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Dear Sir,

The issue regarding starting courses of study leading to award of degrees as specified and notified u/s 22 of the UGC Act, 1956 has been under the active consideration of the UGC for quite some time.

On careful consideration, it has been decided that Institutions Deemed to be Universities will be empowered to start degree courses such as B.A., B.Sc. M.A., M.Com, M.Sc. etc. as specified and notified u/s 22 of the UGC Act, 1956, covered under general education in sciences, social sciences and humanities (i.e. excluding professional courses), without any prior approval of the Commission, provided that such general courses of study are offered by them on a regular basis through class-room teaching at their approved campuses and are not offered through distance mode; and further subject to the condition that Institutions Deemed to be Universities follow the UGC Regulations issued from time to time in this regard. In other words, it is hereby clarified that for the purposes of offering general courses in sciences, social sciences and humanities, Institutions Deemed to be Universities are at par with the State and Central Universities mentioned in section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 and, no prior approval of the Commission would be mandatory to start such general courses.

It has further been decided that subject to the provisions of any Act governing the respective Statutory Councils, in respect of professional courses offered by Institutions Deemed to be Universities through the conventional class-room mode at their approved Campuses, although no prior approval would be required to be taken by the Institutions deemed to be University to start new courses as are related or allied to courses already on offer, yet, the Institutes will be required to maintain the norms and standards laid down by the respective professional/statutory councils which shall be open for verification by the UGC and the appropriate Council, as the case may be, in terms of the notification of Central Government No.2-1/2006 U.3(A) dated 5th April, 2006 (**copy enclosed for ready reference**).

Yours faithfully,

(Renu Batra)

To:- Vice-Chancellors/Directors
of all the deemed to be universities .