
9.	Library card fee	100	Annual
10.	Library service charges	750	Semester-wise
11.	College security (Refundable)	1000	At the time of admission
12.	Library security (Refundable)	1000	At the time of admission
13.	Amalgamated fund	1000	Semester-wise
14.	Medical charges	500	Semester-wise
15.	Students' Association	150	Semester-wise
16.	Green Charges	120	Semester-wise
	Total	39320	

ii) Self-financing Seats

Sr. No.	Particulars	Fee (Rs.)	Remarks
1.	Admission fee	5000	At the time of admission
2.	Registration fee	3000	Annual
3.	Tuition fee*	60000	Semester-wise
4.	Sports, games & youth welfare activity	1000	Semester-wise
5.	Examination fee	3000	Semester-wise
6.	Infra-structure development/ maintenance fund	2500	Semester-wise
7.	Placement guidance fee	50	Semester-wise
8.	Identity card fee	150	At the time of admission
9.	Library card fee	100	Annual
10.	Library service charges	750	Semester-wise
11.	College security (Refundable)	1000	At the time of admission
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13.	Amalgamated fund	1000	Semester-wise
14.	Medical charges	500	Semester-wise
15.	Students' Association	150	Semester-wise
16.	Green Charges	120	Semester-wise
	Total	79,320	

*** However, candidates applying for self-financing seats who have secured between 49 to 35 marks in the entrance test and wish to seek admission will be required to pay an additional tuition fee besides above as detailed below:-**



Sr No. Marks in the entrance test Additional tuition fee (₹)

1.	45-49	10,000/- per semester
2.	40-44	20,000/- per semester
3.	35-39	40,000/- per semester

NOTE:

- The bus fare will be charged from the students willing to avail the bus facility daily on the prevalent rates after the permission is accorded by the concerned Dean. This shall be applicable in case of students admitted/ enrolled in the main campus of the University at Nauli i.e. students of College of Horticulture, Nauli or College of Forestry, Nauli.
- In case, two siblings of same parents are admitted to same or different Academic Programmes of the University, fee concession @ 50% of tuition fee will be given to younger one.

10.2 Other usual charges for specific purposes

Sr. No.	Particulars	Fee (Rs.)	Remarks
1.	Continuation fee	1000	Semester-wise from 2 nd semester
2.	Change of course fee	300	At the time of change of course
3.	Late admission/ registration	1000	Per day
4.	Re-registration fee	2000	At the time of re-admission
5.	Odd Semester course fee	500	Per course
6.	Comprehensive Examination fee	5000	At the time of Comprehensive examination
7.	Thesis submission fee	5000	At the time of submission/ re-submission of thesis
8.	Provisional Degree Certificate	300	In 6 th semester
9.	Transcript of Academic Record	300	In 6 th semester
10.	Alumni fee (not applicable if already paid during Undergraduate/Master level)	500	In 6 th semester



10.3 PROVISION FOR REFUND/ADJUSTMENT OF FEE

Sr. No.	Situation	Refund/ Adjustment
1.	On request received by the concerned Dean and copy to the Registrar on or before last counselling	Entire fee less by Rs.1000/- as processing charges.
2.	On request received by the concerned Dean and copy to the Registrar after last counselling.	Only security deposits will be refunded.

NOTE: The application for a refund shall be sent via email only and should be strictly as per the format provided in **Annexure I (proforma for refund)** as the details in the proforma are necessary for timely processing and the University shall not be liable for any delay in the refund process if the refund application is not submitted in accordance with the aforementioned proforma.



