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Ph.D. Admission Test Notice

(for Academic Year 2024 and Academic Year 2025)

Online applications are invited for Ph.D. Admissions for Academic Year 2024 and Academic Year 2025 of Purnea University, Purnia. Online applications will be accepted through Samarth Portal at University Website: www.purneau.ac.in from **10.02.2026** to **24.02.2026**

All Details of Ph.D. Admission Test are available on the **University Website:** www.purneau.ac.in

By order of the Vice Chancellor

(Prof. Akhilesh Kumar)
Registrar
Date: 10.02.2026

Memo No. **PUP – (DSW/ 02 / 26) R/26- 306**

Copy to:-

1. All Dean of faculties/Head of Post Graduate Department, Purnea University. Purnia.
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3. F.O., Purnea University, Purnia.
4. Principals of All Constituent & Affiliated College, Purnea University, Purnia.
5. Samarth Nodal Officer, Purnea University, Purnia.
6. Deputy Registrar (Academic), Purnea University, Purnia.
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8. P.A. to V.C Purnea University, Purnia.
9. IT Cell to upload University Website, Purnea University, Purnia.
10. Notice Board.
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(Prof. Akhilesh Kumar)
Registrar

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PURNEA UNIVERSITY, PURNIA
Ph.D. Admission Test
(for Academic Year 2024 and Academic Year 2025)
<u>Notification</u>

Online applications are invited for Ph.D. Admission Test through Samarth Portal from desirous and eligible applicants for admission to the Ph.D. Course in Academic Year 2024 and Academic Year 2025 as per letters *Governor's Secretariat, Bihar memos BSU-05/2010-2684/ GS (I) dated 21.09.2017 and its amendments (BSU-05/2010-3230/ GS (I) dated 18.12.2018; BSU-05/2010-1141/R.S. (I) dated 12.07.2024); UGC Public Notice No. F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648 dated 27 Mar 2024; and UGC (Minimum Standards & Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 dated 7 Nov 2022.*

Interested and eligible applicants can fill the online application form through the University Website: www.purneau.ac.in from **10.02.2026** to **24.02.2026** in the following subjects for the vacant seats mentioned against the concerned subjects:-

Sl. No.	Faculty	Subject	PAT 2024	PAT 2025
1	Science	Botany	1	1
2		Chemistry	1	5
3		Mathematics	2	4
4		Physics	5	6
5		Zoology	0	0
6	Commerce	Commerce	0	0
7	Social Science	Economics	6	9
8		Geography	0	5
9		History	3	2
10		Home Science	0	5
11		Political Science	2	0
12		Psychology	0	5
13		Sociology	0	3
14	Humanities	English	1	5
15		Hindi	7	6
16		Maithili	1	0
17		Music	0	1
18		Philosophy	4	5
19		Sanskrit	1	1
20		Urdu	4	3
Total		**20 Subjects**	**38**	**66**

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Eligibility Criteria For Appearing in Ph.D. Admission Test for Academic Year 2024 and 2025:-

1. A Master's Degree (2-year /4 semester) with at least 55% marks or its equivalent grade 'B' on the UGC 7- point scale (or an equivalent grade in point scale wherever the grading system is allowed) in the subject.

2. A Relaxation of 5% of marks (i.e. from 55% to 50%) or an equivalent relaxation of grade is available to SC/ ST/ EBC/ BC (Non-Creamy Layer)/ Differently-abled categories of candidates as per the State/ University rules. A candidate seeking admission after a 4-year /8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.

3. **NET-based category:** Only candidates with a valid NET/CSIR-NET/GATE or other national exam accepted by UGC are eligible for the NET-based stream. NET score must be supported by the valid score card (NTA or similar competent authority). The University will normalize NET scores and interview scores to a 100-point scale for the purpose of ranking.

4. **Exemptions from entrance:** Purnea University, Purnia conducted PAT clearing candidates within the PAT validity period of three years on the date of advertisement for admission to Ph.D. programme, candidates having M. Phil degree with at least 55% marks, and Permanent Teaching employees having at least two years of experience and Non-teaching staff having at least five years of experience and two research papers published in UGC-listed journals, besides fulfilling all other eligibility will be considered for PAT-exempted category. However, such candidates must appear for the interview/viva-voce.

