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**F.No.UGC/DEB/Tech.Edu./1/2015**

**Dated: 11-03-2015**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**On**

**Professional Courses in Engineering & Technology through ODL mode**

The erstwhile Distance Education Council (DEC) earlier, on receipt of direction from Ministry of Human Resource Development, wrote to all Institutions providing programmes through open and Distance learning mode to stop offering BE/B.tech programme through Distance learning mode from the year 2009-10.

2. AICTE in 2010 and 2011 also, notified its policy not to recognise the qualifications acquired through distance education mode at Diploma, Bachelors & Master's level in the field of Engineering and Technology including Architecture, Town Planning, Pharmacy, Hotel Management & Catering Technology, Applied Arts & Crafts and Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM). AICTE thus recognizes only MBA and MCA programmes through distance mode, provided it had the approval of Joint Committee of DEC & UGC and the recognition status was notified on AICTE web portal.

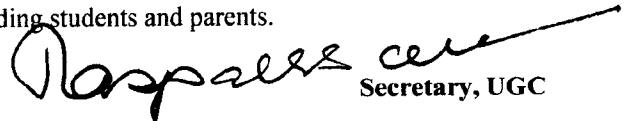
3. The University Grants Commission, after taking over the regulatory function of erstwhile DEC and as per mandate given to it by Ministry of Human Resource Development to regulate Open and Distance Learning in Universities and Affiliated Colleges has decided that:

(i) No University/Institution deemed to be university/Institution should offer Diploma, Bachelor s and Master's level programme in Engineering and Technology other than MBA and MCA till the finalization of UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2014 or notification of relevant Regulations by an independent regulatory authority established by Central govt. to deal with ODL education in higher education system in the country, whichever is earlier.

(ii) UGC/AICTE will take action against those Universities/ Institution Deemed to be Universities/Institutions which are conducting professional courses in Engineering and Technology in ODL mode (other than MBA and MCA).

4. UGC has also decided not to consider any request for ex-post facto approval for ODL programmes offered by any University/Institution deemed to be University/Institution at this stage.

The above is for information of all concerned, including students and parents.

  
Secretary, UGC



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**By Speed Post**

D.O. No. F. 9-8/2008 (CPP-I/PU)

12<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

The State legislatures have the power to establish the State Universities and Private Universities by passing an Act in their respective Legislative Assemblies. In the case of Prof. Yash Pal vs. Government of Chhattisgarh, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has made it adequately clear that it is only the Parliament which is competent to enact laws for the whole country and the State Legislative Assemblies can enact law pertaining to the territorial jurisdiction of the concerned state.

The University Grants Commission by its Act of 1956 has been empowered to take all necessary steps which it deems fit for promotion and coordination of higher education and for determining and maintaining the standards of teaching, examination and research.

It has been brought to the notice of the University Grants Commission that some State Universities/State Private Universities are running off-campus/Study Centres and /or outreach centres outside the territorial jurisdiction of the state in which they have been established. It has also been brought to the notice of the UGC that Private Universities which are mandated to take prior permission of UGC for establishing these centres have not done so in some cases in respect to the centres being run by them within and outside their state. This policy of University Grants Commission has been clearly articulated in its public notice dated 27.06.2013, which is posted on the UGC website ([www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in)) for the benefit of general public.

The UGC has also informed the State Governments vide letter No. F. 9-8/2008 (CPP-I) dated 16.04.2009, its stand on the issue following the observations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

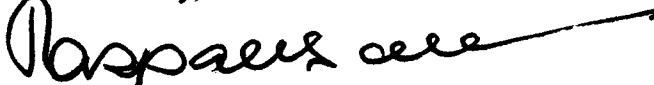
Keeping in view the above facts, you are requested to please ensure that:

1. No off-campus/study centre/outreach centre is established by your esteemed university outside the territorial jurisdiction of the state.
2. If you are a private university, even within the state, the off-campus/study centre/outreach centre should be established with the prior approval of the UGC as mandated in the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003.

You are requested to ensure the **strict compliance of this letter.**

With kind regards,

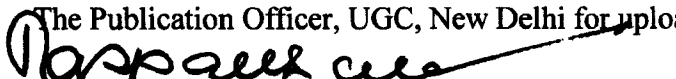
Yours sincerely,

  
(Jaspal Singh Sandhu)


**THE VICE CHANCELLORS OF ALL THE STATE UNIVERSITIES UNDER  
12B & 2(F) AND PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES AS PER LIST ATTACHED.**

**Copy to:**

The Publication Officer, UGC, New Delhi for uploading on UGC website.