CHAPTER-XI

ALLOTMENT OF HOSTEL AND USUAL CHARGES

11.1 Main Campus, Nauni (Solan)

There is limited hostel facility available in the main Campus at Nauni. The allotment of hostel is made strictly on the basis of the merit of the entrance test. For availing the hostel facility, the enrolled students have to fill a specific application form available in the office of the Dean Students' Welfare. After the allotment of room in the hostel, the student shall have to deposit the requisite fee in the Dean, Students' Welfare's bank account through internet banking or any other mode of online banking facility. The hard copy of the receipt is required to be deposited in the Office of the Dean, Students' Welfare. The detail of the hostel charges is as under: -

One-time charges

1.	Mess security (Refundable)	5000	At the time of admission
2.	Hostel security (Refundable)	1000	At the time of admission
	Total	6000	

Semester-wise charges

1.	Maintenance charges	1000	Semester-wise
2.	Common room charges	200	Semester-wise
3.	Garbage collection charges	180	Semester-wise
4.	Room Rent (Exempted in case of SC/ST students)	500	Semester-wise
5.	Electricity charges	1000	Semester-wise
6.	Water charges	100	Semester-wise
7.	Laundry charges	2750	Semester-wise
	Total	5730	

Note: There will be no charges for PwD category students except mess and laundry charges.



11.2 Allotment of Hostel and usual charges in the College of Horticulture & Forestry, Neri (Hamirpur)

Hostel Allotment Procedure

1. All SC girl students of B.Sc. are allotted hostel accommodation on priority basis.
2. 50 % of the remaining seats are allotted to M.Sc./ Ph.D. girls on the basis of their merit.
3. Remaining seats, if any, are allotted by the Dean on the basis of means and merit of the students.

For availing the hostel facility, the enrolled students have to fill a specific application form available in the office of the Dean. After the allotment of room in the hostel, the student shall have to deposit the requisite fee in the designated bank account through internet banking or any other mode of online banking facility. The hard copy of the receipt is required to be deposited in the Office of the Dean. The detail of the hostel charges is as under: -

One-time Charges

1.	Mess security (Adjusted in the last mess bill)	2000	At the time of admission
2.	Hostel security (Refundable)	1000	At the time of admission
	Total	3000	

Semester-wise Charges

1.	Maintenance charges	1000	Semester-wise
2.	Common room charges	200	Semester-wise
3.	Utensil & crockery charges	200	Semester-wise
4.	Garbage collection charges	180	Semester-wise
5.	Room rent (Exempted in case of SC/ST students)	500	Semester-wise
6.	Electricity charges	1200	Semester-wise
7.	Water charges	100	Semester-wise
	Total	3380	Semester-wise

Note:

- a) There will be no charges for PH category students except mess bill.
- b) Mess services charge of Rs. 1500/- only will be charged separately by the Dean after the allotment of room in the hostel.



CHAPTER-XII

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

UGC REGULATIONS

ON CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, 2009

(under Section 26(1)(g) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956)

New Delhi – 110 002, the 17th June, 2009

F.1-16/2007(CPP-II)

PREAMBLE

In view of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of "University of Kerala v/s Council, Principals, Colleges and others" in SLP no. 24295 of 2006 dated 16.05.2007 and that dated 08.05.2009 in Civil Appeal number 887 of 2009, and in consideration of the determination of the Central Government and the University Grants Commission to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging including any conduct by any student or students whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness a fresher or any other student, or indulging in rowdy or in-disciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear of apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student or asking any student to do any act which such student will not in the ordinary course do and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame, or torment to embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of such fresher or any student, with or without an intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or any other student, in all higher education institutions in the country, and thereby, to provide for the healthy development, physically and psychologically, of all students of the university, the University Grants Commission, in consultation with the Councils, brings forth this regulation.



12.1 Title, commencement and applicability

- 12.1.1 These regulations shall be called the “UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009”.
- 12.1.2 They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- 12.1.3 They shall apply to all the Institutions coming within the definition of an University under sub-section (f) of section (2) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, and to all other higher educational institutions, or elements of such universities or institutions, including its departments, constituent units and all the premises, whether being academic, residential, playgrounds, canteen, or other such premises of such universities, deemed universities and higher educational institutions, whether located within the campus or outside, and to all means of transportation of students for the pursuit of studies in such universities, deemed universities and higher educational institutions

12.2 Objectives

To prohibit any conduct by any student or students whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness a fresher or any other student, or indulging in rowdy or in-disciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear of apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student or asking any student to do any act which such student will not in the ordinary course do and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame, or torment or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of such fresher or any student, with or without an intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or any other student; and thereby, to eliminate ragging in all its forms from Universities, deemed universities and other higher education institutions in the country by prohibiting it under these Regulations, preventing its occurrence and punishing those who indulge in ragging as provided for in these regulations and the appropriate law in force.