5. All admissions are subject to **Bihar State Reservation Rules**, roster positions and subject-wise availability of seats.

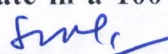6. Appearing candidates in Masters Programm are not eligible for Ph.D. Admission Test.

Subject Seats Distribution and Selection Procedure:-

Stream-A:

First 50% of vacant seats — (for **NET/CSIR-NET/GATE** or **BET** qualified candidates only).

i) **For category-1:** (candidates qualified for NET-JRF, Assistant Professorship and Admission to Ph.D.)
selection will be based on the score obtained by the candidate in a 100 marks interview.

ii) **For category-2:** (candidates qualified for Assistant Professorship and Admission to Ph.D.) and **For category-3:** (candidates qualified for Admission to Ph.D. only) pulled together the selection will be based on NET Score (70% weight) + Interview (30% weight).

Selection will be based on the composite scheme as follows:- **Final Score (out of 100) = (Normalized NET Score × 0.70) + (Marks obtained by the candidate in a 100 marks interview× 0.30).**

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- **NET normalization:** The University will convert the NET score into a 100-point normalized scale (Methodology: NET score/3). (Converted to 70% weight).
- **Interview:** Departmental Research Committee conducted 100 marks interview. (Converted to 30% weight).
- Candidates shall be ranked on final score; admission offers shall be made subject to compliance of reservation policy and available vacancies.

Stream-B:

Rest 50% of vacant seats — (for PAT-qualified and PAT-exempted category pulled together)

i) Purnea University, Purnia conducted PAT clearing candidates within the PAT validity period of three years on the date of advertisement for admission to Ph.D. programme. **5 marks** will be allotted for all PAT-qualified candidates.

ii) Candidates having M. Phil degree with at least 55% marks.

iii) Permanent Teaching employees having at least two years of experience and Non-teaching staff having at least five years of experience and two research papers published in UGC-listed journals, besides fulfilling all other eligibility will be considered for PAT-exempted category. However, the score for employment experience will be given only to Permanent Teaching and Non-teaching staff of the Purnea University, Purnia. **10 marks** will be given to the teachers and non-teaching employees (having more than three years' experience)

Note:

Candidates having M. Phil degree with at least 55% marks, and candidates within the PAT validity period of three years on the date of advertisement for admission to Ph.D. programme will not get any score for employment experience. Candidates having M. Phil degree with at least 55% marks will also not get 5 marks earmarked for PAT.

Selection will be based on the composite scheme below:-

PG Score Conversion Formula: — (converted from PG %):

% in PG	Score
50% to <55%	40
55% to <60%	45
60% to <65%	50
65% to <70%	55
70% to <75%	60
75% to <80%	65
80% and above	70

Total = 100 marks, composed as:- PG Score (based on PG %) + [PAT score (5 marks) or Employment Experience (10 marks)] + Interview (20 marks).

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Interview (Viva-Voce) — 20 mark: The Departmental Research Council will assess research preparedness, subject knowledge, and research aptitude.

This distribution follows the amendment of **Uniform Ordinance & Regulations** for award of Ph.D. Degree by the Universities of Bihar issued by the Governor's Secretariat [Memo No. BSU-05/2010- 2684/ GS (I) dated **21.09.2017**] and its subsequent amendment [Memo No. BSU-05/2010-3230/ GS (I) dated **18.12.2018**].

Important Note:

i. Number of seat(s) left vacant under Stream-A shall be filled by Stream-B.

ii. In subjects where there is only one vacant seat, the seat shall be filled preferably through Stream-A upon availability of NET/CSIR-NET/ GATE or BET-qualified eligible candidate.

iii. In subjects where there is an odd number of vacant seats, the total number of vacant seats will be equally divided into two for admission through Stream-A and Stream-B. The remaining one (1) vacant seat shall be filled preferably through Stream-A upon availability of NET/CSIR-NET/ GATE or BET-qualified eligible candidate.

PAT (PhD Admission Test)

The PAT **(PhD Admission Test)** will be a written test comprising two papers of 100 marks each.

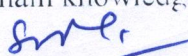**Paper-I** will consist of multiple-choice questions on qualitative, teaching and research aptitude. **Paper II** will be a subjective type in the subject concerned based on the syllabus of the Post Graduate courses of the Purnea University, Purnia. The minimum qualifying marks will be as follows:

General candidates	50% aggregate marks
Reserved category candidates	45% aggregate marks

Entrance Test:

Date of Entrance Test will be announced after closing date of the online application. All relevant information shall be made available on the official website of Purnea University, Purnia.

