

**Dr YASHWANT SINGH PARMAR UNIVERSITY OF
HORTICULTURE & FORESTRY
NAUNI-SOLAN (HP) -173 230**

PROSPECTUS

ACADEMIC SESSION 2023-24



**FOR ADMISSION
TO
DOCTORAL PROGRAMME**

IMPORTANT DATES

Sr No	Particulars	Date
1.	Last date of receipt of application	31.12.2023
2.	Date of Entrance Test	03.01.2024
3.	Date of uploading the answer key	03.01.2024
4.	Last Date of online submission of objections on the answer key, if any	06.01.2024
5.	Date of uploading final key	08.01.2024
6.	Date of declaration of result	09.01.2024
7.	Date of 1 st counselling	11.01.2024
8.	Commencement of Classes	18.01.2024
9.	Date of 2 nd counselling	29.01.2024

Note: -

- i) Any change in the date of receipt of application form and counselling schedule, will be uploaded on the university website www.yspuniversity.ac.in. The candidates are advised to remain in regular touch with university website till the completion of admission process.
- ii) For any clarification/ inquiry with regard to admission, please contact the Assistant Registrar/ Superintendent (Academic), Office of the Registrar, Dr. Y. S. 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**
- iii) Application form submitted as hard copy will not be considered.
- iv) The candidates are advised to read the instructions carefully before applying online for submission of form for admission.
- v) Normal seats are reserved for Himachali domicile candidates only, whereas, self-financing seats are open for all desirous candidates at National level.

Fee payable 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	2000	3000
Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe/ Physically Challenged/ Third gender	1500		2500

Note: In case, the candidate is willing to be considered for both Normal and Self-financing Seat, he/ she is required to select the appropriate option in the online application form and accordingly deposit the requisite fee.

Link for filing online Anti Ragging Undertaking

The UGC has revised the procedure for students to file online Anti-ragging undertaking on the online link: <http://www.antiragging.in> only. As such, the University and its constituent Colleges will not accept Anti Ragging Undertakings by the students in Hard/ Printed copy/ Affidavits.

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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 Vishwavidyalaya, 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 namely: -

Sr. No.	Name of the Colleges	Year of Establishment	Situated at
1.	College of Horticulture	1985	Main Campus Nauni
2.	College of Forestry	1987	Main Campus Nauni
3.	College of Horticulture and Forestry, Neri, Hamirpur	2010	Neri District Hamirpur
4	College of Horticulture and Forestry, Thunag, Mandi	2019	Thunag District Mandi

Two colleges namely College of Horticulture and College of Forestry are located at the main campus of Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni (Solan). The third College is located at Neri in Hamirpur District on the link road on Nadaun-Hamirpur state Highway 9 kms from Hamirpur town and is well connected with bus service. The college offers four undergraduate degree programmes i.e. B.Sc. (Hons) Horticulture, B.Sc. (Hons) Forestry, B.Tech. Biotechnology, B. Tech. Food Technology, M.Sc. and Ph.D. degree programmes in a few subjects/disciplines. The fourth college is located at Thunag, District Mandi 100 kms from Mandi town. This college offers undergraduate degree programmes in B.Sc. (Hons) Horticulture and B.Sc. (Hons) Forestry. In addition, there are five Regional Research Stations, 12 Satellite Stations and five Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs) situated at different zones of the State.

1.2. System of Education

The University follows the semester system of education as per guidelines of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) 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, virtual and smart 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

The University library named after Satyanand Stokes which has the credit of being a pioneer in introducing latest information technology to automate library services. It initiated computerized operations as early as in April 1989 and its whole collection has been computerized for electronic retrieval by creating in-house databases, providing access to national and international databases available on CD-ROM and online catalogue which is electronically accessible. This is the first SAU library in the country which has been converted into a *Wi-Fi* library in 2003-04. The scientists/ teachers and students have been given electronic access to 2000 + e-journals through CERA: Consortium for e-resources in Agriculture. Besides this, 120 journals are subscribed in hard copy form. All the PhD Theses with effect from 2000 onwards have been digitized under the ICAR Krishi Prabha Project and are available on-line. The Library is centrally located and housed in a beautiful building that offers an excellent environment for study. The library has a unique collection of 70000 books in the field of Horticulture, Forestry and allied subjects. For linking the Regional Research Stations of the University with the library, the connectivity facilities have been established in all the Regional Stations of the University so that the scientist/ staff working there can access the latest information and be in a position to communicate fast through E-mail.

