D.O. No.F.1-1/2014 (Teacher Education)

Dear Vice-Chancellor,

You may kindly recall that the UGC has been requesting you for promotion and strengthening of Teacher Education programmes in the University system. For this purpose, you were specifically requested vide our letter dated 30th June, 2014 to align your Teacher Education Programmes with the National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education (NCFTE), 2009. Besides, you were also requested to undertake some more measures given as under:

1. To align all teacher education programmes with the present regulatory provisions of NCTE.
2. To devise ways and means to run integrated Teacher Education Programmes (TEP).
3. To direct the UGC Academic Staff college (ASC), if there is any at your Campus, to prepare modules for both Refresher and Orientation Training Programmes for Teacher Educators.
4. To encourage and support Department of Teacher Education to promote specializations within the domain of Teacher Education.
5. To make special efforts to strengthen post-graduate programmes in the Department of Education.
6. To ensure strict compliance of NCTE regulatory framework, prescribed by the NCTE, whilst granting affiliation to a teacher training institution.

I trust you might have taken necessary steps to ensure the implementation of aforesaid measures.

Now, NCTE has come out with new Regulations and Norms and Standards in respect of 15 Teacher Education Programmes. Of these 15 programmes, nine programmes fall under the domain of the University system. Chairman, NCTE has already requested all the Universities to initiate necessary preparations for the development of courses and scheme of examination, etc. for these new programmes so that they can be commenced from the new academic session 2015-16.

It may be mentioned that there are no issues in so far as nomenclature of degrees of these 9 programmes are concerned as they are already included in UGC’s notification dated 5-11 July, 2014, which is available on UGC’s website www.ugc.ac.in. Hence, there is no legal hindrance for the Universities to conduct these degree programmes in so far as nomenclatures of degrees are concerned. The only variation is with regard to the duration of the programme, since the NCTE has increased the duration of B.Ed. and M.Ed. programmes from one year to two years. Besides, the duration of the integrated programme provided in the NCTE Regulations is also not in line with UGC’s present notification. But the UGC is going to address these issues shortly so as to bring it in conformity with NCTE’s Regulations in the overall interest of teacher preparation programmes.

At the end, once again may I request you to take all necessary steps to implement all the provisions of NCTE Regulations, 2014 with effect from academic session 2015-16 in the larger interest of teacher education programmes in the country.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Ved Prakash)

The Vice Chancellors of all Universities,