

OFFICE ORDER

WHEREAS the learned Advocate General of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Anup Kumar Rattan, Senior Advocate, conveyed reasoned legal opinion regarding the validity of the proceedings of the Board of Management in the event of non-constitution of the Board by the Hon'ble Chancellor under Section 12(1) of the HP Universities of Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry Act, 1986, which was dealt with on official file NoUHF/Regr/GA/5-1/(119th)2026/- and Sh. Siddhartha Acharya, Registrar of the University instead of implementing the said legal opinion, willfully defied the explicit written orders of the undersigned and maintained an adamant and defiant attitude despite clear justifications and lawful directions to comply;

WHEREAS the meeting of the Board of Management of the University was lawfully held on 12.08.2026 following its formal constitution by the Hon'ble Chancellor, and the proceedings were recorded in writing as per rules of the University. The undersigned directed Sh. Siddhartha Acharya, Registrar that while a dissent note submitted by an individual member/nominee must be placed on the official record, it does not itself, stay, nullify, or reject a decision/resolution duly passed by the majority of the BOM in accordance with the applicable Act, Statutes and Rules of Business of the University. Sh. Siddhartha Acharya, Registrar deliberately ignored these observations and acted in open defiance thereof;

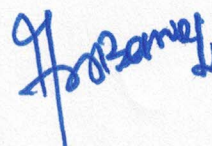
WHEREAS Sh. Siddhartha Acharya, Registrar was repeatedly directed to place all notes, comments and communications received from the Hon'ble members of the BOM before the undersigned for consideration and appropriate administrative orders, which he willfully failed to comply with;

WHEREAS Sh. Siddhartha Acharya, Registrar unilaterally issued Office Order No.UHF/Regr/5-1/2026/-23268-297 dated 17.09.2026 directing that no further action be taken on the decisions/resolutions made by the BOM on 12.08.2026. This order was issued without any apparent power or authority vested or delegated to him, without obtained the approval of the undersigned as the competent authority, and constitutes an unlawful encroachment upon the powers of the undersigned;

WHEREAS an explanation was called from Sh. Siddhartha Acharya, Registrar, vide Memorandum No.UHF/SVC/2026/-424 dated 18.09.2026 and since his reply in response to aforesaid Memorandum was found entirely unsatisfactory and unacceptable as conveyed to him vide letter No.UHF/SVC/Regr/2026/-461-66 dated 22.09.2026 his insubordination stands established on record;

WHEREAS Sh. Siddhartha Acharya, Registrar of the University failed to process a charter of demands submitted by the students of the University, resulting in an avoidable student strike, the gherao of the Vice-Chancellor's office, and physical attempt to attack the Secretary to Vice-Chancellor on 03.10.2026. Furthermore, when directed by the undersigned to initiate actions and arrange negotiations to restore order, he flatly refused to comply with the instructions/directions of the undersigned;

WHEREAS today on 05.10.2026, Dr.(Ms) Ashu Chandel, Professor and Head, Deptt of Basic Sciences, College of Forestry, Dr. Subhash Sharma, Head, Dept. of Social Science alongwith his wife Dr. Ranjana Kumari, Asstt. Prof Dept of SAF and Dr. Nidhish Gautam, Scientist, Directorate of Extension Education. Unlawfully held the undersigned hostage inside the office room of the undersigned used highly unparliamentarily, abusive, derogatory language and extended physical threats with the deliberate intent to deter the undersigned from discharging official duties.



When the undersigned telephonically ordered Sh. Siddhartha Acharya, Registrar of the University to immediately intervene, control the situation, and negotiate with the attacking faculty members, he refused to execute the order and instead misbehaved with the undersigned using derogatory language, creating a strong and logical apprehension of collusion with the striking faculty members;

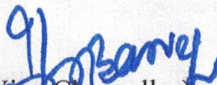
WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Chancellor (His Excellency, the Governor of Himachal Pradesh) is scheduled to visit the University campus on 11.10.2026 and subsequently, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Supreme Court of India, is also scheduled to visit the campus of the University on 22.11.2026 and the cumulative actions, calculated insubordination, and deliberate incitement of unrest by Sh. Siddhartha Acharya, as Registrar create a reasonable apprehension that he is intentionally engineering an atmosphere of anarchy and lawlessness on the campus of the University to sabotage the upcoming visits of these high dignitaries, thereby threatening to bring extreme disrepute to this state-funded reputed University; and

WHEREAS the cumulative acts of gross misconduct, insubordination, dereliction of duty, and open defiance demonstrate that Sh. Siddhartha Acharya, Registrar has miserably failed to discharge the statutory duties vested in him under the in the University Act and Statutes, and lawful orders of the undersigned.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers vested in the undersigned under the Himachal Pradesh Universities of Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry Act, 1986, and to prevent further subversion of institutional discipline and tampering with university records, it is hereby ordered that:-

- (i) the statutory and administrative powers, duties and functions of Sh. Siddhartha Acharya as Registrar of the University is hereby ceased with immediate effect.
- (ii) Dr. D.P. Sharma, Director of Extension Education of the University is hereby ordered to take full charge of the post of the Registrar of the University and act as Registrar in addition to his own duties, without any additional remuneration, with immediate effect, till further orders.
- (iii) Sh. Siddhartha Acharya is hereby directed to hand over all official files, if any kept by him, and keys of the Registrar's office to Dr. D.P. Sharma immediately.

These orders are issued without prejudice.

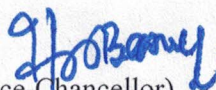

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Shri Siddhartha Acharya,
Registrar,
Dr Yashwant Singh Parmar University of
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Copy to:-

1. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of H.P, Shimla-2
2. The Secretary to the Governor, Lok Bhavan Shimla-2
3. The Secretary(Horticulture) to Govt. of HP, Shimla--2
4. Dr. D.P. Sharma, Director Extension Education, UHF, Nauni, Solan(HP).


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