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To,

1. The Registrar,
Goa University,
Taleigao Plateau,
Goa.
2. The Principal,
All Affiliated Colleges.

Sub: Use of the word "University" and award of degrees by fake universities/institutions in Violation of UGC Act, 1956.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of D.O. letter No. F.1-2/2009(AMPC) dated 01/04/2025 on the subject cited above, received from the Secretary, University Grants Commission, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, New-Delhi, addressed to the Secretary (Education), Secretariat-Porvorim, Goa, for your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Gervasio S. F. L. Mendes)
Addl. Director of Higher Education

Encl: As Above



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विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग
University Grants Commission

(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)
(Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

D.O.No. F. 1-2/2009(AMPC)

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Subject: Use of the word "University" and award of degree by fake universities/institutions
In violation of UGC Act, 1956-regarding.

आदरणीय महोदया/महोदय

Dept. of Higher Education
Inward No. 599
Date 09-04-25

Secretary (Education)
Inward No. 1192/L
Date: 08/04/25

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has been receiving complaints against the institutions that are not 'University' within the meaning of Section 2(f) or Section 3 of University Grants Commission Act, 1956 but are conferring degrees or using the word 'University' with their names and are thus defrauding and cheating innocent students by awarding fake/invalid degree. The UGC has been publishing the list of fake universities (existing/functioning) across the country and is uploading it on its official website: www.ugc.ac.in, to warn the students not to take admission in such fake universities. A copy of the list of such fake universities is enclosed for information.

You are requested to inform the current status of these and such other unrecognized institutions existing/functioning in your State. You are also requested to take suitable action against them and register an FIR in the police station within the jurisdiction of which, the institute is located. In case, any of these fake institutions are not existing now, the information with due proof, may be sent to UGC to enable it to process the case for removing its name from the list of fake universities maintained by the UGC.

With kind regards,

संलग्नक: उपरोक्तानुसार

Yours Sincerely,

(मनिष जोशी)

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**University Grants Commission
New Delhi - 110002**

Extracts From the UGC Act, 1956

Section 2(f)

"University" means a University established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, a Provincial Act or a State Act, and includes any such institution as may, in consultation with the University concerned, be recognized by the Commission in accordance with the regulations made in this behalf under this Act,

Section 3

The Central Government may, on the advice of the Commission, declare by notification in the Official Gazette, that any institution for higher education, other than a University, shall be deemed to be a University for the purpose of this Act, and on such a declaration being made, all the provisions of this Act shall apply to such institution as if it were a University with the meaning of clause (f) of section 2.

Section 22

1. The right of conferring or granting degrees shall be exercised only by a University established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, a Provincial Act or a State Act or an institution deemed to be a University under Section 3 or an institution specially empowered by a Act of Parliament to confer or grant degrees.
2. So as provided in sub-section (1), no person or authority shall confer, or grant, or hold himself or itself out as entitled to confer or grant, any degree.
3. For the purpose of this section, "degree" means any such degree as may, with the previous approval of the Central Government, be specified in this behalf by the Commission by notification in the official Gazette.

Section 23

No institution, whether a corporate body or not, other than a University established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, a Provincial Act or a State Act shall be entitled to have the word "University" associated with its name in any manner whatsoever:

Provided that nothing in this Section shall, for a period of two years from the commencement of this Act, apply to an institution which, immediately before such commencement, had the word "University" associated with its name.

Section 24

Whoever contravenes the provisions of Section 22 or Section 23 shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, and if the person contravening is an association or other body of individuals, every member of such association or other body who knowingly or willfully authorises or permits the contravention shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

State-wise list of fake Universities as on May, 2024

Delhi

1. Commercial University Ltd. Daryaganj, Delhi
2. United Nations University, Delhi
3. Vocational University, Delhi
4. ADR-Centric Juridical University, ADR House, 8J, Gopala Tower, 25, Rajendra Place, New Delhi - 110 008
5. Indian Institution of Science and Engineering, New Delhi
6. Viswakarma Open University for Self-employment, India, Rozgar Sewasadan, 672, Sanjay Enclave, Opp. GTK Depot, New Delhi - 110 033
7. Adhyatmik Vishwavidyalaya (Spiritual University), 351-352, Phase-1, Block-A, Vijay Vihar, Rithala, Rohini, Delhi- 110 085
8. All India Institute of Public & Physical Health Sciences (AIIPPHS), State Government University, Office Kh. No. 608-609, 1st Floor, Sant Kripal Singh Public Trust Building Near BDO Office, Alipur, Delhi-36

Karnataka

9. Badaganvi Sarkar World Open University Education Society, Gokak, Belgaum (Karnataka)

Kerala

10. St. John's University, Kishanattam, Kerala
11. International Islamic University of Prophetic Medicine (IIUPM), Kunnamangalam Kozhikode, Kerala-673571

Maharashtra

12. Raja Arabic University, Nagpur, Maharashtra

West Bengal

13. Indian Institute of Alternative Medicine, 80, Chowringhee Road, Kolkata - 20
14. Institute of Alternative Medicine and Research, 8-A, Diamond Harbor Road, Builtech inn, 2nd Floor, Thakurpukur, Kolkata- 700 063

Uttar Pradesh

15. Gandhi Hindi Vidyapith, Prayag, Allahabad Uttar Pradesh
16. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose University (Open University), Achaltal, Aligarh Uttar Pradesh
17. Bhartiya Shiksha Parishad, Bharat Bhawan, Matiyari Chinhat, Faizabad Road, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 227 105
18. Mahamaya Technical University, PO - Maharishi Nagar, Distt. Guatam Buddha Nagar, Opp. Sector- 110, Sector 110, Noida - 201304, Uttar Pradesh.

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Puducherry

19. Sree Bodhi Academy of Higher Education, No. 186, Thilaspeth, Vazhuthavoor Road, Puducherry - 605 009

Andhra Pradesh

20. Christ New Testament Deemed University, # 32-23-2003, 7th Lane, Kakumanavarthota, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh - 522 002 or # flat No. 301, Grace Villa Apts., 7/5, Srinagar, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh - 522 002.
21. Bible Open University of India, H. No. 49-35-26, N.G.O's Colony, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh-530016.

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