



Sub: Implementation of recommendations of Accreditation Committee in respect of commencement of postgraduate academic programmes at MRCFC, Khudwani under South Campus of Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura.

University Order No. 41 (Acad.) of 2026
Dated: 26.05.2026

- Whereas, Agenda Item No. 45(19)(13) regarding upgradation of Mountain Research Centre for Field Crops (MRCFC), Khudwani as South Campus of Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura was considered by the Academic Council at its 45th Meeting and recommended to the Board of Management, wherein the detailed proposal appended *inter-alia* envisaged commencement of postgraduate academic programmes & instructional activities at the proposed south campus; and
- Whereas, the Board of Management at its 72nd meeting approved the proposal for establishment of South Campus of Faculty of Agriculture at MRCFC, Khudwani; and,
- Whereas, Associate Director Research, MRCFC, Khudwani vide his communication No.AU/MRCFC/Estt/436-39 dated 13.05.2026 submitted proposal for commencement of postgraduate academic activities and earmarking of seats in select disciplines from Autumn Semester-2026 in view of the available infrastructure and faculty strength at the Centre; and,
- Whereas, consequent upon deliberations held in the meeting convened by Director Education on 19.05.2026 with Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura, Associate Director Research, MRCFC, Khudwani and concerned Heads of Divisions, the matter was referred to the Accreditation Committee constituted vide University Order No.246 (Acad.) of 2008 dated 01.04.2008 for inspection and assessment of facilities available at MRCFC, Khudwani; and,
- Whereas, the Accreditation Committee, after inspection and assessment of the academic, research and infrastructural facilities available at MRCFC, Khudwani, observed that the disciplines proposed for commencement at the Centre are already duly instituted disciplines of the University under Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura and, therefore, no separate institution of degree programmes is required under statutes/RRI; and,
- Whereas, the Committee accordingly recommended commencement of postgraduate academic activities at MRCFC, Khudwani through earmarking of additional seats under the existing academic framework of Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura from Autumn Semester-2026;

Now, therefore, on the recommendations of the Accreditation Committee and as approved by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, it is hereby ordered that postgraduate academic programmes in the following disciplines shall commence at MRCFC, Khudwani, from Autumn Semester-2026:

Programme	TOTAL = OM + Reserved + Self Finance
Genetics & Plant Breeding	
M.Sc. (Agri)	5
Ph.D.	3
Agronomy	
M.Sc. (Agri)	5
Ph.D.	3

Plant Pathology	
M.Sc. (Agri)	4
Ph.D.	2
Entomology	
M.Sc. (Agri)	4
Soil Science	
M.Sc. (Agri)	2

Further ordered that:

- The above programmes shall remain academically part of Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura, and shall be governed by the same academic dispensation as applicable to the Divisions/Sections at Shalimar Campus, accredited academically to the Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura.
- The Associate Director Research, MRCFC, Khudwani shall function as Nodal Officer for coordination and facilitation of academic and administrative matters relating to the Centre, while Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura shall exercise overall academic supervision and control over the programmes.
- The orders for operationalization of the concerned Divisions/Sections at MRCFC Khudwani under the South Campus arrangement along with designations of respective Divisional/Sectional Incharge Heads for academic and administrative purposes shall follow.
- The above seats shall form part of the Admission Brochure/Seat Matrix for Autumn Semester-2026 and shall be treated as additional seats over and above the intake already notified vide Admission Notification No.Au/Acad./Adm/UET-PG(Autumn)/2026/P-17/3047-99 dated 11.05.2026.

Sd/-
(Prof. Azmat Alam Khan)
Registrar

No.AU/Acad./2026/M-34/4506-20

Dated: 26.05.2026

Copy to the:

- All Officers of the University.
- Director Education (Chairman Accreditation Committee), SKUAST-Kashmir, Shalimar. This is in reference to his No.Au/D.Edu/M-35/444 dated 25.05.2026.
- Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura.
- All concerned Heads of Divisions_____, FoA, Wadura.
- Professor In-charge ARIS, for placing on university website.
- Nodal Officer, IT Team (Admissions), SKUAST-Kashmir, Shalimar for information & necessary action.
- Deputy Registrar (Est.) for information & necessary action.
- Deputy Registrar, FoA, Wadura.
- Secretary to Vice-Chancellor for kind information of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.
- Master file.


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