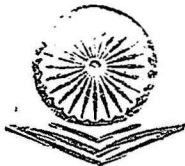


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**Subject: Awareness Campaign on Fake Universities and Verification of ODL/Online Programmes**

Respected Madam/Sir,

As you may be aware, the University Grants Commission (UGC) regularly updates the list of fake universities on its official website and advises State Governments to take appropriate action against unauthorized institutions operating within their jurisdiction. UGC also issues Public Notices to caution students about enrolling in Programmes offered under Open & Distance Learning (ODL) and Online Learning modes.

In this regard, you are requested to **inform all education boards** in your State to remain vigilant and to advise students as under –

1. **To verify the credentials of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs)** through the official website of UGC ([www.ugc.gov.in](http://www.ugc.gov.in)) before applying for admission.
2. **Students who are interested for admission in ODL and Online Programmes**, must ensure the following:
  - Confirm the recognition status of the HEI for the relevant academic session on the UGC-DEB website: <http://deb.ugc.ac.in>.
  - Verify programme details on the HEI's official website.
  - Be aware of the list of prohibited programmes and the ban on franchising arrangements.
  - Ensure that all ODL activities are being conducted within the permissible Territorial Jurisdiction.

This initiative aims to:

- Raise awareness among students, parents, and stakeholders
- Prevent admissions into unrecognized or fake universities
- Protect students' academic and professional futures

You are, therefore, requested to disseminate this important information widely among stakeholders in your State to safeguard the students from falling prey to fraudulent institutions.

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