

**Subject: Approval of Policy for Conduct of Special/Alternative Examinations for National Cadet Corps (NCC) Cadets**

**Background**

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) is a premier youth organization dedicated to developing discipline, leadership, character, and a spirit of national service among students. NCC cadets of Sardar Bhagwan Singh University regularly participate in institutional, state-level, and national-level activities such as National Integration Camps (NIC), Combined Annual Training Camps (CATC), Thal Sainik Camps (TSC), Vayu Sainik Camps (VSC), Republic Day Camp (RDC), and NCC 'B' and 'C' Certificate Examinations.

Participation in these activities is mandated by the NCC Directorate and frequently coincides with the University's sessional, practical, and end-semester examinations. As a result, cadets may be unable to appear in scheduled examinations despite representing the University and participating in activities of national importance.

The University Grants Commission (UGC), vide D.O. No. 14-10/2016 (CPP-II) dated 30 November 2021, observed that NCC cadets often miss semester classes and examinations due to participation in Republic Day Camp preparations, NCC training camps, and other officially assigned duties. The UGC advised Higher Educational Institutions to make suitable provisions for conducting special examinations on separate dates for such cadets and clarified that these examinations should not be treated as re-tests, supplementary examinations, or second attempts.

In order to align the University's academic regulations with the spirit of the UGC advisory and to ensure that students are not academically disadvantaged for participation in officially approved NCC activities, it is proposed to adopt a formal policy for conduct of Special/Alternative Examinations for NCC cadets.

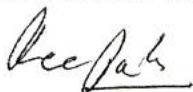
**Proposed Policy Framework**

**1. Eligibility:** The policy shall apply to NCC cadets who are unable to appear in scheduled sessional, practical, or end-semester examinations due to participation in officially approved other assignments authorized by the competent NCC authority.

**2. Submission of Documents :** The Associate NCC Officer (ANO) or Caretaker (CT) shall submit the official camp orders, movement orders, participation certificates, or other relevant documents issued by the NCC authorities to the Dean of Academic Affairs and the Controller of Examinations as soon as practicable.

**3. On-Duty Status:** The period of participation in approved NCC activities shall be treated as "On Duty" for attendance purposes, subject to verification of the supporting documents by the competent University authority.

**4. Conduct of Special/Alternative Examination:** The Controller of Examinations, in consultation with the concerned Head of Department, shall arrange a Special/Alternative Examination for eligible cadets. Such examinations shall ordinarily be conducted within two to three weeks of the student's return from the NCC assignment.



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**5. Evaluation and Recording of Results:** The examination shall be treated as the student's regular first attempt. The marks obtained shall be incorporated in the student's result and grade sheet in the same manner as those obtained in the regular examination and shall not be designated as a supplementary, compartment, improvement, or back-paper examination.

**6. Examination Fee:** No additional examination fee, back-paper fee, or supplementary examination fee shall be charged from eligible NCC cadets appearing in such Special/Alternative Examinations.

**7. Academic Standards:** An alternative question paper of equivalent standard, syllabus coverage, and difficulty level shall be prepared to ensure fairness and academic integrity.

### **Proposal**

The Academic Council is requested to consider and approve the Policy for Conduct of Special/Alternative Examinations for NCC Cadets in accordance with the UGC advisory dated 30 November 2021 and the objectives of student welfare and academic equity.

### **Resolution Sought**

Resolved that the Policy for Conduct of Special/Alternative Examinations for National Cadet Corps (NCC) Cadets, as detailed above, be and is hereby approved.

Further resolved that NCC cadets who are unable to appear in scheduled sessional, practical, or end-semester examinations due to participation in officially authorized and mandated NCC camps, training programmes, Republic Day Camp activities, NCC 'B' and 'C' Certificate Examinations, national-level events, or other assignments for which they are detailed by the competent NCC authority, shall be permitted to appear in Special/Alternative Examinations.

Further resolved that such examinations shall be treated as regular first-attempt examinations and shall not be classified as supplementary, compartment, improvement, or back-paper examinations. No academic or financial penalty shall be imposed on eligible cadets on account of their participation in such NCC activities.

Further resolved that the period of participation in such activities shall be treated as 'On Duty' for attendance purposes, subject to verification of the relevant documents by the competent University authorities.

Further resolved that the policy shall come into force with immediate effect and shall form part of the University's Academic and Examination Regulations until modified or amended by the competent authority.



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