HIMACHAL PRADESH UNIVERSITY
'GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SECTION'

File No. 16-63/2001-HPU (Genl.) Dated: 30 OCT 2026

CIRCULAR

Subject: **Regarding the request for time-bound proactive disclosure of information relating to sponsored Minor and Major Research Projects/Research Studies, details of project staff engaged, and Utilization of grants/funds under Section 4 of the Right to Information Act, 2005- Representation thereof.**

It is brought to the notice of all the Chairpersons/Directors of the University that a formal representation of research scholars and students of the state has been received through Under Secretary, Governor's Secretariat Himachal Pradesh vide letter number 4-66/83-GS dated 30.06.2026 whereby they have emphasized the urgent need for enhanced transparency, accountability, and public disclosure mechanisms in academic and institutional research.

In order to promote institutional accountability and unrestricted public access to information, all concerned departments/institutes are required to ensure strict compliance with transparency guidelines regarding externally funded initiatives. These directions also apply uniformly to all Teaching Departments, Centres, Institutes, and Affiliated Colleges operating under the umbrella of Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla. The scope of these instructions also covers all ongoing and upcoming research projects, sponsored studies, consultancy assignments, and externally funded programmes or schemes supported by national and state-level funding agencies, including but not limited to the UGC, RUSA, MERU, DST, CSIR, ICSSR, ICMR, and Samagra Shiksha.

To implement this effectively, all Heads of Departments, Directors of Institutes, must compile comprehensive data regarding their respective funded projects. Furthermore, in strict adherence to proactive disclosure standards, the complete details relating to these projects and research studies including project titles, funding agencies, allocated/disbursed grants, core objectives, timelines, detailed information on project staff engaged, and transparent accounts of the utilization of grants and funds must be systematically uploaded to the official website of the University for public view and scrutiny.

Accordingly, Chairpersons/Directors of the University are requested to treat this matter with utmost priority and ensure that the requisite information is fully updated on the official portal within thirty days of the issuance of this circular through web administrator of the University. Full cooperation from all Chairpersons, Directors, Principals, and Faculty members is solicited to uphold the highest standards of transparency and good governance within the university system.

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Copy to:-

1. The Dean of Studies/D.S.W./Chief Warden/Dean C.D.C/Dean Planning & Teacher's Matter, HPU, Shimla-5 for further information and necessary action in the matter.
2. All the Directors/Chairpersons of Teaching Department, HPU, Shimla-5. The Finance Officer, HPU, Shimla-5 for further information and necessary action in the matter.
3. The Controller of Examinations/ACOE/ P&DO, HPU, Shimla-5 for further information and necessary action in the matter.
4. The In-charge, Computer Centre/Wi-Fi/Internet connectivity, H.P. University, Shimla-5 for further information and necessary action in the matter.
5. The Executive Engineer, (Maintenance) HPU, Shimla-5 for further information and necessary action in the matter.
6. The In-charge Library/Health Centre, HPU, Shimla.5 for further information and necessary action in the matter.

7. The Principal, HPUDES/Principal, HPU Model School, Shimla.5 for further necessary action in the matter.
8. The Chief Security Officer, HPU, Shimla-5 for information.
9. The Public Relation Officer, HPU, Shimla-5 for further information and necessary action in the matter.
10. The Joint Controller, SAD/ IAO, HPU, Shimla-5 for further information and necessary action in the matter.
11. The Deputy Registrar (Academic) for taking further necessary action.
12. All the Controlling/Branch Officers of the HP University for further information and necessary action in the matter.
13. The Under Secretary, Governor's Secretariat, w.r.t. his letter no. 4-66/83-GS dated 30.06.2026 for further information.
14. ***The Web Administrator, HPU, Shimla-5 with the direction to upload the above Circular on the University Website immediately.***
15. Spl.PS /SPS to VC/PS to Registrar, HPU, Shimla-5 for information.
16. The Guard File.

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