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The Vice Chancellor
(103 Deemed Universities)
(As per list enclosed)

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Subject: - Deemed Universities – observation of norms/guidelines-regarding.

Sir,

The Government of India, MHRD, on the advice of the UGC, has declared your institution as deemed to be University. As it is, all such institutions are expected to bring about qualitative improvement in higher education by way of realizing excellence of the highest order in their chosen fields of teaching and research. The basic idea behind granting the status of deemed to be University is to recognize institutions, which for historical reasons or for any other circumstances are not Universities but are doing work of a high standard in their specialized academic fields comparable to a university and granting of such status to them would help to contribute to the cause of higher education and enrich the University system. Thus quality of education being imparted and research being conducted by them form the touchstone for grant of such a status.

However, it has been observed that, over a period of time, some of the deemed to be Universities are not functioning as per well-defined objectives and norms and are opening off-Campus(s), off-shore campus(s), new department (s) and study centre(s) without the approval of UGC. Some of them are also imparting education under distance mode without the specific approval of UGC. It has also been noticed that education is being imparted by some deemed universities through franchisee agreement. Some of them are also reported to have given affiliation to colleges/ institutions.

The UGC has taken a serious note of this increasing trend of violation of UGC guidelines. It has also created a confusion among the student community and general public and also resulted in a number of court cases throughout the country. In view of this, the deemed universities are requested to adhere to the following:-

1. Any Deemed University will not open and run the off-Campus(s) / off-shore Campus(s) / establish new department(s) / start new course (s) (other than allied to the courses already approved and being offered) without obtaining the specific prior approval of the UGC / Government of India. The requisite official approval of the proposed off-campus(s) / off-shore campus(s) / new department(s) / new course (s) will take only a prospective effect.
2. The deemed university shall not conduct any course(s) under distance mode without the specific prior approval of the Joint Committee of UGC, AICTE & DEC.
3. The deemed universities being unitary institutions are not allowed to affiliate any College(s) / Institution(s).
4. Franchising of higher education is not allowed.

It may be noted that in case of violation of the above by any deemed university, the UGC may initiate punitive action including recommendation to MHRD for withdrawal of deemed to be university status.

Yours faithfully,

(R.K. Chauhan)