12.3 What constitutes Ragging

Ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts:

- a) Any conduct by any student or students whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any fresher or any other student.
- b) Indulging in rowdy or in-disciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student.
- c) Asking any student to do any act or perform something which such student will not in the ordinary course do and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or torment or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of a fresher or any other student.
- d) Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher.
- e) Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- f) Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students.
- g) Any act of physical abuse including all variants of it; sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health of a person.
- h) Any act or abuse by spoken words, e-mails, post, public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to fresher or any other student.
- i) Any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of a fresher or any other student with or without an intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any fresher or any other student.



12.4 Measures for prohibition of ragging at the institution level

- a) No Institution or any part of it thereof, including its elements, including, but not limited to the departments, constituent units, colleges, centres of studies and all its premises, whether academic, residential, playgrounds, or canteen, whether located within the campus or outside, and in all means of transportation of students, whether public or private, accessed by students for the pursuit of studies in such institutions, shall permit or condone any reported incident of ragging in any form; and all institutions shall take all necessary and required measures, including but not limited to the provisions of these regulations, to achieve the objective of eliminating ragging, within the institution or outside.
- b) All institutions shall take action in accordance with these regulations against those found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging, actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.

12.5 Measures for prevention of ragging at the Institution level

12.5.1 An institution shall take the following steps in regard to admission or registration of students; namely,

- a) Every public declaration of intent by any institution, in any electronic, audio-visual on print or any other media, for admission of students to any course of study shall expressly provide that ragging is totally prohibited in the Institution, and anyone found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging, whether actively or passively, or being a part of a conspiracy to promote ragging, is liable to be punished in accordance with these Regulations as well as under the provisions of any penal law for the time being in force.
- b) The brochure of admission/ instruction booklet or the prospectus, whether in print or electronic format, shall prominently print these regulations in full.

Provided that the institution shall also draw attention to any law concerning ragging and its consequences, as may be applicable to the institution publishing such brochure of admission/instruction booklet or the prospectus.



Provided further that the telephone numbers of the Anti-Ragging helpline and all the important functionaries in the institution, including but not limited to the Head of the Institution, faculty members, members of the Anti-Ragging Committees and Anti-ragging squads, District and Sub-divisional authorities, wardens of hostels, and other functionaries or authorities where relevant, shall be published in the brochure of admission/ instruction booklet or the prospectus.

- a) Where an institution is affiliated to a University and publishes a brochure of admission/instruction booklet or a prospectus, the affiliating University shall ensure that the affiliated institution shall comply with the provisions of clause (a) and clause (b) of regulation 12.1 of these regulations.
- b) The application form for admission, enrolment or registration shall contain an reference number of online undertaking filled by the student at www.amanmovement.org or www.antiragging.in to the effect that he/ she has read and understood the provisions of these regulations as well as the provisions of any other law for the time being in force, and is aware of the prohibition of ragging and the punishments prescribed, both under penal laws as well as under these regulations and also affirm to the effect that he/she has not been expelled and/or debarred by any institution and further aver that he/she would not indulge, actively or passively, in the act or abet the act of ragging and if found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging, is liable to be proceeded against under these regulations or under any penal law or any other law for the time being in force and such action would include but is not limited to debarment or expulsion of such student.
- c) The application form for admission, enrolment or registration shall contain the reference of online affidavit, mandatorily in English and in Hindi and/or in one of the regional languages known to the parents/guardians of the applicant to the effect that he/she has read and understood the provisions of these regulations as well as the provisions of any other law for the time being in force, and is aware of the prohibition of ragging and the punishments prescribed, both under penal laws as well as under these regulations and also affirm to the effect that his/her ward has not been expelled and/or debarred by any institution and further aver that his/her ward would not indulge, actively or passively, in the act or abet the act of ragging and if found guilty of ragging



and/or abetting ragging, his/her ward is liable to be proceeded against under these regulations or under any penal law or any other law for the time being in force and such action would include but is not limited to debarment or expulsion of his/her ward.

