GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Higher Education – Certain Amendments to the Andhra Pradesh degree colleges online admission (for admission of the students into under graduate courses in Arts, Science, Social Sciences, commerce, Management, Computer Applications, social work etc., including Honours) Rules, 2020 - Notification - Orders - Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (EC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 21 **Dated: 04-05-2026**

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.34, Higher Education (CE) Dept., Date: 15.10.2020.
2. G.O.Ms.No.3, Higher Education (CE) Dept., Date: 27.02.2026.
3. G.O.Ms.No.32, General Administration (Cabinet-II) Department, Date: 20.03.2026.
4. From the Commissioner of Higher Education-A.P., Mangalagiri, Rc.No.01/CHE-AcadCell/Admissions/A.C-06/2026, dt:27.03.2026.

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ORDER:

In the G.O 1st read above, the Government issued orders notifiying the Rules for online admissions for admission of students into under graduate courses i.e., Arts, Science, Social Sciences, commerce, Management, Computer Applications and social work etc., including Honours, offered by the Degree Colleges in the State.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government have issued orders creating the Commissionerate of Higher Education (CHE) by redesignating the post of Commissioner/Director of Collegiate Education as Commissioner of Higher Education (CHE) by merging the administrative functions of the Commissionerate of Collegiate Education and the Department of Technical Education (CTE), including its Polytechnic and TEQIP wings, now transferred from the Department of S&DT vide G.O. Ms. No. 4, SD&T Department , Dt.27-02-2026, under administrative control of Higher Education Department. Further, the Commissioner of Higher Education (CHE) is designated as the Competent Authority for the admissions process (counselling, seat allotment, counselling/ admission fee collection) for all UG/PG professional and general courses (EAPCET, ICET, OAMDC, PGECET, EdCET, Law CET etc) to ensure administrative accountability and synchronization while APSCHE would continue to conduct examinations and transferred all delegated executive and administrative powers of Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) to Commissioner of Higher Education which are beyond the Act No.16 of 1988 and also ordered that necessary amendment orders to the relevant admission related GOs and subject matters related to private Degree/Law/ B.Ed/B.PEd/M.Ed/M.PEd Colleges (UG/PG) will be issued, duly transferring the powers and functions from APSCHE to Commissionerate of Higher Education, separately.

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3. In the G.O. 3rd read above, the G.A. (Cabinet-II) Department have issued orders substituting the name of Commissioner of Collegiate Education as Commissioner of Higher Education and also transferring the subject of Technical Education from SD&T department duly amending the Second Schedule of A.P. Government Business Rules, 2018.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the Commissioner of Higher Education, Mangalagiri has submitted the proposal to the Government and requested to issue necessary orders for amending the relevant sections mentioned in the admission CET G.O.s in this regard.

5. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, Dated:04.05.2026.

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 degree colleges online admission (for admission of the students into under graduate courses in Arts, Science, Social Sciences, commerce, Management, Computer Applications, social work etc., including Honours) Rules, 2020 with immediate effect for taking up admissions from the A.Y. 2026-27:-

In the said rules, -

1. in rule 10, for sub-rules (10.2) and (10.3), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

> "(10.2) The amounts that are collected from the candidates towards processing fee for counselling of students shall be directly credited into the account of the Commissionerate /Directorate of Higher Education (CHE).
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> "(10.3) The Convener shall draw advances to the Commissionerate /Directorate of Higher Education (CHE) to incur necessary expenditure for items / services connected with the admissions and submit for audit to the Local Fund Audit and report thereof be submitted to the Commissionerate /Directorate of Higher Education (CHE).".

2. in rule 13,-

(i) for sub-rules (13.1) and (13.2) the following shall be substituted, namely,-

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"(13.1) The Commissionerate /Directorate of Higher Education (CHE) is authorized to implement online admission process for admissions into under graduate courses i.e., B.A., B.Com., B.Sc., etc. offered by the Degree Colleges in the State from the academic year 2026-27. The Project Monitoring Unit has the authority to identify the firm to implement the online admissions process.

(13.2) Project Monitoring Unit (PMU): The PMU shall be the highest body empowered to take all the policy decisions for the admissions into Undergraduate Courses through OAMDC. The composition of PMU shall be as follows:-

(a) Special Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/ Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department.

(b) Chairman, A.P State Council of Higher Education.

(c) Commissioner/ Director of Higher Education (CHE)

(d) Vice Chancellors of all the Universities.".

(ii) in sub-rule (13.3),-

(a) under the sub-heading "The Online Admission Committee (OAC)", for the existing members, the following members shall be substituted, namely,-

"(1) Convener of Admissions nominated by CHE.

(2) Member (Professor of a University) to be nominated by CHE

(3) Nodal officer nominated by CHE.".

(b) for clauses (e), (i) and (l), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(e) Commissionerate /Directorate of Higher Education (CHE) shall prepare seat matrix for OAMDC.

(i) The Private Unaided Degree Colleges and Private Unaided Autonomous Degree Colleges shall obtain ratification from **CHE** for admissions into left over seats (spot admissions) conducted by the Institution, on or before the last date of the admission into 1st year courses of the University concerned.

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(l) The Convener of Admissions shall prepare the final list of candidates, admitted course-wise and Institution-wise and send the same to the concerned Universities, Institutions and CHE.".

(iii) For sub-rule **(13.4.1),** the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(13.4.1) **State Level Coordination committee**

(i) Vice-Chancellor nominated by PMU
(ii) Nominee of the Commissioner for Higher Education.
(iii) Registrars of the ten Universities.
(iv) Convener of Online Admission Committee
(v) OAMDC Office Help Desk Coordinator nominated by CHE
(vi) Nominee of APCFSS/agency implementing OAMDC module.".

3. in rule 15, for sub-rules (15.1), (15.2), (15.4) and (15.5), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(15.1) The CHE may entrust online admission process to APCFSS or any other firm with the approval of the Government.

(15.2) The CHE may enter MoU on mutually agreed terms and conditions with APCFSS /firm concerned and University.

(15.4) The CHE may issue further guidelines, wherever necessary, with the approval of the Project Monitoring Unit.

(15.5) The disputes between the parties i.e., APCFSS/Firm concerned/University/CHE, if any, the decision of Project Monitoring Unit is binding on all the parties.".

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KONA SASIDHAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Printing & Stationery, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada
(with a request to publish in the Extraordinary Gazette and supply 300 copies immediately).

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The Commissioner of Higher Education, Mangalagiri.
The Secretary, A.P. State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE), Mangalagiri.
The Member-Secretary & CEO, A.P. Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission (APHER&MC), Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Registrars of all Universities in the State under the administrative control of Higher Education Department.

Copy to:-

The Law (B) Department, A.P. Secretariat, Amaravati.
The General Administration (SPF&MC) Department, A.P. Secretariat, Amaravati.
The O.S.D. to Secretary to C.M., Chief Minister's Office, Amaravati.
The O.S.D. to Hon'ble Minister for HRD, Amaravati.
The O.S.D. to Chief Secretary, Chief Secretary's Office, Amaravati.
The P.S. to Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, A.P. Secretariat, Amaravati.
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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SECTION OFFICER