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PROCEEDINGS OF THE P.G. BOARD OF STUDIES IN GEOGRAPHY MEETING

A meeting of the P.G. Board of Studies in Geography was held today i.e. June 29th, 2018 at 11:30 A.M. in the office of the Chairman, Department of Geography, H.P. University, Shimla-5. The following members were present:

1. Prof. M.S. Jaglan, Department of Geography, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra (Haryana)
2. Dr. Anurag Sharma, Dept. of Geography, H.P.U. Shimla-5
3. Prof. D.D. Sharma, Professor, Dept. of Geography, H.P.U. Shimla-5
4. Dr. B.R. Thakur, Asstt. Professor, Dept. of Geography, H.P.U. Shimla-5.

Following items have been discussed:

1. Change in Syllabus and nomenclature of course papers.
2. Change in units of syllabus and pattern of question papers.
3. Change in admission criteria for Masters in Geography and pattern of question paper.
4. Creation of teaching posts in Geography.

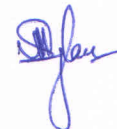
Following decisions have been taken by the P.G. Board of Studies:

1. The P.G. Board of Studies after thorough discussion has unanimously decided to make changes in the syllabus of M.Sc. Geography and change in nomenclature of four course papers i.e. i) Spatial patterns of economic activities, ii) Geographic Information System, iii) Geography of Well Being with special reference to India and iv) Remote Sensing Techniques as i) Economic Geography, ii) Fundamentals of Geographical Information System (GIS), iii) Geography of Social Well Being and iv) Fundamentals of Remote Sensing respectively. The copy of revised syllabus (Annexure-I) w.e.f. academic session 2018 onwards is enclosed herewith.
2. It was decided that the number of units should be equal in the syllabus of all theory and practical course papers and the pattern of question paper should be same in all theory papers and all practical course papers individually. Hence, it was approved that in **theory papers**, the syllabus will be divided into five units and the question paper will be divided into two parts A & B. Part A will consist of 10 short answer Type questions covering the full content of the syllabus each carrying two marks. Part – B will consist of five choice based long answer type questions selecting each from each unit and carrying 12 Marks. Students will have to answer 5 questions selecting 1 from each unit. In **practical papers**, the syllabus will be divided into four units and the question paper will be divided into two parts. Part-I will consist of 20 multiple choice type/ true or false/ Fill in the Blanks type questions carrying 0.5 mark each. Part 2 will consist of 10 small answer type questions of 2 marks each. Part 3 will consist of 4 choice based descriptive questions each from all units and carrying 5 marks each. Students will have to answer 4 questions selecting 1 from each unit.



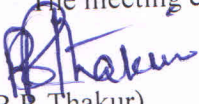


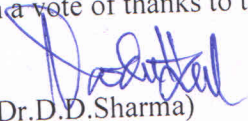


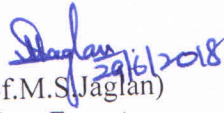


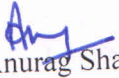
5. It was decided that the students in Masters Programme in Geography would be admitted based on the combined merit of both the performance in the Entrance Test and previous academic record of the candidate. There would be equal i.e. 50% weightage each to entrance test and previous academic record. It was decided that the Entrance Test would be of 50 Marks accounting for 50% of total weightage. Remaining 50% weightage will be given to previous academic record. The weightage in academic record would be distributed as 40% weightage to the marks obtained in Bachelor Degree course and 10% to 10+2 marks. The Entrance Test will consist of 100 objective type questions each carrying 0.5 Mark. The duration of the Entrance Test would be of 1.5 hours. It was also decided that an additional weightage of 5% of the obtained marks in B.A./B.Sc. Honours in Geography will be given to all those students who have graduated with BA/B.Sc. Honours in Geography. It was also decided that only those students who have studied Geography as one of the subjects in the Bachelor programme would be eligible for admission in Masters Programme in Geography.
4. It was also decided that the two new teaching posts of Assistant Professors in the Department of Geography may be created in order to meet the existing workload as per UGC norms for the smooth functioning of the Department. These posts may be created with specialization of each in physical geography/ Regional Development and Remote Sensing & GIS.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Dr. B.R. Thakur)
Member


(Dr. D.D. Sharma)
Member


(Prof. M.S. Jaglan)
Subject Expert


(Dr. Anurag Sharma)
Chairman