- d) The application for admission shall be accompanied by a document in the form of, or annexed to, the school leaving certificate/ transfer certificate/ migration certificate/ character certificate reporting on the inter-personal/social behavioural pattern of the applicant, to be issued by the College or institution last attended by the applicant, so that the institution can thereafter keep watch on the applicant, if admitted, whose behaviour has been commented in such document.
- e) A student seeking admission to a hostel forming part of the institution, or seeking to reside in any temporary premises not forming part of the institution, including to reside in any temporary premises not forming part of the institution, including a private commercially managed lodge or hostel, shall have to submit additional affidavits countersigned by his/her parents.
- f) Before the commencement of the academic session in any institution, the Head of the Institution shall convene and address a meeting of various functionaries/agencies, such as hostel wardens, representatives of students, parents/guardians, faculty, district administration including the police, to discuss the measures to be taken to prevent ragging in the institution and steps to be taken to identify those indulging in or abetting ragging and punish them.
- g) The institution shall, to make the community at large and the students in particular aware of the dehumanizing effect of ragging, prominently display posters depicting the provisions of these Regulations and also any other law for the time being in force, and the punishments thereof, shall be prominently displayed on notice boards of all departments, hostels and other buildings as well as at places, where students normally gather and at places, known to be vulnerable to occurrences of ragging incidents.
- h) The institution shall identify, properly illuminate and keep a close watch on all locations known to be vulnerable to occurrences of ragging incidents.
- i) The institution shall tighten security in its premises, especially at vulnerable places and intense policing by anti-ragging squad, referred to in these regulations and volunteers, if any, shall be resorted to at such points at odd hours during the first few months of the academic session.



- j) The institution shall utilize the vacation period before the start of the new academic year to launch a publicity campaign against ragging through posters, leaflets and such other means, as may be desirable or required, to promote the objectives of these Regulations.

12.5.2 An institution shall, on admission or enrolment or registration of students, take the following steps, namely;

- a) Every fresh student admitted to the institution shall be given a printed leaflet detailing to whom he/she has to turn to for help and guidance for various purposes including addresses and telephone numbers, so as to enable the student to contact the concerned person at any time, if and when required, of the Anti-Ragging Helpline referred to in these regulations, wardens, Head of the Institution, all members of the anti-ragging squads and committees, relevant district and police authorities.
- b) The institution, through the leaflet specified in clause (a) of Regulation 12.2 of these regulations shall explain to the freshers, the arrangements made for their induction and orientation which promote efficient and effective means of integrating them fully as students with those already admitted to the institution in earlier years.
- c) The leaflet specified in clause (a) of regulation 12.2 of these regulations shall inform the freshers about their rights as bonafide students of the institution and clearly instructing them that they should desist from doing anything, with or against their will, even if ordered to by the senior students, and that any attempt of ragging shall be promptly reported to the anti-ragging squad or to the warden or to the head of the institution, as the case may be.
- d) The institution shall, on the arrival of senior students after the first week or after the second week, as the case may be, schedule orientation programmes as follows, namely;
- (i) joint sensitization programme and counselling of both freshers and senior students;
 - (ii) joint orientation programme of freshers and seniors to be addressed by the head of the institution and the anti-ragging committee;
 - (iii) organization on a large scale of cultural, sports and other activities to provide a platform for the freshers and seniors to interact in the presence of faculty members;
 - (iv) in the hostel, the warden should address all students; and may request two junior colleagues from the college faculty to assist



the warden by becoming resident tutors for a temporary duration (v) as far respective hostels to instil a feeling of confidence among the freshers.

