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SECRETARY, UGC

PUBLIC NOTICE: DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

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 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 programmes through distance mode is posted on the UGC's website www.ugc.ac.in/deb. Besides, it may also be noted that no institution is permitted to offer Diploma/Bachelor/Master level programme under ODL mode in Engineering & Technology. Also, UGC has not accorded recognition to any university/institution to offer 'online' programmes.

As per the Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement (2005) in the case of Prof. Yashpal vs. the State of Chhattisgarh the policy of UGC with regard to territorial jurisdiction and off -campuses/study centres has been clearly articulated in its Public Notice dated June 27, 2013 which is available on UGC website. It may also be noted that qualifications acquired through ODL mode from a non-recognized institution(s) shall neither be recognized for the purpose of employment in government services nor for pursuing higher education.