



Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Directorate of Colleges
Higher Education Department

CIRCULAR

Subject: Offering and Allotment of Minors and Other Electives in Colleges — UG Admissions 2026–27.

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In light of the upcoming start of class-work for Batch 2026 of the FYUGP and regarding the allotment of Minors, Multi-Disciplinary Courses (MDC), and Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC), colleges need to consider their course offerings carefully, keeping in mind the importance of these courses in the academic and career trajectory of a student under NEP 2020.

Minor Courses

The Minor of a student is of equal importance as the Major, and merits careful, considered selection by the student. The following considerations make the Minor particularly significant under the FYUGP framework:

- A student may swap their Major and Minor in the 3rd semester. The Minor thus becomes a potential Major, and a poorly chosen Minor may permanently foreclose this option for the student.
- A student may pursue Post-Graduate (PG) programmes in their Minor, in addition to their Major. The Minor therefore directly determines the higher-education and research pathways available to the student.

Given the above, the selection of the Minor must be driven by the student's aptitude, interest, and academic-career aspirations. No Minor shall be forced upon any student.

Colleges shall exercise due care while shortlisting subjects to be offered as Minor. A subject should be offered as a Minor only if:

- a corresponding Major exists in the system, so that the student is able to exercise the 3rd-semester Major-Minor swap option; AND
- a PG progression pathway in that subject is available, so that the student is not deprived of higher-education opportunities in their Minor.

Subjects that do not satisfy the above criteria — for instance, *Agriculture Technology*, *Horticulture Technology*, *Veterinary Technology* (for which no corresponding Major exists in the College system, and for which PG progression requires a dedicated UG programme from an agricultural university) — should NOT be offered as Minor. Such subjects, while undoubtedly useful, may instead be offered as Multi-Disciplinary Courses (MDC) or Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC), where they can add value to the student's academic profile without foreclosing the student's Major-swap or PG options.

Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)

Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) occupy a central place in the NEP 2020 framework, which identifies skilling as a key priority area of the Government. The



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very intent of SECs is to equip students with practical, employable, and real-world skills that complement their academic learning and enhance their career prospects.

It has, however, been observed that in several instances, courses with little or no real-world skilling value are being offered to students under the SEC head. Such practice defeats the very objective of the course category and deprives students of a critical opportunity to acquire usable skills during their undergraduate programme.

Colleges are accordingly directed to ensure that only those courses are offered as Skill Enhancement Courses which:

- impart a genuine, identifiable, and demonstrable skill to the student;
- have a clear linkage to employability, entrepreneurship, or practical competence; and
- align with the spirit and priorities of NEP 2020 and the national skilling mission.

Courses that do not meet the above tests, however otherwise valuable, should be offered under more appropriate categories (e.g. MDC, AEC, VAC) rather than as Skill Enhancement Courses.

Immediate Confirmation of Offerings on the Centralised Admission Portal

Colleges are directed to confirm and finalise their course offerings on the Centralised Admission Portal (<https://jkadmissions.in>) immediately, in particular:

- the list of Minor subjects being offered;
- the permissible Major–Minor combinations along with the intake capacity for each combination;
- the list of Multi-Disciplinary Courses (MDC) on offer;
- the list of Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) on offer.

These confirmed offerings shall be made visible to students on the portal, on the basis of which the students shall subsequently submit their preferences. College Admission Coordinators shall ensure that the offerings, combinations, and intake capacities are accurate and up-to-date.

Induction, Audit, Preference Submission and Allotment

(a) Timing of Allotment

As notified via the referred circular, the Minor shall be allotted to a student only after the conclusion of the Spot Round and before the commencement of class-work. No college shall attempt to allot Minors to students before that stage.

(b) Induction Sessions

Colleges shall conduct induction sessions with newly admitted students explaining the concepts of Minor, MDC, VAC, AEC and SEC; the Major–Minor swap option at the 3rd semester; the possibility of pursuing PG in the Minor; the concept of Double Major (where permitted by the affiliating university); and other key features of the NEP 2020 framework.



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(c) Audit Period — Students to Attend Classes Before Choosing

After the conclusion of the Spot Round, students shall be afforded an audit period of one (1) week, during which they shall be permitted to attend classes of the various Minor / MDC / SEC courses on offer in their college, subject to the prior permission of the concerned course teacher. This is intended to give students a first-hand exposure to the courses before they finalise their preferences.

(d) Submission of Preferences

On completion of the audit period, students shall submit their preferences for Minor, MDC, and SEC on the Centralised Admission Portal.

(e) Allotment by the College Admission Committee

The portal shall generate a preference report for the use of the College Admission Committee. The **Committee shall allot Minors and other electives** based on the preferences of the students, subject to the feasibility constraints of the college (availability of seats and faculty in different Major–Minor combinations, timetable clashes, etc), and keeping the student's interest paramount. As a matter of guiding principle, no Minor shall be forced upon any student.

(f) Uploading of Allotments on the Portal

Colleges shall upload the allotted Minors, MDC, VAC, AEC and SEC of every student on the Centralised Admission Portal, so that the same may be reflected in the student's academic record and on the portal dashboard for automatic generation of the Registration Returns (RRs).

All Principals are requested to ensure strict compliance.

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Copy to:

1. Dean Academic Affairs — University of Jammu / University of Kashmir / Cluster University Srinagar / Cluster University Jammu, for information and with a request to review minor and SEC offerings of the university in light of the circular.
2. Members, Centralised Admission Committee J&K, for information.
3. Principal, Islamia College of Science and Commerce Srinagar/GDC Baramulla/GCW Parade for information and with a request to review minor and SEC offerings of the autonomous college in light of the circular.
4. All Concerned Principals, for information and necessary action.
5. PS to Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Deptt. of Higher Education, for information of the Commissioner/Secretary.
6. Office Record.