

# UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

(Abstract)

School of Distance Education –Discontinuation of Franchising arrangements through private institutions for the programmes of SDE - Withdrawal of recognition of Learners' Support Centres – Sanctioned – Orders issued.

## ADMINISTRATION 'MISC.' SECTION

No.Ad.Misc./3/SDE/LSCs/2015

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 13.08.2015.

- Read: - (1) U.O. no. Ad. Misc./IDE/LSCs/2012 dtd 28.05.2012  
(2) U.O. no. Ad. Misc./IDE/LSCs/2012 dtd 26.07.2012  
(3) U.O. no. Ad. Misc./SDE/LSCs/2012 dtd 11.06.2013  
(4) U.O. no. Ad. Misc./SDE/LSCs/2012 dtd 20.07.2013  
(5) U.O. no. Ad. Misc.3/IDE/LSC/2012 dtd 29.06.2013  
(6) U.O. no. Ad. Misc.3/IDE/LSC/2012 dtd 20.08.2013  
(7) U.O. no. Ad. Misc.3/IDE/LSC/2012 dtd 21.03.2014  
(8) U.O. no. Ad. Misc.3/IDE/LSC/2012 dtd 10.06.2014  
(9) Letter no.F. no. UGC/DEB/UK/THVPRM/KRL/2009 dtd 15.07.2015  
from the University Grants Commission.  
(10) Item no. 09.10 of the Minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on  
30.07.2015.

## ORDER

Sanction was accorded to 141 institutions for starting Learners' Support Centres of School of Distance Education in the academic years 2012-'13 and 2013-'14 after executing a Memorandum of Understanding with the University, vide papers read as (1) to (4) above.

The allotment of Learners' Support Centres to nine (9) institutions have already been cancelled, vide papers read as (5) to (8) above.

The University Grants Commission, vide paper read as (9) above has informed that the University of Kerala is put on defaulters list for non-submission of affidavit as required by UGC and for violating UGC terms and conditions for recognition of Open and Distance Learning Programmes and that recognition extended for distance education programmes from 2013-'14 to 2015-'16 stands withdrawn immediately for the academic year 2015-'16.

The affidavit framed by the UGC included a clause depicting that the programmes in distance mode will not be offered through franchising arrangement and/or through any private institutions/college. Considering this, the Syndicate at its meeting held on 30.07.2015, vide paper read as (10) above, has resolved to discontinue franchising arrangements through private institutions (Learners' Support Centres) for the programmes of SDE and also to authorise the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges to submit a report on the arrangement of classes and conduct of examination for the existing students studying through School of Distance Education.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor to discontinue franchising arrangements through private institutions for the programmes of SDE and to withdraw the recognition of the following 132 Learners' Support Centres of SDE from the academic year 2015-'16 onwards.

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