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HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
(EC)

CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE ANDHRA PRADESH POST GRADUATE COMMON ENTRANCE TEST (APPGCET) AND ADMISSION RULES, 2021 FOR ADMISSION INTO FIRST YEAR OF GENERAL POST GRADUATE PROGRAMS SUCH AS M.A., M.Com., M.Sc., Etc., OFFERED BY STATE FUNDED UNIVERSITIES AND THEIR CONSTITUENT/AFFILIATED COLLEGES INCLUDING MINORITY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE.

[G.O.Ms.No.22, Higher Education (EC), 4th May, 2026.]

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 3 and 15 of the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983 (Andhra Pradesh Act No. 5 of 1983), the Government hereby makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Post Graduate Common Entrance Test (APPGCET) and Admission Rules, 2021 for admission into first year of general Post Graduate Programs such as M.A., M.Com., M.Sc., etc., offered by State funded Universities and their constituent/Affiliated Colleges including Minority Educational Institutions in the State, with immediate effect for taking up admissions from the A.Y. 2026-27:-

In the said rules, -

1. In Rule 2, in sub-rule (i), for clause (c), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“(c)“Competent Authority” means the Commissioner /Director of Higher Education.”.

2. in Chapter II APPGCET (ADMISSIONS), under rule A. “Constitution of APPGCET Admissions Committee:”, for sub-rule (b), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“The Committee for APPGCET Admissions shall be constituted by the Competent Authority with the following members to advise the convener of APPGCET Admissions for smooth conduct of said admissions:

- (i) Commissioner /Director of Higher Education (CHE) (Chairman);
- (ii) Convener of APPGCET Admissions ... (Member Convener);
- (iii) In-charge of Computer/Online systems in admission camp;
- (iv) Two representatives of Universities as nominated by the CHE;
- (v) Two representatives of Private Unaided Institutions offering Post Graduate Programs as nominated by the CHE;
- (vi) Two officers nominated by the CHE .”.

3. for Chapter III Funds for the conduct of the APPGCET, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“(i) The amounts that are collected from the candidates towards the cost of the APPGCET application fee (for Test) shall be directly credited into the account of the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education. The registration fee for online web-based counselling shall be directly credited into the account of the Commissionerate/ Directorate of Higher Education (CHE).

(ii) The Convener APPGCET shall draw advances from the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education to incur necessary expenditure for items/services connected with the APPGCET and

submits for audit to the Local Fund (State) Audit and report thereof shall be submitted to the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education.

The Convener APPGCET Admissions shall draw advances from the Commissionerate/ Directorate of Higher Education (CHE) to incur necessary expenditure for items/services connected with the APPGCET and submits for audit to the Local Fund (State) Audit and report thereof shall be submitted to the Commissionerate/ Directorate of Higher Education (CHE).".

KONA SASIDHAR,
Secretary to Government.

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