

# भारतीय भेषजी परिषद्

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## CIRCULAR

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To

1. All Approved Institutions -
  - a) u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948
  - b) Conduct of course
2. All State Pharmacy Council's

**Sub.: Notification No. SSUHS/629/2023/EX/1537 dt 28.2.2024. issued by Srimanta Sankaradeva University of the Health Sciences for Exit Examination for D.Pharm and B.Pharm students.**

Sir/Madam

This has a reference to the subject cited above.

In this connection it is informed that

- a) The Pharmacy Council of India, vide its circular No. 14-285/2023-PCI/5564 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023, clearly mentioned that the students admitted in the academic - session 2022-2023 in Diploma in Pharmacy Course (D. Pharm) and pass out in 2023-2024 academic-session will not be registered as "Pharmacist" until they qualify the Exit Examination and fulfil the other prescribed conditions under Section 32(2) of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.
- b) Srimanta Shankardev University of Health Science (SSUHS), vide Notification No. SSUHS/629/2023/EX/1537 dated 28th February 2024, posted notice of Exit Exam for those students which were already completed Diploma in pharmacy course 2021-2023 academic session at their official website.
- c) The Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Pharmacy Council of India v. Dr. SK Toshniwal Educational Trusts Vidharbha Institute of Pharmacy and Ors* (TP(C) No. 87-101/2014) vide its judgment dated 05.03.2020 was pleased to conclusively decide that the Pharmacy Act, 1948 will prevail over any other law insofar as the standards of pharmacy education and regulation of profession of pharmacy is concerned. The relevant extract of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court is extracted hereunder:


*“21. In view of the above and for the reasons stated above, it is held that in the field of Pharmacy Education and more particularly so far as the recognition of degrees and diplomas of Pharmacy Education is concerned, the Pharmacy Act, 1948 shall prevail. The norms and regulations set by the PCI and other specified authorities under the Pharmacy Act would have to be followed by the concerned institutions imparting education for degrees and diplomas in Pharmacy, including the norms and regulations with respect to increase and/or decrease in intake capacity of the students and the decisions of the PCI shall only be followed by the institutions imparting degrees and diplomas in Pharmacy. The questions are answered accordingly.”*

d) In view of above, it is informed that PCI has written to -

- i) The Srimanta Shankardev University of Health Science stating that they have no authority to conduct the Exit Examinations of the students who have passed Diploma Course in Pharmacy. As per the “Diploma in Pharmacy Exit Examination Regulations, 2022”, PCI is the only *Prescribed Authority* to conduct the Diploma in Pharmacy Exit Examination from time to time. Further, in case any authority, other than PCI, conducts the Exit Examination, it shall be considered as violation of the Regulations and will attract legal consequences.
- ii) The Chief Secretary of the Government of Assam look into this this matter.

It is further requested University cannot conduct the Exit Exam & it is the Prerogative of the PCI.

Yours faithfully

  
(ANIL MITTAL)  
Registrar-cum-Secretary