

OFFICE ORDER

Subject: Strategic academic and research advancement and non-financial collaborations with international and national academic institutes for the benefit of M.Sc. and Ph.D. students

References:

- MoM dated 4th June 2025
- Report dated 13th June 2025
- GBU/Adm/e-file/265/2025/0385/Admin dated 27.06.2025

In pursuance of the meeting of the Advancing Academic and Research Development Committee held on 04/06/2025, the following resolutions were discussed and approved under the Chairmanship of Prof. Arun Bandyopadhyay, Director, GBU. These decisions are to be implemented as part of strategic academic advancement and non-financial collaborations with international and national academic institutes for the benefit of M.Sc. and Ph.D. students:

- 1. Establishment of Finishing School:** A Finishing School is to be initiated at GBU to provide students with training in aptitude, communication, soft skills, laboratory techniques, and updated employability programs. All departments are instructed to integrate these sessions for M.Sc. and Ph.D. students. **(Action Taken by: All Academic HoDs of GBU & Placement Officer GBU through Academic Department GBU)**
- 2. Appointment of Professor of Practice:** The proposal for appointing a Professor of Practice has been approved. The aim is to provide students with industry-relevant skills and exposure through hands-on experience delivered by domain experts. Further procedural steps for appointment are to be initiated. **(Action Taken by: Dean Academic & Deputy Registrar, Shri Rajeshveer Maurya GBU)**
- 3. Exploration of Collaborations with Indian Institutes:** Considering potential conflict of interest with existing collaboration with University of Edinburgh (UoE), it is resolved that non-financial collaborations with reputed Indian institutes be explored by each department. The HoDs are directed to identify and initiate such collaborative opportunities aligned with departmental objectives. **(Action Taken by: All Academic HoDs of GBU & Research and Business Development Officer GBU through MoU Committee of GBU)**
- 4. Budget Reappropriation for Student Visits to UoE:** The budget allocated for faculty training with UoE shall be partially reappropriated to support international visits for sending an additional 25 students ranked 2nd to UoE. The UoE Department is requested to recalculate the expenses accordingly. The selection of students will be project-based and need-driven. **(Action Taken by: UoE Department GBU and UoE Team)**





5. **Provision of Accommodation for Exchange Students:** The University shall make arrangements to provide temporary accommodation for students participating in exchange programs at GBU. Administrative support to be coordinated by the Academic and Administration Division. **(Action Taken by: Hostel Wardens of GBU & Maintenance Department GBU)**
6. **Association with Entrepreneurship and Allied Institutes:** The Committee has approved initiating associations with institutes such as the Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) to conduct job-oriented training workshops. **(Action Taken by: Dean Academic & Academic Department GBU)**

Additionally, Dr. Vishal Suthar, HoD-ABT, is assigned the responsibility to establish departmental associations, including organizing joint workshops/training with institutes like IVRI. Other departments are also directed to identify and pursue similar collaborations with relevant national institutions such as NIAB and others. All Heads of Departments and relevant administrative officers are instructed to take necessary actions and submit periodic updates to the Office of the Director within one month of issuance of this office order.

This order is issued with the approval of the competent authority.


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