1.3.4 Computer Centre and Information Network

The University has a separate Computer and Informatics Centre which provides information technology facilities to all staff and students, besides connectivity to National Network under Agricultural Research Information System (ARIS) of ICAR. All academic departments and offices within the campus have connectivity through Local Area Network for resource sharing and exchange of information. It is on global network through Internet and E-mail facilities. In addition, each College has full-fledged 'Education Technology Cell' providing free service to all the students.

1.3.5 Students Welfare Activities

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

1.3.5.1. Hostels

The University has 17 hostels at the main campus comprising six for boys, 10 for girls and one international hostel for foreign national students. Each hostel has a common room equipped with TV, facilities for indoor games and a badminton court. Important newspapers and magazines are also subscribed for general reading of the students. The accommodation in the hostels is being allotted purely on the basis of merit subject to its availability.

However, in the constituent College at Hamirpur i.e., College of Horticulture & Forestry, Neri (Hamirpur), there are two girls' hostel and one boys' hostel. Persons with Disability are provided hostels on priority.

1.3.5.2. Other Welfare Activities

The University has a placement cell for career counselling and a big playground where facilities for all outdoor games and sports exist with a gymnasium hall. Dr. L. S. Negi Auditorium with a seating capacity of about 1100, has facility for various students' activities. The students are encouraged to participate in District, State and Inter-University competitions. The Campus has facilities of well-equipped health centre, student centre, shopping centre, banks and post office.

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
(one in each discipline) | - | Rs. 5000/- Per Month |
| ii) | University Stipend
(for HP domicile students
admitted under normal seats and
not getting any other financial
assistance) | - | Rs. 2500/-Per Month |
| iii) | ICAR Fellowship | - | Rs. 31000/- per month for 1 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, Aspee Foundation, CSIR fellowship, ICSSR fellowship etc. | | |

- Note:** 1. ICAR fellowship is awarded on the basis of All India Competitive Examination.
2. Inspire, Aspee, UGC, CSIR and ICSSR fellowships are awarded by the concerned agencies as per their rules and regulations.

Recently, the University has signed an MOU with **West Sydney University, Australia** for Academic Exchange of students. The **West Sydney University is No.1 ranked University in THI Rankings** on global platform. As per MOU, at least two fellowships in each discipline will be available for Ph.D. students to conduct research work under dual guidance system. The fellowship holder will spend two years in this University and third year in West Sydney University and will submit thesis to this University. The fellowship will be awarded to the students with high merit.

1.6. Medals

Gold Medals awarded to toppers at University level according to 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) 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 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 more than 1250 students are per details given below: -

Boys Hostels

Sr. No.	Name of the Hostel	Total Capacity	Sr. No.	Name of the Hostel	Total Capacity
1.	Vishnu	80	5.	Natraj	98
2.	Keshav	59	6.	Shambhu	118
3.	Madhav	102	7.	Kedar International Boys	36
4.	Neelkanth	43			

Girls Hostels

Sr. No.	Name of the Hostel	Total Capacity	Sr. No.	Name of the Hostel	Total Capacity
1.	Sarswati	108	6.	Gauri	45
2.	Gitanjali	80	7.	Vaishnavi	54
3.	Vasundhra	60	8.	Kadambri	43
4.	Nandini	101	9.	Kalyani	139
5.	Mangla	48	10.	Gayatri International Girls	46

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. The candidates admitted for normal seats are given first preference for allotment of hostel accommodation.

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, Oxymeter, Stadiometer, Heightmeter, Weighing Machine. All are being used to diagnose the patient then and there.

Numerous facilities are also available such as Dispersing 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.) 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 Anti-Ragging Committee

In order to curb the menace of ragging 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)

2.6 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 the Central Students' Association pays an annual subscription fee and all those who pay the fee, forms general body of the Association. The Association consists of Class Representative of each class in each constituent College.

2.7 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 26 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.

2.8 National Cadet Corps (NCC)

NCC is an essential part of the Course curriculum for 1st year, 2nd year and 3rd year students of Undergraduate Programmes. Two NCC Companies of 1 HP Boys Bn and 1 HP Girls Bn NCC, Solan have been raised at each constituent College with an aim of grooming in both boys and girls, nurture them and direct their energy towards nation building by making them responsible citizens. The motto of NCC is "UNITY AND DISCIPLINE". NCC has an enrolled strength of more than 100 cadets of Boys Bn and 50 cadets of Girls Bn in this University. Foreign students and in-service students are exempted from NCC. Each, boys and girls NCC is commanded by the Associate NCC Officers (ANO) of the rank of Lieutenant.

