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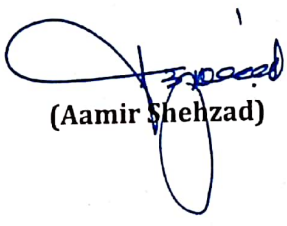
**Subject: Distance Education Programs of Sarhad University of Science & Information Technology (SUIT), Peshawar within Territorial Jurisdiction of Azad Government of the State of Jammu & Kashmir**

I am directed to inform that pursuant to approval of Azad Government of the State of Jammu & Kashmir, Higher Education Department, Muzaffarabad conveyed vide letter dated May 19, 2022; Sarhad University of Science & Information Technology (SUIT), Peshawar is allowed to offer undergraduate degree programs ONLY in field of arts, humanities, social sciences, education, business, commerce and computer sciences within the territorial jurisdiction of Azad Government of State of the Jammu & Kashmir subject to fulfilment of following conditions:

- i. A uniform criterion shall be opted while establishing DEC's followed by approval of all relevant statutory bodies of the University.
  - ii. Sarhad University will ensure to enlist DEC's as per criteria approved by HEC and will provide the list to HEC and Secretary HED, Azad Government of State of the Jammu & Kashmir.
  - iii. Only four (04) year undergraduate degree programs and two (02) year ADP shall be announced in permitted fields and No professional degree program involving lab work shall be initiated/launched at DEC's.
  - iv. MS/MPhil/Equivalent Programs shall not be offered at DEC's.
  - v. All requisites for DEC's including LMS must be available for the students round the clock to ensure smooth execution of all learning activities. University must also integrate LMS with its existing Management Information System (MIS).
  - vi. Higher Education Commission and Higher Education Department, Azad Government of Jammu & Kashmir shall be intimated about enrollment and academic progress at DEC's across the Azad Jammu & Kashmir.
  - vii. Student record of enrolled students of DEC's shall be properly maintained at the principal seat of the University.
  - viii. Approval of professional accreditation councils must be obtained prior to launch of programs where applicable.
  - ix. Quality of Education shall be ensured by the university including adherence of all national academic standards.
  - x. Administration & management of the DEC's shall be the sole responsibility of the University.
  - xi. The NOC is subject to periodic evaluation/monitoring of HEC and other relevant stake holders/ regulatory bodies.
  - xii. The University shall comply with HEC directives to ensure maintenance of academic standards and quality of education including implementation of HEC Online Distance Learning Policy issued from time to time.
2. The university is advised to adhere the guidance/instructions issued vide HEC's letters dated 7-02-2020, 7-04-2020, 11-01-2021 and 8-02-2021 (copies attached) in this

regard. HEC reserves the right to withdraw this NOC, if the University fails to demonstrate satisfactory performance and non-compliance of HEC's policies/criteria/norms/standards issued from time to time.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
(Aamir Shehzad)

✓ **Mr. Muhammad Nasir,**

Registrar,  
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- iii. **The Director General (QAA), HEC Islamabad**
- iv. **The Director General (QAD), HEC Islamabad**
- v. **The Secretary, Higher Education, Archives & Libraries Department, Peshawar**
- vi. **The Secretary, Higher Education Regulatory Authority (HERA), House No. 01, Tariq Road, Near Cantt Railway Station, Opp. Rescue 1122, Peshawar Cantt.**
- vii. **The Secretary, Higher Education Department, Azad Government of the State of Jammu & Kashmir, Muzaffarabad.**
- viii. **The In-Charge, HEC Regional Center, Peshawar**
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