- e) Freshers or any other student(s), whether being victims, or witnesses, in any incident of ragging, shall be encouraged to report such occurrence, and the identity of such informants shall be protected and shall not be subject to any adverse consequence only for the reason for having reported such incidents.
- f) Each batch of freshers, on arrival at the institution, shall be divided into small groups and each such group shall be assigned to a member of the faculty, who shall interact individually with each member of the group every day for ascertaining the problems or difficulties, if any, faced by the fresher in the institution and shall extend necessary help to the fresher in overcoming the same.
- g) It shall be the responsibility of the member of the faculty assigned to the group of freshers, to coordinate with the wardens of the hostels and to make surprise visits to the rooms in such hostels, where a member or members of the group are lodged; and such member of faculty shall maintain a diary of his/her interaction with the freshers under his/her charge.
- h) Freshers shall be lodged, as far as may be, in a separate hostel block, and where such facilities are not available, the interaction shall ensure that access of seniors to accommodation allotted to freshers is strictly monitored by wardens, security guards and other staff of the institution.
- i) A round the clock vigil against ragging in the hostel premises, in order to prevent ragging in the hostels after the classes are over, shall be ensured by the institution.
- j) It shall be the responsibility of the parents/guardians of freshers to promptly bring any instance of ragging to the notice of the Head of the Institution.
- k) Every student studying in the institution and his/her parents/guardians shall provide the specific affidavits required under clauses (d), (e) and (f) of Regulation 12.1 of these regulations at the time of admission or registration, as the case may be, during each academic year.
- l) Every student at the time of his/her registration shall inform the institution about his/her place of residence while pursuing the course of study, and in case the student has not decided his/her place of residence or intends to change the same, the details of his place of residence shall be provided immediately on deciding the same; and specifically in



regard to a private commercially managed lodge or hostel where he/she has taken up residence.

- m) The head of the institution shall, on the basis of the information provided by the student, apportion sectors to be assigned to members of the faculty, so that such member of faculty can maintain vigil and report any incident of ragging outside the campus or enroute while commuting to the institution using any means of transportation of students, whether public or private.

12.5.3 Every institution shall constitute the following bodies; namely,

- a) Every Institution shall constitute to be known as the anti-ragging committee to be nominated and headed by the head of the institution, and consisting of representatives of civil and police administration, local media, non-government organizations involved in youth activities, representatives of faculty members, representatives of students belonging to the freshers' category as well as senior students, non-teaching staff; and shall have a diverse mix of membership in terms of levels as well as gender.
- b) It shall be the duty of the anti-ragging committee to ensure compliance with the provisions of these regulations as well as the provisions of any law for the time being in force concerning ragging; and also, to monitor and oversee the performance of the anti-ragging squad in prevention of ragging in the institution.
- c) Every institution shall also constitute a smaller body to be known as the anti-ragging squad to be nominated by the head of the institution with such representation as may be considered necessary for maintaining vigil, oversight and patrolling functions and shall remain mobile, alert and active at all times.

Provided that the anti-ragging squad shall have representation of various members of the campus community and shall have no outside representation.

- d) It shall be the duty of the anti-ragging squad to be called upon to make surprise raids on hostels, and other places vulnerable to incidents of, and having the potential of ragging and shall be empowered to inspect such places.
- e) It shall also be the duty of the anti-ragging squad to conduct an on-the-spot enquiry into any incident of ragging referred to it by the Head of the institution or any member of



the faculty or any member of the staff or any student or any parent or guardian or any employee of a service provider or by any other person, as the case may be; and the enquiry report along with recommendations shall be submitted to the anti-ragging committee for action under clause (a) of regulation 12.1

Provided that the anti-ragging squad shall conduct such enquiry observing a fair and transparent procedure and the principles of natural justice and after giving adequate opportunity to the student or students accused of ragging and other witnesses to place before it the facts, documents and views concerning the incident of ragging, and considering such other relevant information as may be required.

12.5.4 Every institution shall take the following other measures, namely;

- a) The warden shall be accessible at all hours and be available on telephone and other modes of communication, and for the purpose the warden shall be provided with a mobile phone by the institution, the number of which shall be publicised among all students residing in the hostel.
- b) The institution shall give necessary instructions to the employees of the canteens and messing, whether that of the institution or that of a service provider providing this service, or their employees, as the case may be, to keep a strict vigil in the area of their work and to report the incidents of ragging to the head of the institution or members of the anti-ragging squad or members of the anti-ragging committee or the wardens, as may be required.
- c) The institution shall cause to have an entry, apart from those relating to general conduct and behaviour, made in the migration/transfer certificate issued to the student while leaving the institution, as to whether the student has been punished for committing or abetting an act of ragging, as also whether the student has displayed persistent violent or aggressive behaviour or any inclination to harm others, during his/her course of study in the institution.
- d) Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations with regard to obligations and responsibilities pertaining to the authorities or members of bodies prescribed above, it shall be the general collective responsibility of all levels and sections of authorities or functionaries including members of the faculty and employees of service providers



providing service within the institution, to prevent or to act promptly against the occurrence of ragging or any incident of ragging which comes to their notice.