NCC cadets are exposed to different trainings which includes Basic, Advanced and Specialized trainings.

Apart from training and preparing the youth for future challenges in NCC, cadets are given various benefits in terms of job opportunities, scholarships and financial aid in time of any tragedy while doing any NCC related activities. These incentives are announced from time to time both by the Central and State Governments. These incentives are in the field of employment as well as academics and personal including medals, trophies, cash award, etc. The best incentive being the vacancy reserved for "CEE" Certificate Holder cadets for the commission as officers in the Armed forces.

2.9 Laundry Services

The University has centralized laundry services for hostel dwellers where student 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 Solar Steam Cooking System

The University has a high tech centralized solar cooking system for providing food to the hostel dwellers. Mass food is cooked at a place using solar steam and distributed in various hostels. The food is cooked by using steam generated by solar energy enhancing the food flavour and reduction in cost of cooking.

1.11 Students' Welfare Activities, 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 & Finance Club
2. Culture Club (Dance and Drama)
3. Music, Poetry & 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

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

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 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: -

- i) Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIh2vYzR4tUdShW4y7Wx-jw>
- ii) Facebook page- Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni <https://www.facebook.com/UHFNauniOfficial>
- iii) Facebook page- UHF Kisan Sewa <https://www.facebook.com/uhfkisansewa>
- iv) Twitter <https://twitter.com/Nauniuniversity>
- v) 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 disciplines in the three constituent colleges of the university has been given below: -

3.1 College of Horticulture, Nauni (Solan)

Sr. No	Discipline	Normal Seats		Self-financing Seats	ICAR Quota Seats
		No. of Seats	Category wise distribution		
1	Agri-Business Management	3	SC-1; UR-2	4	1
2	Entomology	3	SC-1; UR-2	3	1
3	Floriculture & Landscaping	2	SC-1; UR-1	2	1
4	Food Technology	2	SC-1; UR-1	1	1
5	Fruit Science	5	SC-1; UR-3; ST-1	5	1
6	Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	3	SC-1; UR-2	2	1
7	Plant Pathology	4	SC-1; UR-2; ST-1	4	1
8	Postharvest Management	2	SC-1; UR-1	1	-
9	Seed Science & Technology	2	SC-1; UR-1	2	1
10	Vegetable Science	4	SC-1; UR-2; ST-1	3	1
Total		30		27	9

3.2. College of Forestry, Nauni (Solan)

Sr. No	Discipline	Normal Seats		Self-financing Seats	ICAR Quota Seats
		No. of Seats	Category wise distribution		
1	Agricultural Economics	2	SC-1; UR-1	2	-
2	Environmental Science	4	SC-1; UR-2; ST-1	4	-
3	Forest Biology and Tree Improvement	3	SC-1; UR-2	3	1
4	Forest Products and Utilization	3	SC-1; UR-2	3	1
5	Microbiology	2	SC-1; UR-1	2	-
6	Silviculture and Agroforestry	3	SC-1; UR-2	3	1
7	Soil Science	3	SC-1; UR-2	3	-
8	Agricultural Statistics	2	SC-1; UR-1	1	-
Total		22		21	3

3.3 College of Horticulture and Forestry, Neri (Hamirpur)

Sr. No.	Discipline	Normal Seats		Self-financing Seats
		No. of Seats	Category wise distribution	
1	Agricultural Economics	1	SC-1	1
2	Fruit Science	3	SC-1; UR-2	3
3	Plant Pathology	2	SC-1; UR-1	2
4	Silviculture and Agroforestry	2	SC-1; UR-1	2
5	Soil Science	2	SC-1; UR-1	1
6	Vegetable Science	3	SC-1; UR-2	3

Total	13	12
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3.4 Over and above the intake capacity under sports and Co-curricular activities (Normal Seats) (exclusively for domiciles of Himachal Pradesh)

Name of the College	Number of Seats
College of Horticulture, Nauni (Solan)	1
College of Forestry, Nauni (Solan)	1
College of Horticulture and Forestry, Neri (Hamirpur)	1

3.5 Reservation of Seats

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

1. Normal seats shall be reserved for HP domicile.
2. ICAR quota seats shall be filled up by the ICAR.
3. Self-Financing Seats are open for all at National level.

