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### Brief about Interactive Sessions with Head of the RCI's approved Institutes

This is with reference to the Council's Circular of even number dated 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020, the Council has conducted the following interactive sessions with Head of the RCI's approved institutions through video conferencing as per details given below:

Sl. No.	Zone	States	Date	Timing	No. of Participants
1.	Central Zone	Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh	03-09-2020	11.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.	129
2.	Northern Zone	Chandigarh, Haryana, Punjab, Delhi, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir	07-09-2020	3.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.	138
3.	Western Zone	Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattishgarh	08-09-2020	3.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.	128
4.	North Eastern Zone	West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Sikkim, Nagaland and Tripura	10-09-2020	11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.	90
5.	Southern Zone	Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Goa, Karnataka and Pondicherry	15-09-2020	11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.	126

The above interactive sessions were held under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Subodh Kumar, Member Secretary, RCI.

Interactive session has also been attended by Dr. Rajesh Kr. Verma, Asst. Director, Dr. Sandeep Tambe, Asst. Director and Sh. Sandeep Thakur, Asst. Controller of Examinations of RCI.

During the interactive session various issues were discussed which emerged due to COVID-19 such as approval of institutions, admissions, conduct of online classes, conduct of examinations, Registration in CRR, CRE etc.

After detailed deliberations on aforesaid issues, the following recommendations were made unanimously:

- (i) Schedule and Guidelines for Online Centralized Admission process for admission to diploma level courses for the academic session 2020-21 to be uploaded on Council's website and will be functional from 14/09/2020.
- (ii) List of training intuitions given conditional permission to start admission process for 2020-21 to be uploaded on Council's website .
- (iii) Visiting experts deputed to carry out the assessment for the academic session 2020-21 will remain unchanged, unless the visiting experts refuse to conduct the assessment even after normalcy is restored or any other unavoidable situation arises .
- (iv) The Council will upload the prescribed proforma for submission of affidavit by the training institutes in pursuance of Council's Notification dated 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2020.

- (v) The Council will hold a meeting to finalize the modalities and protocols to conduct online classes by the RCI's approved institutions .
- (vi) The Council to issue advisory to all institutes to pay the salary to all teaching and non teaching staff.
- (vii) All RCI's approved institutions must have their own website and update the information about faculty, courses, validity, academic calendar, etc. also to upload a short video on their website. In this matter, the institute will also upload video of minimum 5 minute duration showing all the facilities available at their institute including clinic / special school activities.
- (viii) Recorded lectures on Navshikhar Channel on various disabilities to be uploaded on Council's website for use of general public.
- (ix) Universities Departments may conduct the examinations of 2<sup>nd</sup> year /final year in pursuance of the guidelines issued by the UGC .
- (x) State Govt. directives be followed with regard to reservation policy for admission to various courses .
- (xi) Willingness/consent of visiting experts to be obtained before deputing them for inspection.
- (xii) Guidelines for promotion of students of first year to be communicated to all institutes. SOP provided by the affiliating universities be followed in conducting admission and examination.
- (xiii) The Council to conduct meeting with concerned National Institutes conducting Diploma Examination under NBER to develop the guidelines for online conduct of theory and practical examination. The matter with regard to translation of regional language be also discussed in the said meeting.
- (xiv) In the light of NPE, 2020, the Council may conduct a meeting with expert and UGC/ MHRD officers to decide the future course of action with regard to RCI's approved M.Phil. courses.
- (xv) Guidelines for CRE – Webinar will be uploaded on the Council's website.
- (xvi) It was decided to conduct interactive session on every Wednesday from 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
- (xvii) The Council may conduct the interactive sessions course wise only.

All the Heads of RCI's approved institutions appreciated the initiative of the Council for organizing such an interactive session through video conference during this pandemic situation . The heads of the institutions also expressed that this kind of initiative will boost the morale and enthusiasm in conducting courses and providing services to persons with disabilities (Divyangjans) in their area of vicinity. They also assured Member Secretary, RCI to maintain transparency and conduct courses as per Council's norms .

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