12.6 Action to be taken by the Head of the institution

On receipt of the recommendation of the anti-ragging squad or on receipt of any information concerning any reported incident of ragging, the Head of the Institution shall immediately determine if a case under the penal laws is made out and if so, either on his own or through a member of the anti-ragging committee authorized by him in this behalf, proceed to file a first information report (FIR), within twenty four hours of receipt of such information or recommendation, with the police and local authorities, under the appropriate penal provisions relating to one or more of the following, namely;

- a) Abetment to ragging
- b) Criminal conspiracy to rag
- c) Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging
- d) Public nuisance created during ragging
- e) Violation of decency and morals through ragging
- f) Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt
- g) Wrongful restraint
- h) Wrongful confinement
- i) Use of criminal force
- j) Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences
- k) Extortion
- l) Criminal trespass
- m) Offences against property
- n) Criminal intimidation
- o) Attempts to commit any or all of the above-mentioned offences against the victim(s)
- p) Threat to commit any or all of the above-mentioned offences against the victim(s)
- q) Physical or psychological humiliation
- r) All other offences following from the definition of “Ragging”



Provided that the head of the institution shall forthwith report the occurrence of the incident of ragging to the district level anti-ragging committee and the nodal officer of the affiliating university, if the institution is an affiliated institution.

Provided further that the institution shall also continue with its own enquiry initiated under clause 8 of these regulations and other measures without waiting for action on the part of the police/local authorities and such remedial action shall be initiated and completed immediately and in no case later than a period of seven days of the reported occurrence of the incident of ragging.

12.7 Duties and Responsibilities of the Commission and the Councils

12.7.1 The Commission shall, with regard to providing/facilitating communication of information regarding incidents of ragging in any institution, take the following steps, namely,

- a) The Commission shall establish, fund and operate, a toll-free anti-ragging helpline, operational round the clock, which could be accessed by students in distress owing to ragging related incidents.
- b) Any distress message received at the anti-ragging helpline shall be simultaneously relayed to the head of the institution, the warden of the hostels, the concerned District Authorities and if so required, the District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police, and shall also be web enabled so as to be in the public domain simultaneously for the media and citizens to access it.
- c) The Head of the Institution shall be obliged to act immediately in response to the information received from the anti-ragging helpline as at sub-clause (b) of this clause.
- d) The telephone numbers of the Anti-Ragging Helpline and all the important functionaries in every institution, Heads of institutions, faculty members, members of the anti-ragging committees and anti-ragging squads, district and sub-divisional authorities where relevant, shall be widely disseminated for access or to seek help in emergencies.
- e) The Commission shall maintain an appropriate data base to be created out of affidavits, affirmed by each student and his/ her parents/ guardians and stored electronically by



the institution, and such database shall also function as a record of ragging complaints received, and the status of the action taken thereon.

- f) The Commission shall make available the data base to a non-governmental agency to be nominated by the Central Government, to build confidence in the public and also to provide information of non-compliance with these Regulations to the Councils and to such bodies as may be authorized by the Commission or by the Central Government.