Normal Seats are further reserved for different categories in accordance with 40-point roster (vertically) in respect of allotment of seats/ specialities amongst General, SC, ST, PwD & EWS categories in the following manner: -

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|---|---|----------------------------------|
| i) Scheduled Caste (SC) @15% | - | Roster point 1,8,14,22,28 and 36 |
| ii) Scheduled Tribe (ST) @7.5% | - | Roster point 4,17 and 31 |
| iii) Persons with Disability (PwD) @ 5% | - | Roster point 20 and 40 |
| iv) Economically Weaker Section (EWS) @10%- | - | Roster point 9,19,29 and 39 |

Conditions: -

1. Self-financing seats are open for all eligible candidates across the country.
2. 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.
3. The candidates admitted to self-financing seat shall not be shifted to normal seat under any circumstances once the admission process is over.
4. 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.
5. The seats in various disciplines can be increased/ decreased keeping in view the availability of infrastructure and faculty.

3.6 Nomenclature of Degrees awarded

College of Horticulture, Nauni (Solan)

1. Ph.D. Agri-Business Management
2. Ph.D. in Plant Protection - Entomology
3. Ph.D. (Hort.) in Floriculture & Landscaping
4. Ph.D. (Hort.) in Fruit Science
5. Ph.D. Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
6. Ph.D. Plant Pathology
7. Ph.D. Food Technology
8. Ph.D. (Hort.) in Post-harvest Management
9. Ph.D. Seed Science & Technology
10. Ph.D. (Hort.) in Vegetable Science

College of Forestry, Nauri (Solan)

1. Ph.D. Agricultural Economics
2. Ph.D. Environmental Science
3. Ph.D. (Forestry) in Forest Biology and Tree Improvement
4. Ph.D. (Forestry) in Forest Products and Utilization
5. Ph.D. Microbiology
6. Ph.D. (Forestry) in Silviculture and Agroforestry
7. Ph.D. Soil Science
8. Ph.D. Agricultural Statistics

College of Horticulture and Forestry, Neri (Hamirpur)

1. Ph.D. Agricultural Economics
2. Ph.D. (Hort.) in Fruit Science
3. Ph.D. Plant Pathology
4. Ph.D. (Forestry) in Silviculture and Agroforestry
5. Ph.D. Soil Science
6. Ph.D. (Hort.) in Vegetable Science

CHAPTER- IV

ADMISSION OF NORMAL AND SELF-FINANCING SEATS

4.1 Minimum Qualification/ Eligibility

Postgraduate degree with an OGPA of 6.50/10.00 under course credit system or with a minimum of 65% marks in the respective degree from a recognized University. The discipline-wise qualification for admission shall be as under: -

- i) **Ph.D. Fruit Science**
M.Sc. Fruit Science with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.
- ii) **Ph.D. Floriculture & Landscaping**
M.Sc. Floriculture & Landscaping with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.
- iii) **Ph.D. Vegetable Science**
M.Sc. Vegetable Science with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.
- iv) **Ph.D. Seed Science & Technology**
M.Sc. Seed Science & Technology with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.
- v) **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.
- vi) **Ph.D. Entomology**
M.Sc. Entomology/ Plant Protection Entomology with research thesis submitted in partial fulfilment of the programme.
- vii) **Ph.D. Postharvest Management**
M.Sc. Postharvest Management with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.
- viii) **Ph.D. Plant Pathology**
M.Sc. Plant Pathology/ Mycology & Plant Pathology with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.
- ix) **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.
- x) **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.

xi) 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.

xii) 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.

xiii) 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.

xiv) Ph.D. Soil Science

M. Sc. Soil Science with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.

xv) Ph.D. Agricultural Economics

M.Sc. Agricultural Economics with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.

xvi) Ph.D. Microbiology

M.Sc. Microbiology/ Agri. Microbiology with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.

xvii) Ph.D. Environmental Science

M.Sc. Environmental Science/ M.Sc. (Forestry) Environmental Management with research thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme

xviii) Ph.D. Statistics

M.Sc. Statistics/ Agricultural Statistics with thesis in partial fulfilment of the programme.

