

Dr. P. Prakash,

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Joint Secretary

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Dear Sir,

It has been brought to the notice of UGC by some concerned citizens and through number of news items appearing in different news papers that some universities and colleges are using rare and endangered wild life species in their laboratories, which are banned under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

You may be aware that trading, transit and possession of wild animals live or dead is banned under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

I would request you to kindly ensure the strict adherence to the provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1975 while procuring plants and animals or the use of Laboratories. The detailed list of wild animals protected under the Act can be accessed from <http://www.envfor.nic.in/legis/wildlife/wildlife1.html>.

In case your University/College has procured any plant or animal protected under the Wildlife Protection Act, the same may be surrendered immediately to the Environment and Forest Department and no fresh purchase of preserved animal specimens and endangered plant species be made.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(P. Prakash)

To the Vice Chancellors,
All universities and deemed universities.