12.7.2 The Commission shall take the following regulatory steps, namely;

- a) The Commission shall make it mandatory for the institutions to incorporate in their prospectus, the directions of the Central Government or the State Level Monitoring Committee with regard to prohibition and consequences of ragging, and that non-compliance with these regulations and directions so provided, shall be considered as lowering of academic standards by the institution, therefore making it liable for appropriate action.
- b) The Commission shall verify that the institutions strictly comply with the requirement of getting the affidavits from the students and their parents/guardians as envisaged under these Regulations.
- c) The Commission shall include a specific condition in the Utilization Certificate, in respect of any financial assistance or grants-in-aid to any institution under any of the general or special schemes of the commission that the institution has complied with the anti-ragging measures.
- d) Any incident of ragging in an institution shall adversely affect its accreditation ranking or grading by NAAC or by any other authorized accreditation agencies while assessing the institution for accreditation, ranking or grading purposes.
- e) The Commission may accord priority in financial grants-in-aid to those institutions, otherwise eligible to receive grants under section 12B of the Act, which report a blemishless record in terms of there being no reported incident of ragging.
- f) The Commission shall constitute an Inter-Council Committee, consisting of representatives of the various Councils, the Non-Governmental Agency responsible for



monitoring the database maintained by the Commission under clause (f) of Regulation 12.1 and such other bodies in higher education, to coordinate and monitor the anti-ragging measures in institutions across the Country and to make recommendations from time to time; and shall meet at least once in six months each year.

- g) The Commission shall institute an Anti-Ragging Cell within the Commission as an institutional mechanism to provide secretarial support for collection of information and monitoring, and to coordinate with the State Level Monitoring Cell and University level Committees for effective implementation of anti-ragging measures, and the Cell shall also coordinate with the Non-Governmental agency responsible for monitoring the database maintained by the Commission appointed under clause (f) of Regulation 12.1.

12.8 Administrative action in the event of ragging

12.8.1 The Institution shall punish a student found guilty of ragging after following the procedure and in the manner prescribed hereinunder:

- a) The Anti-ragging Committee of the University shall take an appropriate decision, in regard to punishment or otherwise, depending on the facts of each incident of ragging and nature and gravity of the incident of ragging established in the recommendations of the Anti-ragging Squad.
- b) The Anti-ragging Committee may, depending on the nature and gravity of the guilt established by the Anti-Ragging Squad, award, to those found guilty, one or more of the following punishments, namely;
 - i) Suspension from attending the classes and academic privileges
 - ii) Withholding/withdrawing scholarship/fellowship and other benefits
 - iii) Debarring from appearing in any test/examination or other evaluation process
 - iv) Withholding results
 - v) Debarring from representing the University in any regional, national or international meet, tournament, youth festival, etc.
 - vi) Suspension/ expulsion from the hostel



- vii) Cancellation of admission
- viii) Rustication from the University for period ranging from one to four Semesters
- ix) Expulsion from the University and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution/University for a specified period.

Provided that where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the University shall resort to collective punishment.

- c) An appeal against the order of punishment by the Anti-ragging Committee shall lie,
 - i. In case of an order of an institution, affiliated to or constituent part, of a University, to the Vice Chancellor of the University.
 - ii. In case of an order of a University, to its Chancellor.
 - iii. In case of an institution of national importance created by an Act of Parliament, to the Chairman or Chancellor of the institution, as the case may be.

12.8.2 Where in the opinion of the appointing authority, a lapse is attributable to any member of the faculty or staff of the institution, in the matter of reporting or taking prompt action to prevent an incident of ragging or who displays an apathetic or insensitive attitude towards complaints of ragging, or who fails to take timely steps, whether required under these Regulations or otherwise, to prevent an incident or incidents of ragging, then such authority shall initiate departmental disciplinary action, in accordance with the prescribed procedure of the institution, against such member of the faculty or staff.

Provided that where such lapse is attributable to the Head of the institution, the authority designated to appoint such Head shall take such departmental disciplinary action; and such action shall be without prejudice to any action that may be taken under the penal laws for abetment of ragging for failure to take timely steps in the prevention of ragging or punishing any student found guilty of ragging.



12.8.3 The Commission shall, in respect of any institution that fails to take adequate steps to prevent ragging or fails to act in accordance with these Regulations or fails to punish perpetrators or incidents of ragging suitably, take one of more of the following measures, namely;

- i. Withdrawal of declaration of fitness to receive grants under section 12B of the Act.
- ii. Withholding any grant allocated.
- iii. Declaring the institution ineligible for consideration for any assistance under any of the general or special assistance programmes of the Commission.
- iv. Informing the general public, including potential candidates for admission, through a notice displayed prominently in the newspapers or other suitable media and posted on the website of the Commission, declaring that the institution does not possess the minimum academic standards.
- v. Taking such other action within its powers as it may deem fit and impose such other penalties as may be provided in the Act for such duration of time as the institution complies with the provisions of these Regulations.