4.2 Submission of Online Application Form (Ph.D. - 2023)

4.2.1 Normal/ Self-financing Seats: The candidates are required to submit online application form of the University alongwith application fee (non-refundable) within due date by accessing university website www.yspuniversity.ac.in.

4.2.2 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 in the online application form.

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

4.3 Criteria for admission

4.3.1 Normal/ self-financing seats: The score obtained in entrance test by the University will be considered for admission in normal/ self-financing seats of all Ph.D. programmes of this University. 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.

4.3.2 Sport and Co-curricular activities seats (Under Normal Seats): Eligibility criteria will be the same as for other candidates for normal seats applying for all Ph.D. 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, 2023) as per weightage of different activities given in the Table 4.3.3. Only one sports and co-curricular activity certificate which is most beneficial to the candidate (highest score) per year will be considered. If the candidates having equal aggregate score under sports category, a candidate with higher marks obtained in the entrance test shall be placed in higher merit list. In case, the tie still exists, the candidate with higher OGPA/ percentage of marks at Master's level shall be placed higher in merit.

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

Sr. No.	SPORTS/ GAMES/ CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	CULTURAL/ EXTRA-	% of marks
1.	Participant who has represented India in any International Competition and obtained 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd position.		5
2.	Participant who has represented India in any International Competition		4
3.	Participant who has represented the State in a National Competition and obtained 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd position		3
4.	Participant who has represented the State in a National Competition.		2
5.	Participant who has represented district in a State Competition and obtained 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd position		2
6.	Participant who has represented district in a State Competition		1
7.	Participant who has represented the university at intervarsity zonal level competition and obtained 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd position		3
8.	Participant who has represented the university at intervarsity zonal level competition		2
9.	Participant who has represented the University in Inter-University Competition and obtained 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd position		2
10.	Participant who has represented the University in Inter-University Competition		1
11.	Participant who has represented college in University level competition and obtained 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd position		1

Provided that

1. The sports/ games/ cultural/ extra-curricular activities should have been organized by any one of the following agencies/ bodies: -
 - a) International Sports Federation-affiliated with International Olympic Association
 - b) All sports Federations of India-affiliated with Indian Olympic Association
 - c) All States Sports Associations- affiliated with State Olympic Association
 - d) All District Sports Associations- affiliated with District Olympic Association
 - e) State Sports Council/State Youth Welfare and Sports Department
 - f) All India Inter-University Sports Board (AIU), ICAR
 - g) University Level Sports
 - h) Sports Authority of India

- i) Inter University Sports Board
- j) ICAR
- k) Indian Agricultural Universities Association

2. All sports / games/ cultural/ extra-curricular activities recognized by Association of Indian Universities (AIU)/ Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA)/ ICAR/ Himachal Government will only be recognized by the Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry.

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

I. Names of games /sports	
Aquatics, Aerobics, American Football, Archery, Athletics (Track and Field Events), Badminton, Ball Badminton, Basketball, Baseball, Boxing, Bridge, Canoeing and Kayaking, Carrom, Chess, Circle Style Kabaddi, Cricket, Cycling Road, Cycling Track, Drop Roball, Equestrian sports & M Sports, Fencing, Floor Ball, Football, Gatka, Golf, Grappling Sports, Gymnastics and Malkhamb, Handball, Hockey, Indoor Hockey's, Judo, Kabaddi, Karate, Kick Boxing, Mini Golf, Kho-Kho, Korfball, Netball, Pencak Silat, Polo, Power Lifting, wan ki Do, Rifle Shooting, Rollar Hockey, Roller Skating, Rollar Sports, Roll Ball, Rope Skipping, Skiing, Rowing, Rugby, Six-A-Side Cricket, Sepak Takraw, Shooting, Soft Baseball, Soft Tennis, Softball, Squash Rackets, Swimming, Target Ball, Table Tennis, Tackwondo, Tenni-Koit. Tennis, Tug of War, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Wrestling Free Style and Greco Roman Style Wrestling, Winter Games, Weight Lifting, Woodball, Wushu, Yatching, and Yoga.	
II. Names of Cultural and Co-Curricular Activities	
Vocal Music:	Indian Classical, Indian Light Vocal, Indian Patriotic Song, Indian Group Song, Folk Song,
Instrumental Music:	Harmonium light, Flute playing, Tabla playing, Sitar playing, Traditional musical instruments playing
Dance:	Solo Folk Dance, Group Folk Dance, Kathak,
Literary:	Quiz, Elocution, Dabate, Extempore
Theatre:	One Act Play, Skit, Mime, Mono Acting, Play
Fine Arts:	On the spot Painting, Collage, Poster Making, Clay Modeling, Cartooning, Rangoli

4.5 List of candidates

Merit list of all candidates shall be drawn on the basis of score obtained in the entrance test. The candidates having secured less than **50 per cent marks** in the entrance test shall not be considered for appearing in the counselling process/ admission.