  
(Jaspal S. Sandhu)

*Hindustan Times - 17.06.2015*

	<b>UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION</b> Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110002
<b>PUBLIC NOTICE - DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM</b>	
F. No. 11-5/2015(DEB-III)	June 17, 2015
<p>It has come to the notice of the UGC that some Universities/Deemed to be Universities/Institutions are offering programs through Open &amp; Distance Learning (ODL) mode in gross violation of the policy of the UGC/erstwhile DEC. These Universities/ Deemed to be Universities/Institutions are issuing misleading advertisements that their programmes are recognized by the UGC. Students, parents and public in general are hereby informed that the list of the recognized institutions (alongwith the courses) which are permitted to offer programs through ODL mode is posted on UGC Website (<a href="http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb">www.ugc.ac.in/deb</a>). Besides, it may also be noted that no institution is permitted to offer Diploma/Bachelor/Master level programs under ODL mode in Engineering &amp; Technology. The policy of the UGC with regard to territorial jurisdiction and off campuses/study centres has been clearly articulated in its Public Notice dated June 27, 2013, posted on UGC website. It may also be noted that qualifications acquired through ODL mode from a non-recognized institution shall neither be recognized for the purpose of employment in government services nor for pursuing higher education.</p>	
<b>Secretary, UGC</b>	



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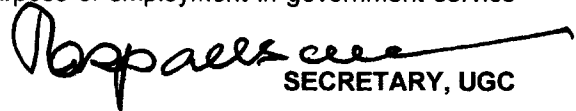
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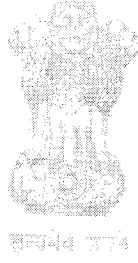
**Dated 04.06.2015**

It has come to the notice of the UGC that some Universities/Deemed to be Universities/Institutions are offering programs through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode in gross violation of the policy of the erstwhile DEC/UGC. These Universities/Deemed to be Universities/Institutions are issuing misleading advertisements by stating that their programmes are recognized by the UGC.

As per the present policy, State Universities (both Public & Private) cannot set up their off-campus/study centre outside the State where they have been established. And, even within the State, Private Universities are required to take prior permission of the UGC to establish their study centre/off-campus. Similarly, Deemed to be Universities are required to take prior permission of the UGC to establish any off-campus centre/study centre outside their main campus. It is pertinent to mention that No University/Institution Deemed to be University/Institution is permitted to offer Diploma/Bachelor/Master level programmes under ODL mode in Engineering & Technology. The policy of the UGC with regard to territorial jurisdiction and off -campuses/study centres has been clearly articulated in its Public Notice dated 27.06.2013, which is posted on the UGC website for the knowledge of the public. It may also be noted that the UGC has so far not accorded recognition to any university/institution to offer 'online' programmes.

Students, parents and public in general, are hereby, informed that the list of the recognized institutions (alongwith the courses), which are permitted to offer programmes through ODL mode is posted on the UGC's website and can be accessed from [www.ugc.ac.in/deb](http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb). The qualifications acquired through ODL mode from a non-recognized institution of higher learning shall neither be recognized for the purpose of employment in government service nor for pursuing higher education.

  
SECRETARY, UGC



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

No.DEB/UGC/Website/2013

30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

**Subject: Status of approval / recognition of programme of Universities / Institutions through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Mode.**

It has come to the notice of University Grants Commission (UGC) that some Universities/Institutions are giving misleading advertisements in the newspapers and through other media for admission in Programmes of Study through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode or online mode indicating that they have approval of the UGC for various programmes.

Students desirous of pursuing educational qualification through ODL mode are hereby advised to check the current status of approval / recognition of programmes of Universities / institutions on UGC website [www.ugc.ac.in/deb](http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb). In the absence of the UGC approval, qualifications acquired through ODL mode shall not be treated recognised for the purpose of employment under Central Government.

Students are also advised to make note of the **Territorial Jurisdiction** of the ODL University/Institution and not to take admission at any Study Centre outside its Jurisdiction or **franchised Study Centre**/Contact point. Study Centre has to be operated by the University/Institution itself within its territorial jurisdiction only as per the UGC norms.

UGC has issued such public notices in the past vide notice No.27-1/2012(CPP-II) dated 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 and UGC/DEB/QMC/2013 dated 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2014.