Provided that the action taken under this clause by the Commission against any institution shall be shared by all Councils.

NOTE: It is mandatory for all the students of this University to fill the undertaking online at www.amanmovement.org or www.antiragging.in



Contacts in case of “Ragging”

Fax No. 0 1792-252 242 and 01792-252 603

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Sr No	Designation	E-mail Address	Telephone Numbers (10.00 AM to 5.00 PM)
1.	Vice-Chancellor	vcuhf@yspuniversity.ac.in	01792-252363
2.	Dean, College of Horticulture, Nauni (Solan)	deancoh@yspuniversity.ac.in	01792-252344
3.	Dean, College of Forestry, Nauni (Solan)	deancof@yspuniversity.ac.in	01792-252354
4.	Dean, College of Horticulture & Forestry, Neri (Hamirpur)	deancohf@yspuniversity.ac.in	01972-262901
6.	Dean, Students’ Welfare	swo@yspuniversity.ac.in	01792-252312
7.	Registrar	registrar@yspuniverity.ac.in	01792-252219 01792-252009



ANNEXURES



Annexure-I

PROFORMA FOR REFUND

Date of submission of application for fee refund

Entrance Test Roll No

Name of the Candidate.....Contact No.....

Father's Name.....

College allottedDiscipline -.....

Fee deposited in Rs.

Date of Transaction.....

Transaction No.....

Account Number in which fee refund is required.....

Name of Account HolderIFSC Code.....

Branch.....

Signature

Note: Kindly attach a clear screenshot of the transaction showing the amount, transaction number (UTR No) and the date of the transaction. Candidates are advised to send an email with the following details to the Deans of the concerned College with the subject titled 'Refund for Admission Fee for Doctoral Degree Programme.' Please use the respective email ID

Following are the email IDs

S.N	College	Email ID
1.	Dean College of Horticulture, Nauni (Solan)	deancoh@yspuniversity.ac.in
2.	Dean College of Forestry, Nauni (Solan)	deancof@yspuniversity.ac.in
3.	Dean College of Horticulture & Forestry, Neri (Hamirpur)	deancohf@yspuniversity.ac.in



Annexure-II

DECLARATION

I _____ aged _____ years son/daughter of Sh./Smt.
_____ R/o _____

hereby declare that :

1. I shall not make any form of abuse of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances while being a student of this University.
2. I shall bring into the notice of authorities designated by the University for this purpose, the incidence of nay illicit drug or substance abuse occurring within the University campus which might have come to his /her knowledge and also about any drug dealer/peddler who according to his/her information is carrying out or is trying to carry out his activities related to supply of illicit drugs within the University Campus.

Declaration: I _____ aged _____ years, Son/Daughter of
Sh. _____, R/o _____
hereby declare that the contents of the above declaration have been issued
by me at my own will and I have concealed nothing therefrom.

Signed on this _____ day of _____ (Month/Year).

Signature



Annexure III

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Sr. No.	Particulars	Dates
1.	Date of Registration of fresh admitted candidates	15.01.2025 to 18.01.2025
2.	Commencement of classes	20.01.2025
3.	Addition of courses	31.01.2025
4.	Withdrawal of courses without charges	31.01.2025
5.	Mid-semester examination	18.03.2025 to 29.03.2025
6.	Withdrawal of courses with charges	05.04.2025
7.	Sports Meet	23.04.2025 to 25.04.2025
8.	End-semester examination	14.06.2025 to 28.06.2025
9.	Semester break	29.06.2025 to 15.07.2025
10.		
	i) Instructor to Dean/ HoD	06.07.2025
	ii) Dean to Registrar	13.07.2025
11.	Compilation of result	15.07.2025 to 18.07.2025

NOTE:

- (i) If the date fixed happens to be a holiday, the next working day will be considered as the date fixed for a particular purpose.
- (ii) The classes will remain suspended during the Mid-term Examinations and End-term Examinations.