4.6 Counselling

Counselling shall be conducted as per the procedure mentioned in the Chapter-VII of this prospectus.

4.7 Selection of Candidates

Provisional allocation of the available seats will be made during offline counselling in order of merit. If the 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 to be uploaded on the 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

- a) The prescribed minimum percentage of marks in all the programmes shall be relaxed by 5% in Master's degree programme (For eligibility to appear in the entrance test) in the case of SC/ ST/ Physically Challenged candidates and in service nominees.
- b) The admission of in-service nominees of HP Government/ HP Government Undertakings/ ICAR will normally be limited to one seat in each discipline over and above the approved intake capacity. Such candidates are not required to appear in the entrance test and their admission will be decided on the basis of inter-se merit.
- c) The candidate would be deemed to have passed the qualifying examination only after his/ her result has been formally declared by the University on or before the date of counselling 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, PDC/ Result Notification issued by the Registrar or a Certificate issued by the Head of the Department to the effect of having passed thesis *viva-voce* examination held in respect of the candidate will be accepted.
- d) The OGPA will be converted into percentage of marks on per cent basis or as per the conversion formula of the concerned University and the candidate must furnish the conversion formula.
- e) 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.
- f) The candidates admitted to self-financing seat shall not be shifted to normal seat after the admission process is over under any circumstances.
- g) The seats can be increased/ decreased keeping in view the availability of infrastructure and faculty.

4.8 Requirements at the time of registration/ admission

The selected candidates must carry copies of following self-attested certificates are required at the time of admission/ registration alongwith original certificates and two passport size photographs: -

- i. 10th certificate (for date of birth) and 10+2 detail of marks certificate
- ii. Graduation and Postgraduation degree certificates/ Provisional Degree Certificate and Courses Transcript
- iii. Character certificate
- iv. HP domicile certificate (If applicable)
- v. SC/ ST/ EWS certificate/ Physically Challenged certificate (If applicable)
- vi. Sports/co-curricular activities (If applicable)
- vii. Aadhar card
- viii. Medical Fitness Certificate
- ix. Migration Certificate
- x. Any other certificates

i) Certificates of Participation

Candidate shall have to submit the certificates of games/ sports/ cultural and co-curricular activities (One for each year which is most beneficial).

ii) 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.

iii) Character Certificate

This 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.

iv) 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.

v) 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.

4.9 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.

4.10 Advisement and registration

Newly admitted students shall be assigned the Advisors in the concerned department as per university rules and regulations. Registration of selected candidates shall be completed on the date notified by the Registrar mentioned in the Academic Calendar/ Important dates. Broadly the process of registration is given below: -

- i) Medical check-up of fresh students
- ii) Meeting with Head of the Department for enrolment in different courses by concerned teacher
- iii) Depositing of the receipt of 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 office of the Dean of the concerned College.
- v) Meeting with the Dean, Students' Welfare/ Hostel Warden for allotment of room (if available).

Chapter-V

PROCEDURE OF ENTRANCE TEST FOR ADMISSION TO Ph.D. PROGRAMME

- a) The entrance test will be conducted at the University Main Campus, Nauri (Solan) on **3rd January, 2024 (Sunday)** from 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM.
- b) 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.
- c) Candidates are expected to take their seats 15 minutes before the commencement of the examination.
- d) Candidate who does not possess the 'Admit Card' will not be allowed to enter the examination hall.
- e) 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.
- f) No candidate shall be allowed to leave the examination hall till the completion of the examination.
- g) 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.
- h) The candidate shall forfeit the right of selection in case of mis-behaviour, use of unfair means, impersonation, disturbance, non-return of question booklet, answer sheet, admit card etc. The decision of the Examination Coordinator shall be final.
- i) 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.
- j) There will be a composite question paper of 100 marks of two hours duration. The question paper will have two parts.
- k) The total marks obtained in the entrance test by a candidate will be displayed on the University website (www.yspuniversity.ac.in) on the date mentioned in the Important Dates.
- l) The candidates are advised to remain in touch with the University Website for further instructions.
- m) No separate letter will be issued for attending the counselling.
- n) The dispute relating to the entrance test will be subject to Solan jurisdiction.
- o) There will be no re-checking or re-evaluation of OMR answer sheet.