Interview / Viva-Voce: Interview will be of 20 marks. It is mandatory for all including exempted candidates from PAT to appear before the Interview Board. Interviews shall be conducted by the concerned Departmental Research Committee constituted as per UGC Regulations and Bihar Ordinance and will assess research aptitude. and domain knowledge.

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Reservation & Tie-breaking

Reservation will be applied as per State Government rules. Tie-breaking among equal final scores will follow University rules (e.g., higher PG marks, older candidate, higher NET percentage/ percentile, higher interview marks, etc.).

How to Apply:

Candidates are required to visit the University Website: www.purneau.ac.in and follow the Ph.D. Admission link available on Samarth Portal to fill out the Admission Application. The duly filled up and completed forms can be submitted online along with supporting documents and requisite fee from **10.02.2026** to **24.02.2026**. Incomplete application fee will be summarily rejected.
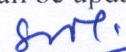
Application Fee:

S.N.	Category	Academic Year 2024	Academic Year 2025
1	General /BC /EBC /EWS Category	1000/-	1000/-
2	SC /ST /PH Category	700/-	700/-

Note:

i. Candidates who have already submitted their application under Notification Ref. No. PUP (14/24 DR Acd)-R/24-1327 date: 18.12.2024 for Pre Ph.D. Admission Test (PAT)- 2024 are not required to pay the application fee again for applying in Ph.D. 2024. However, such applicants must compulsorily submit a fresh online application for PAT 2024 through the Samarth Portal.

ii. However, if such candidates wish to apply for Ph.D. Admission for the Academic Year 2025, they shall be required to apply afresh and pay the prescribed application fee for PAT-2025.

iii. Further, candidates who intend to apply for both Academic Years 2024 and 2025 for Ph.D. Admissions shall be required to pay the prescribed application fee separately for each year.

Important Information:

i. The Entrance Examination for PAT 2024 and PAT 2025 shall be conducted on separate dates.

ii. The University reserves the right to revise, amend, update, or delete any part of this Notice without giving any prior information/notice. Any change, so made, shall be updated on the University Website.

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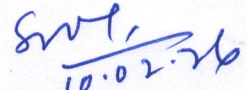**(Administrative Block, Pratap Nagar, Purnea Bihar – 854301)**

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iii. Applicants are advised to check the portal regularly for any update. No personal intimation will be given to them or any grievances relating to it will not be entertained. In case of non-compliance with any of the requirements for admission, including non-submission of relevant documents and/or non-payment of Fee within the prescribed date and time, the applicant will lose his/her right to admission.

iv. Purnea University reserves the exclusive right to increase or decrease the number of seats allocated for the Ph.D. Admission Test PAT-2024 and PAT-2025 in any subject at any stage of the admission process.

v. Applicants who have submitted applications for PAT-2024 in subjects where no seats are available are eligible to request a refund of their application fee. To initiate the refund process, eligible candidates must send a formal request via email to dsw@purneau.ac.in. The email must include the following details and attachments:

Form Number

Transaction Number

Scanned Copy of Bank Passbook or Cancelled Cheque

Candidates are advised to send these details at the earliest to facilitate the refund process.

Required Documents to be uploaded:

- Recent passport-size (unsigned) photograph & signature. [Not more than 2 months old]
- Under Graduate Degree certificate and mark-sheets (all years/semesters).
- Provisional degree certificate (if final degree is awaited) with final mark-sheet on submission.
- Post Graduate Degree certificate and mark-sheets (all years/semesters).
- Provisional degree certificate (if final degree is awaited) with final mark-sheet on submission.
- NET/CSIR/GATE score card (if applying to NET-based quota).
- PAT clearance document (It has to be within the PAT validity period of three years on the date of advertisement for admission to Ph.D. programme).
- Class X/Matric certificate (DOB proof).
- Category (SC/ST/OBC-NCL/EWS) certificate / PH certificate as applicable.
- Employment NOC (if employed) and experience certificate (for experience scoring).
- Any other relevant certificates (JRF/Research Fellowship. M.Phil. certificate, publications).

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