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From

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To

The Vice-Chancellor,
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Jai Prakash University/ Veer Kunwar Singh University / Magadh University /
Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University / Purnia University / Tilka Manjhi
Bhagalpur University / Munger University / Lalit Narayan Mithila University

Subject: Joining of Assistant Professors appointed on Contract Basis in 211 New Degree Colleges – regarding permitting time for verification and joining as well as provision of continuation of Ph.D.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, and in order to facilitate the smooth and timely joining of the newly appointed Assistant Professors on contract basis in the 211 New Degree Colleges, all concerned Universities are hereby requested to adhere to the following guidelines, based on the consensus reached in the meeting of all the Vice-Chancellors held on 12th August 2026.

- 1. Document Verification:** Candidates who could not get their documents verified on **07.08.2026** should be permitted to undergo document verification even after the said date. Since some candidates may be coming from far-flung areas, their joining should not be withheld or rejected solely on the ground that they could not complete document verification on the declared date.
- 2. Candidates Found Ineligible During Verification:** If, during the process of document verification, any candidate is found to be ineligible as per the applicable eligibility criteria, a letter, along with the relevant documents, may be forwarded to the **Bihar State University Service Commission**, requesting the Commission to take appropriate action, including cancellation of its recommendation, as per rules.
- 3. Reasonable Time for Joining:** In cases where a candidate, after completion of document verification, requires some additional time to join due to unfinished responsibilities at their previous workplace, research institution, or any other professional commitment, such candidate should be allowed **reasonable time** to complete the same and join the post.
- 4. Joining of Candidates Pursuing Ph.D.:** In respect of candidates who are currently pursuing Ph.D., the following options, as decided in the meeting held on **12.08.2026** at the **Secretariat**, may be provided, subject to applicable rules and regulations:



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A. Registered Ph.D. scholars availing fellowship are to be provided the following options, subject to the terms and conditions governing their respective fellowship:

- They may avail **academic leave**, to the extent permissible under the applicable UGC/CSIR-JRF guidelines; or
- They may join as **Contractual Assistant Professor** and discontinue the Ph.D. programme along with the fellowship; or
- They may surrender their fellowship and continue their Ph.D. programme along with the Contractual Assistant Professorship, subject to furnishing an undertaking/certificate by the Research Supervisor/Guide, duly countersigned by the concerned Head of the Department of the University, confirming that the scholar has substantially completed the required laboratory work, fieldwork and/or data collection, as applicable under the approved synopsis/work plan, and that continuous presence of the scholar in the research centre/department is not required.

B. Registered Ph.D. scholars not availing any fellowship, who have completed their prescribed coursework and residency period, are to be permitted to join as Contractual Assistant Professors while continuing their Ph.D. programme, subject to the applicable rules and regulations.

C. Registered Ph.D. scholars not availing any fellowship, but whose applicable Ph.D. regulations/ordinances do not prescribe a specified residency period, are to be considered for joining as Contractual Assistant Professors while pursuing their Ph.D. programme, subject to the following conditions:

- An undertaking/certificate shall be furnished by the Research Supervisor/Guide, duly countersigned by the concerned Head of the Department of the University, confirming that the scholar has substantially completed the required laboratory work, fieldwork and/or data collection, as applicable under the approved synopsis/work plan, and that continuous presence of the scholar in the research centre/department is not required; and/or
- The remaining research work shall be undertaken by the scholar during permissible non-teaching hours, holidays and other available periods, in accordance with the applicable rules; and/or
- The Ph.D. programme shall be completed by the scholar within the **maximum tenure prescribed under the relevant regulations**.

All the Vice-Chancellors are, therefore, requested to ensure that the above guidelines are suitably communicated to the colleges concerned and are followed uniformly, so that the joining of the newly appointed contractual Assistant Professors is facilitated without causing

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avoidable hardship to eligible candidates, while ensuring compliance with the applicable rules and regulations.

The matter may be accorded **priority** in view of the academic requirements of the newly established 211 Degree Colleges.

Yours sincerely,

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