Dear Vice Chancellor/Director,

I once again invite your kind attention to the Report of the University Grants Commission (UGC) titled: SAKSHAM - Measures for Ensuring the Safety of Women and Programmes for Gender Sensitization on Campuses. As a follow-up of this Report, the UGC is committed to the policy of zero tolerance with regard to harassment of any kind in the institutions of higher education. A number of communications have also been sent to you by the UGC with a request to constitute committees and separate cells to deal with the issues of Gender-Based violence and Gender Sensitization Programmes.

Of late, some unfortunate incidents which are not in conformity with the spirit of the measures suggested have come to the notice of the UGC in spite of the Guidelines issued by the UGC. You will agree that instances like these de-accelerate the very purpose of the type of mission and discourage women students in a majority of cases to go for further studies which is against the spirit of 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' drive launched by the Government of India (GoI).

I would, therefore, request you to personally ensure that the campus of your university is free of any incident which is in violation of the Guidelines issued and campus environment is conducive and safe for all students, especially girl students.

I shall be grateful if the UGC is kept informed of the steps initiated by you in this regard.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

(Ved Prakash)

The Vice Chancellor/Director
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