  
Secretary  
UGC



**University Grants Commission  
Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi**

**No.F.27-1/2012 (CPP-II)**

**27<sup>th</sup> October, 2014**

**Public Notice on Courses / Study Centres / Off Campuses &  
Territorial Jurisdiction of Universities**

It is a matter of serious concern that advertisements are published by certain private institutions in National Dailies offering opportunities for the award of University degrees through various franchise programmes. Such private institutions claim themselves as study centres / learning centres of different Universities and lure students to enroll in various unapproved programmes. This is a blatant contravention of the UGC's rules and regulations.

Taking a very serious view of this blatant violation, the Commission had issued a detailed Public Notice on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 which is available on its website [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in)

It has been observed that some misleading advertisements are still appearing in newspapers. This Public Notice is once again issued in order to inform the public in general and students in particular to not to take admission in the unapproved Study Centres / Off-Campus Centres / Franchisee institutions claiming to be affiliated with State Universities or Private Universities or Deemed to be Universities.

The General Public are also advised to refer the detailed public notice dated 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 issued by the UGC or visit its website [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in) in regard to various regulatory provisions pertaining to Universities and their functioning.

**Prof. Jaspal S. Sandhu  
Secretary**



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F.No. UGC/DEB/QMC/2013

The Vice Chancellors/ Directors  
SOUs/DEIs/DDEs

Subject: Territorial jurisdiction & offering of programmes through off-campus/  
Study Centres etc by Institutions/Universities- reg.

Sir/Madam,

The University Grants Commission has from time to time been notifying its policy on territorial jurisdiction and offering of programmes through off campuses/centres/study centres by Universities/Institutions. Vide its Public Notice No. F.27-1/2012 (CPP-II), dated 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013 (copy enclosed), UGC has notified its policy on territorial jurisdiction to be followed by all Universities/Institutions including Open and Distance Learning Institutions, which is as under:

- i) a Central or State Government University can conduct courses on its own departments, its constituent colleges and/or through its affiliated colleges;
- ii) a University established or incorporated by or under a State Act shall operate only within the territorial jurisdiction allotted to it under its Act and in no case beyond the territory of the State of its location;
- iii) the private universities and deemed universities cannot affiliate any college or institution for conducting courses leading to award of its diplomas, degrees or other qualifications;
- iv) no university, whether central, state, private or deemed, can offer its programmes through franchising arrangement with private coaching institutions even for the purpose of conducting courses through distance mode;
- v) all universities shall award only such degrees as are specified by the UGC and published in the official Gazette;
- vi) the universities shall conduct their first degrees and Master's degree programmes in accordance with the regulations notified by the UGC in this regard.

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2. The UGC has also issued regulations relating to Private Universities and Deemed Universities which should be strictly followed by the concerned University. A copy of these regulations is hosted on UGC website [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in).

3. However, it has come to the notice of the UGC that some Universities are offering programmes through distance mode without approval of UGC/ erstwhile DEC and several Universities/Institutions have opened their study centres in violation of the policy of UGC and erstwhile DEC on territorial jurisdiction. Some Institutions are giving misleading advertisements in newspapers and other public media that the programmes offered by these Institutions are approved by the UGC. The same is not permissible by UGC and should be immediately stopped.

4. Therefore, all Universities/Institutions are hereby requested to offer only those programmes which are approved by UGC/erstwhile DEC and follow the policy of UGC on territorial jurisdiction, study centres, and non-franchising of study centres for offering programmes through distance mode. The activities at the study centre such as admission, examination, conduct of Personal Conduct Programmes (PCPs) etc should be operated by the concerned University. Study centres cannot conduct examinations on their own nor can they award degree/diploma etc. No sub-letting of study centres should be allowed and any such centre opened by any University/Institution would be in violation of the UGC policy.

5. The UGC/erstwhile DEC has not given approval to any University for opening of ODL study centres outside India. Thus, operation of any such centre is wholly invalid and must be immediately closed. Universities/Institutions are also requested to close down any study centre opened in violation of above policy. Also any programme not recognized by the UGC/ erstwhile DEC and wherever necessary by other Apex regulatory bodies, should not be offered through distance mode.