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: -

- i) Fruit Science
- ii) Vegetable Science
- iii) Floriculture & Landscaping
- iv) Postharvest Management
- v) Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
- vi) Entomology
- vii) Plant Pathology
- viii) Seed Science & Technology
- ix) Agri-Business Management
- x) Forest Products and Utilization
- xi) Silviculture and Agroforestry
- xii) Forest Biology and Tree Improvement
- xiii) Environmental Science
- xiv) Soil Science
- xv) Agricultural Economics
- xvi) Microbiology
- xvii) Agricultural Statistics

3. Each question has four responses and out of these only one is the most appropriate.
4. 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.
5. **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 as (X) i.e., not attempted. More than one answer indicated against a question will be deemed as incorrect response. Erasing, cutting or overwriting is not allowed.
6. The candidate will do rough work, if required, in the question paper itself or on the plain paper attached with it.
7. At the end of the examination, the candidate will return OMR answer sheet to the invigilator.

CHAPTER-VII

PROCEDURE FOR COUNSELLING (NORMAL AND SELF-FINANCING SEATS)

Candidates fulfilling all the required qualification/ eligibility conditions mentioned in Chapter III and have obtained **50 and above marks** in the entrance test, will be eligible to appear in the counselling process.

7.1 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 have been notified and mentioned in the important dates. The candidates are advised to remain in touch regularly with the University website for further updates. No separate letter for any round of counselling will be sent to any candidate. No letter, FAX, or telephonic enquiry about the admission will be entertained.

7.1.1 Certificates required for Counselling

The eligible candidates will be required to submit the counselling proforma alongwith one set of self-attested copies of following documents **on the day of counseling**: -

- i. 10th certificate (for date of birth) (Compulsory of all)
- ii. Graduation and postgraduate degree certificates. (Compulsory of all)
- iii. Transcript of Academic Record/ marks sheet (Compulsory of all)
- iv. Character certificate from the Institute last attended (Compulsory for all)
- v. HP domicile certificate (compulsory for all HP candidates)
- vi. Aadhar Card (Compulsory of all)
- vii. The following certificates (wherever applicable)
 - a. SC/ ST/ EWS certificate.
 - b. Sports/ co-curricular activities certificate
 - c. Physically Challenged/ disability certificate
 - d. Any other certificate

The Counselling Committee will also check and verify all the original documents during the process of counselling.

7.1.2 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 laid down in table (Important Dates), 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.

7.1.3 Certificates required for registration/ admission

The provisionally selected candidates appearing for document verification and registration should bring above mentioned **original** relevant documents alongwith a set of self-attested copies of certificates, copy of fee receipt and two passport size photographs.

7.1.4 Other Instructions

- a) The provisionally selected candidate who brings incomplete set of original certificates at the time of document verification will not be considered for the admission.
- b) It is mandatory for the candidate to report for document verification/ registration on the specified date and time.
- c) 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.
- d) It is the sole responsibility of the candidates to furnish full and correct information on the application form/ counselling proforma. Any selection/ admission made on the basis of wrong or concealed information supplied by the candidate would be cancelled even after the admission at the cost and risk of the candidate.

7.2 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-VIII

FEE STRUCTURE

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

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|--------------------------|--|
| (i) Normal Seat | - Rs. 35,020.00
- Rs. 17,020.00 for HP-BPL girl candidates
- No fee for PH category candidates |
| (ii) Self-financing Seat | - Rs. 75020.00 |

This fee includes fee for 1st Semester of the degree programme, annual charges and one-time charges for the degree programme. This does not include hostel charges.

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 designated 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.

