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Notice Regarding
Responses to Queries of Students
(For all UG/PG/PhD Students)

Date: 13.12.2023

Many emails have been received from UG/PG Students raising some issues pertaining to winter semester, exams, registrations, internships, low winter temperatures etc. The issues have been deliberated upon and following are the responses to the same.

1. Regular End Term Exam and GATE Exam Conflict

Although the End Term exam for 5th and 7th semesters had already been scheduled to avoid the conflict with the schedule of GATE exam (it started from 13th Feb 2024) but now the schedule has been further revised and the said exam starts from 15th of Feb 2024. This has been done to consider the time requirement of reaching the campus for students from far off places and who have their GATE exam centres near their native places. The schedule of End Term exam for PG students has also been changed now to take care of those PG students who may be writing the GATE exam. These changes have resulted in changes in the schedule of other academic activities as well and the revised details of all the relevant academic activities have already been notified vide notice no. NIT/DAA/2023/679, dated 13.12.2023 issued from the office of the undersigned.

2. Winter Semester and Internship Conflict

Winter Semester is for backlog students. Internship is the problem pertaining only to third years (2021 admission batch) and hence need to find a local solution. Admission batches of 2020 and 2022 would not have this problem. And moreover, only a fraction of the admission batch 2021 have backlogs. Internship of only 30 days will now be required to earn the credit assigned to it as a part of 6th semester curriculum. Those who can't complete even 30 days of internship and can't manage the changes in internships with their host can opt out of winter semester. But it must be remembered that no BTech student, having backlogs in 1st and/or 2nd semester(s), can register for 5th semester in Autumn 2024 session and no BTech student, having backlogs in 1st and/or 2nd and/or 3rd and/or 4th semester(s), can register for 7th semester in Autumn 2024 session. The detention system will be implemented very strictly from Academic Year (AY) 2024-25 and onwards.

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3. End Term Exam and Internship Duration Conflict

End Term exams for the 5th semester (2021 admission batch) and 7th semester (2020 admission batch) start from 15th February 2024 now. Registration as per academic Calendar was originally scheduled from 19 Feb 2024 (now from 22 Feb 2024). It is a matter of only 04 days that they have to adjust the internship for. As already informed in point 2, internship of only 30 days will now be required to earn the credit assigned to it as a part of 6th semester curriculum.

4. High Airfare During January-February

End Term exams for the BTech 5th and 7th semesters and PG/PhD start from 15th February 2024 now and for BTech 1st & 3rd semesters starts from 05 Feb 2024. Vacation-end advancement announcement was made more than 02 months in advancement and the exam schedule has also been issued more than two months in advance. For BTech 5th/7th, PG & PhD the start of End Term exam has now been further extended to 15th Feb 2024 from 13th Feb 2024. This is enough time to make any changes to the travel arrangements without much of financial implications. Not much can be done beyond that. Please note that flight is not the only mode of transport to Srinagar.

5. Adverse Weather and Hostel Facility Concerns

NIT Srinagar is a winter campus and the students and the faculty are expected to be ready for it. The campus has worked in the months of January and February in the past as well. Students may note that the Administration has worked tirelessly to make the campus including classrooms etc air-conditioned/heated so that students don't face problems due to low February temperatures. In fact, the End Term exams for different programs/semesters have been segregated to have the exams only in AC/heated class rooms. The NIT Srinagar campus has special line for electricity and so is not expected to face much of power supply problems. Water supply backups are also in place. All possible efforts would be made to make it comfortable to the extent possible. Students may also note that faculty would also be on the campus during this time, in fact a good proportion of faculty are on campus all through the winter for the sake of students.

6. Exam Schedule Gaps

The End Term exam periods for 1st & 3rd semesters are not too different from what is planned originally (as in original academic calendar). For BTech 5th and 7th semesters and PG/PhD the start of End Term exam had to be shifted to avoid clash with GATE exam and to give ample time for students to reach the campus after writing the said exam at their selected centres. The start of the said exam has now been further extended from 13th Feb 2024 to 15th Feb 2024 for the same reason. There is a limit to extend the end of the said exam as the Spring semester registration has to happen before the start of classwork on 26 Feb 2024. It is to be noted that given the disturbance and our efforts to bring the session back to normal, calendar would need this adjustment.

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7. **To Consider Online Exams for the Winter Semester and Semesters for Which Exams Got Cancelled/Postponed**

For winter semester, the continuous assessment and Mid Term evaluation is online only. Online exams for End Term are not the choice anymore. Almost entire faculty is unanimous on that. The only valid concern is the internship and that too for a week's time. The internship issue and steps taken have already been explained in points 1&2. Students are advised to accommodate that by informing their concerned mentors of the unforeseen turn of events that resulted in advancement of winter vacations and subsequent postponement of End Term exams.

The Institute is doing everything for the benefit of its students at large and with a foresightedness and proactiveness towards betterment and improvement. We hope for and expect understanding and cooperation from all our students.

Have a good and meaningful vacation.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL.

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No: NIT/DAA/2023/680
Date: 13.12.2023

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3. Associate Dean examinations
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5. Associate Dean F& SE
6. Chairman CSC, with a request to arrange uploading of the notice on the Institute Website
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