

Public Notice

on

Courses/Study Centres/Off Campuses & Territorial Jurisdiction of Universities

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

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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 26th 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 26th May, 2010 are not allowed to conduct courses in distance mode from any of its off-campus centres/off-shore campuses approved after 26th 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.

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.

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Secretary



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To,

The Vice Chancellors/ Directors
Directorate SOUs/DEIs/DDEs

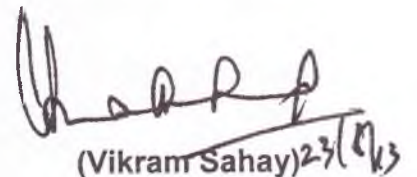
**Subject: Territorial jurisdiction & offering of programmes through off campus/
Study centres etc by Institutions/Universities– reg.,**

Sir/Madam,

1. 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. Recently vide its Public Notice No. F.27-1/2012 (CPP-II), dated 27th 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.

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 are hosted on UGC website www.ugc.ac.in.
3. However, it has come to 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 can not 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, 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.



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