



**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Higher Education – Admission into UG programme - 2 year Diploma awarded by the Acharya N.G.Ranga Agriculture University, Dr.YSR Horticultural University & S.V. Veterinary University – Accord permission – Orders – Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION [C.E.A1] DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 17

Dated: 10-02-2021.
Read the following:-

- 1.UGC Regulations 2003 (UGC Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of the First Degree through Formal Education Regulations, 2003).
2. The Secretary, BIE, A.P. Vijayawada, Rc.No. 03.06./ERTW-III/2018-19, Dated: 09.02.2021.
3. From the APSCHE, e-office, file.No. 1344156.

ORDER:

The Government noted that Acharya N.G.Ranga Agricultural University, Dr. YSR Horticultural University and S.V. Veterinary University have been offering 2 Year Diploma programs in the relevant disciplines and allowing the qualified candidates for admission into UG Programs in their Universities. Whereas, the other Universities in the State of Andhra Pradesh are not considering these Diploma Holders for admission into regular B.A., B.Com, B.Sc. courses etc. and hence these Diploma Holders who are around 6000 in number per year are deprived of access to higher education.

2. In the reference 1st read above, the UGC has prescribed Regulations for Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of the First Degree through Formal Education Regulations, 2003 wherein the Regulation stated that no student shall be eligible for admission to a first degree programme in any of the faculties unless he/she has successfully passed the examination conducted by a Board/University at the +2 level of schooling (either through formal schooling for 12 years, or through open school system) or its equivalent.

3. In the reference 2nd read above the Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education (BIE), A.P has clarified that the BIE, A.P has not considered Diplomas equivalent to Intermediate Education as Acharya N.G.Ranga Agricultural and Dr.YSR Horticultural Universities are not member boards of the Council of Boards for Secondary Education and the BIE is not competent to decide on the requisite qualification for admission into Graduate Courses and will not have any objection on that front.

4. In the reference 3rd read above, the A.P State Council of Higher Education stated that:

- (i) The Committee constituted by Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education on the subject matter examined the content (Syllabi), pattern of examination, duration of diploma course of Agriculture and Horticulture Universities and found that they are similar to 2 year Intermediate Education (BiPC) group and accordingly recommended that these Diploma holders may be accorded eligibilities for admission into B.Sc. (CBZ) Degree course along with B.Sc. (Bio-Chemistry / Bio-Technology/Microbiology).
- (ii) The 2 year Diploma programme are offered to the students after completion of 10th standard, which is after 10 years of formal education. Therefore the formal schooling for 12 years is satisfied as per UGC Regulations 2003.

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- (iii) Acharya N.G.Ranga Agricultural University, Dr.YSR Horticultural University and S.V.Veterinary University came into existence through AP State Legislature Act and are empowered to award Certificates, Diplomas, and Degrees in such branch of learning. The Academic Senate of the Universities are empowered to prescribe the admission policy for admission into the programmes offered by the University and its Colleges. Hence, the Universities do not come under the definition of a Board to equate these Diplomas to that of intermediate.
- (iv) Acharya N.G.Ranga Agricultural University, Dr.YSR Horticultural University and S.V. Veterinary University are admitting the Diploma holders of their University for admission into B.Sc. programmes of their University. Hence, the Universities in A.P. cannot have dual admission policy for the same Diploma holders for admission into other Universities in A.P.
- (v) The State of Andhra Pradesh have been considering the 3 year Diploma holders of SBTET for admission into 2nd Year program into technical and non-technical courses vide G.O.Ms.No.16, Education [E.C] Department, Dated:25.02.2004 and G.O.Ms.No.24, Education [E.C] Department, Dated: 18.03.2004.
- (vi) The Diplomas awarded by the Universities i.e., Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Dr.YSR Horticultural University and S.V. Veterinary University are required to be considered for admission into B.Sc. Biology stream programs/combinations, B.Com and B.A. without mathematics and statistics in the Universities of the State of A.P for pursuing higher education by Diploma holders which is a means of providing equity and access and thereby improving GER in higher education.

5. In circumstances stated above and with a view to provide the equity and access of higher education to the Diploma holders and after careful examination of the matter, the Government hereby accords permission to the Universities, Colleges & Institutes etc. to admit 2 year diploma holders awarded by Acharya N.G Ranga Agricultural University, Dr. YSR Horticultural University and S.V.Veterinary University into B.Sc. Biology stream programs/combinations, B.Voc programmes in Agriculture & Horticulture programmes and other relevant disciplines, B.Com., and B.A without mathematics and statistics.

6. The Registrars of the Universities in the State of Andhra Pradesh are requested to implement these orders with the approval of the respective statutory bodies of the University.

7. The Registrars of the Universities in the State of A.P. and the Commissioner for Collegiate Education, Commissioner of Collegiate Education shall take necessary action in the matter.

[BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH]

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The Special Commissioner of Collegiate Education, Vijayawada
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