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**Public Notice**

**Karnataka State Open University, Mysore – Discontinuation of recognition of programmes through ODL mode**

1. Karnataka State Open University, Mysore, in collaboration with private institutions/entities/coaching centres spread all over the country and even abroad, has been offering programmes through distance learning mode by blatantly flouting the norms, guidelines and directives of University Grants Commission and erstwhile Distance Education Council of Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi. Taking cognizance of this fact, the programmes offered by KSOU, Mysore has not been recognized by UGC beyond 2012-13. This has been done after issue of a Show Cause notice to them on 10.06.2011 and after considering their response including personal hearing of the officials of the University.
2. It has, however, been noticed that despite this the university remained undeterred and is continuing to offer programmes through distance learning mode in violation of the UGC policy on territorial jurisdiction vide UGC public notice dated 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. The university has also been offering professional/technical programmes in violation of the norms of the concerned regulatory bodies and without their approval. Moreover, the university has been offering engineering programmes, despite clear directions of Ministry of Human Resource of Development vide their D.O letter No. 6-7/2009-DL dated 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 and DEC letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 and recent UGC public notice dated 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 (All the three letters available on UGC DEB website). The university has also started offering online programmes, which are not recognised by UGC, as an exclusive method of distance education.
3. The General Public, students and other stake holders are, therefore, cautioned through this public notice against the wrong reporting/publicity in newspaper and television by the university about its territorial jurisdiction and about validity of the recognition of its programmes, including professional/technical programmes. Taking admissions to such programmes may jeopardise the career of the students, in view of the absence of recognition of the programmes of the university by UGC.

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