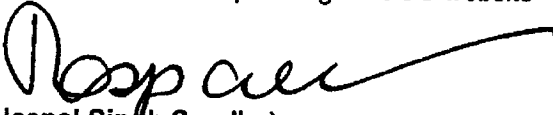
Yours faithfully,

**(Jaspal Singh Sandhu)**  
**Secretary**

**Encl. : As above.**

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2. Member Secretary, All India Council of Technical Education, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chanderlok Building, Janpath, New Delhi 110 001.
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**Secretary**



**Public Notice**  
**on**  
**Courses/Study Centres/Off Campuses & Territorial Jurisdiction of Universities**

No. F.27-1/2012(CPP-II)

27<sup>th</sup> June, 2013

The Commission has come across many advertisements published in National Dailies offering opportunities for the award of university degrees through various franchise programmes conducted by certain private institutions. These private establishments claiming themselves as study centres or learning centres of different universities enrol students for various degree programmes and also claim to be responsible for teaching and conduct of examinations. The faculty and the infrastructure belong to these private agencies. The concerned university except providing syllabus and teaching materials, has no mechanism to monitor and maintain the academic standards of teaching being imparted at these centres. This blatant compromise with the standards of education has led to widespread criticism. The Commission has taken a serious view of these misleading advertisements appearing in various newspapers.

It is, therefore, clarified for the information of all concerned, including students and parents that:

- a) a Central or State Government University can conduct courses through its own departments, its constituent colleges and/or through its affiliated Colleges;
- b) a university established or incorporated by or under a State act shall operate only within the territorial jurisdiction allotted to it under its Act and in no case beyond the territory of the state of its location;
- c) the private universities and deemed universities cannot affiliate any college or institution for conducting courses leading to award of its diplomas, degrees or other qualifications.
- d) no University, whether central, state, private or deemed, can offer its programmes through franchising arrangement with private coaching institutions even for the purpose of conducting courses through distance mode.
- e) all universities shall award only such degrees as are specified by the UGC and published in the official gazette.
- f) the Universities shall conduct their first degree and Master's degree programmes in accordance with the regulations notified by the Commission in this regard.

In this connection, the students and the general public are also hereby informed of the following regulating provisions pertaining to different types of universities:

### **A. UGC Regulations on Private Universities**

A private university established under a State Act shall be a unitary university. A private university may be permitted to open off campus centres, off shore campuses and study centres after five years of its coming into existence subject to the fulfillment of conditions as laid down under UGC (Establishment of & Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003. As of now, the UGC has not granted permission to any Private University to establish off-campus/study centre.

### **B. UGC Regulations on Deemed Universities**

A Deemed University shall operate only within its Headquarters or from those off campuses/off-shore campuses which are approved by the Government of India through notification published in the official gazette.

In case of distance education programmes, no institution deemed to be university, so declared by the Govt. of India after 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 [date of publication of UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010] is allowed to conduct courses in the distance mode.

The institutions deemed to be universities declared before 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 are not allowed to conduct courses in distance mode from any of its off-campus centres/off-shore campuses approved after 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

Approval for new courses and extension of approval of the courses already run by the Deemed to be Universities under distance mode would be granted by the UGC subject to the fulfillment of conditions as laid down by the UGC.

The UGC has not granted approval to any deemed to be university to establish study centres.

Any information /clarification with regard to recognition of Private Universities/Deemed Universities and the courses offered by them may be obtained from JS (CPP-I) UGC, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi.

### **C. Distance Education programmes of the Central Universities and State Govt. Universities**

The Central/State Govt. Universities can conduct courses through distance mode in accordance with the provisions of their respective Act and after the approval of the UGC.

The information relating to recognized universities, list of specified degrees and all the relevant regulations/instructions/guidelines of the UGC are available on UGC website: [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in).

The students are, advised not to take admission in the unapproved Study Centres, Off-Campus Centres, Franchisee Institutions, Colleges/Institutions claiming to be affiliated with Private Universities or Deemed Universities.

(Akhilesh Gupta)  
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To,

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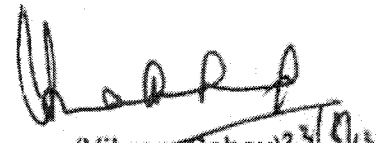
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5. The UGC/erstwhile DEC has not given approval to any University for opening of ODL study centres outside India. Thus, any such centre opened by any University must be immediately closed. Universities/Institutions are also requested to close down any Study centre opened in violation of above policy. Also any programme not recognized by the UGC/ erstwhile DEC and wherever necessary by other Apex regulatory bodies, should not be offered through distance mode.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

  
(Vikram Sahay) 23/10/23  
Director, Admn

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