8.1 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)	18000	Semester-wise
4.	Sports, games and youth welfare activity	1000	Semester-wise
5.	Examination fee	3000	Semester-wise
6.	Infra-structure development/ maintenance fund	1500	Semester-wise
7.	Placement guidance fee	50	Semester-wise
8.	Identity card fee	100	At the time of admission
9.	Library card fee	100	Annual
10.	Library service charges	500	Semester-wise
11.	College security (Refundable)	500	At the time of admission
12.	Library security (Refundable)	500	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	35020	

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	58000	Semester-wise
4.	Sports, games & youth welfare activity	1000	Semester-wise
5.	Examination fee	3000	Semester-wise

6.	Infra-structure development/ maintenance fund	1500	Semester-wise
7.	Placement guidance fee	50	Semester-wise
8.	Identity card fee	100	At the time of admission
9.	Library card fee	100	Annual
10.	Library service charges	500	Semester-wise
11.	College security (Refundable)	500	At the time of admission
12.	Library security (Refundable)	500	At the time of admission
13.	Amalgamated fund	1000	Semester-wise
14.	Medical charges	500	Semester-wise
16.	Students' Association	150	Semester-wise
17.	Green Charges	120	Semester-wise
	Total	75020	

NOTE: -

- The bus fare will be charged from the students willing to avail 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 Nauni i.e. students of College of Horticulture, Nauni or College of Forestry, Nauni.
- 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.

8.2 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

8.3 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 2 nd 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.

CHAPTER-IX
Allotment of Hostel and Usual Charges

9.1 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 merit. 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 bank account of the Dean, Students' Welfare 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)	300	At the time of admission
	Total	5300	

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 PH category students except mess and laundry charges.

10.2 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 of the college. 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)	300	At the time of admission
	Total	2300	

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 PH1 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-X

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.

10.1.1 Title, commencement and applicability

10.1.1 These regulations shall be called the "UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009".

10.1.2 They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

10.1.3 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.

10.2 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.

10.3 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.

10.4 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.

10.5 Measures for prevention of ragging at the Institution level:

10.5.1 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 10.1 of these regulations.
- b) The application form for admission, enrolment or registration shall contain an affidavit, mandatorily in English and in Hindi and/or in one of the regional languages known to the applicant, as provided in the English language in Annexure-II to these regulations, to be filled up and signed by 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 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 an affidavit, mandatorily in English and in Hindi and/or in one of the regional languages known to the parents/guardians of the applicant, as provided in the English language in Annexure-I to these regulations, to be filled up and signed by 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 School/ 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/ guardians in the form prescribed in Annexure-II and Annexure-III to these regulations respectively along with his/her application.
- 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.

10.5.2 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 10.2 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 10.2 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 10.1 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 en route while commuting to the institution using any means of transportation of students, whether public or private.

10.5.3 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 raging 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 10.1

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.

10.5.4 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.

10.6 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

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.

10.7 Duties and Responsibilities of the Commission and the Councils

10.7.1 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.

10.7.2 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 10.1 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 10.1.

10.8 Administrative action in the event of ragging:

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

- 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.

10.8.2 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.

10.8.3 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 or 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.

Contacts in case of “Ragging”
Fax No. 01792-252242 and 01792-252603
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3.	Dean, College of Forestry, Nauni (Solan)	deancof@yspuniiversity.ac.in	01792-252354
4.	Dean, College of Horticulture & Forestry, Neri (Hamirpur)	deancohf@yspuniiversity.ac.in	01972-262901
5.	Students' Welfare Officer	swo@yspuniiversity.ac.in	01792-252312
6.	Registrar	regr@yspuniiversity.ac.in	01792-252219

Link for filing online Anti Ragging Undertaking

The UGC has revised the procedure for students to file online Anti-ragging undertaking on the online link: <http://www.antiragging.in> only. As such, the University and its constituent Colleges will not accept Anti Ragging Undertakings by the students in Hard/ Printed copy/ Affidavits.

Academic Calendar

Sr. No.	Particulars	Date(s)
1.	Commencement of classes	18.01.2024
2.	Addition of courses	31.01.2024
3.	Withdrawal of courses without charges	31.01.2024
4.	Mid-semester examination	18.03.2024 to 30.03.2024
5.	Withdrawal of courses with charges	05.04.2024
6.	Sports Meet	22.04.2024 to 24.04.2024
7.	End-semester examination	14.06.2024 to 29.06.2024
8.	Semester break	30.06.2024 to 18.07.2024
9.	Last date for submission of results through AMS	
	i) Instructor of Dean/ HoD	06.07.2024
	ii) Dean to Registrar	13.07.2024
10.	Compilation of result	15.07.2024 to 18.07.2024

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.