GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA SKILL DEVELOPMENT & TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

No. SDTE-HTE-HTE-II-0012-2020/1995/SDTE, Bhubaneswar, dated 16.04.2021

From

Dr. Ajay Kumar Nayak, OAS, Joint Secretary to Government

To

The Vice-Chancellor, BPUT, Odisha, Rourkela/ VSSUT, Burla, The DTE&T, Odisha, Cuttack
The Vice-Chairman, SCTE&VT, Bhubaneswar
The Director, IGIT, Sarang,
The Principal, CET, Bhubaneswar

Sub: Closure of Technical Universities, Engineering and Professional Colleges/ Polytechnics/ Diploma Institutions and ITIs and functioning of institutions.

Sir,

With reference to the above-subject, I am directed to inform you that due to resurgence in COVID cases, Government after careful consideration, have been pleased to issue the following guidelines for containment of COVID pandemic in technical institutions of the State:

- 1. All technical institutions including ITI/ Polytechnics/ Engineering and Professional Colleges/ Technical Universities under the administrative control of this Department shall remain closed w.e.f 19.04.2021 until further orders.
- 2. The classes and examinations for all courses shall be conducted online.
- 3. The Authorities of Schools/ Colleges/ Higher Technical Educational Institutions shall take all appropriate measures for conducting classes through online mode to complete the syllabus in time.
- 4. All Hostels/ Residential Accommodations of Technical Educational Institutions shall remain closed w.e.f 19.04.2021. Students shall be motivated not to stay in the hostel in the interest of their personal health.
- 5. However, scholars, researchers and students who desire to stay in hostel for research/ project works or other academic activities may be permitted for the same upon giving undertaking and subject to approval by appropriate authorities of the concerned institutions.

- Instruction has already been issued for conducting online examination for all technical/ professional courses under BPUT/ VSSUT/ SCTE&VT vide this Department letter No. 1915, dated 12.04.2021.
- 7. Further, the concerned institutions shall function with 50% strength of employees with effect from 19.04.2021 until further orders. The concerned authorities shall make necessary arrangements for the same. Teachers shall conduct on-line classes from their concerned institutions as well as from their home depending on the roster arrangement. The teaching and non-teaching employee, when not on roster duty shall work from home and should be readily available at Headquarter for any urgent work, if called for by the concerned authority.

Other COVID preventive protocols issued vide Order No. 1968, dated 15.04.2021 of Special Relief Commissioner should be strictly adhered to.

Yours faithfully,

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo No. 1996/SDTE, Bhubaneswar, dated 16.04.2021

Copy forwarded to the SRC-cum-ACS to Government for kind information and necessary action.

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo No. <u>1997</u>/SDTE, Bhubaneswar, dated **16.04.2021**

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Joint Secretary to Government