

**UGC (Declaration of Government Educational Institutions as Institutions of Eminence)
Guidelines, 2017**

(for providing regulatory structure for enabling higher educational institutions to become world class teaching & research institutions)

1. Introduction:

There is a felt need to create a distinct category of deemed to be Universities, called Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities, which shall be regulated differently from other deemed to be universities so as to evolve into institutions of world class in a reasonable time period. This is in order to implement the commitment of the government announced by the Hon'ble Finance Minister in his budget speech in 2016. As per the Budget announcement:

'It is our commitment to empower Higher Educational Institutions to help them become world class teaching and research institutions. An enabling regulatory architecture will be provided to ten public and ten private institutions to emerge as world-class Teaching and Research Institutions. This will enhance affordable access to high quality education for ordinary Indians. A detailed scheme will be formulated.'

2. Objective:

2.1 To provide an enabling regulatory architecture to ten public and ten private Higher Educational Institutions to emerge as world-class Teaching and Research Institutions.

3. Application:

3.1 The present guidelines shall apply to Government Institutions viz. Central Universities, Government owned and controlled Deemed to be Universities, Institutions of National Importance such as Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Information Technology, National Institutes of Technology and Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research, Government owned standalone Institutions working under individual MoAs, such as Indian Institutes of Management and State Universities set up under a law made by Legislative Assembly of a State (Collectively referred as Government Institutions of Eminence).

4. Expectations from a Government Institution of Eminence:

4.1 While a Government Institution declared as an Institution of Eminence, is free to choose its path to become an institution of global repute, an indicative list of parameters, the institution should satisfy within a reasonable pre-determined time frame from the date of notification declaring it as a Institution of Eminence are as follows:

- i) It should preferably be multi-disciplinary and have both teaching and research focus of an exceptionally high quality.
- ii) Apart from the regular courses, it should also offer various inter-disciplinary courses, including in areas of emerging technology and interest as well as those of relevance to the development concerns of countries like India.
- iii) It should have a good proportion of foreign or foreign qualified faculty. Institutions which succeed in mobilizing a broadly diverse national and international academic staff are likely to maximise knowledge capacity. Foreign / Foreign qualified faculty means:
 - a. Any faculty of non Indian citizenship. or