

**University Grants Commission  
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**Press Release**

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**Initiative for recognition/establishment of Institutions of Eminence**

The Government is committed to improvement of quality of higher educational institutions. In this regard, the Government intends to establish twenty 'Institutions of Eminence' to achieve world class status, from amongst the existing Government/private institutions and new institutions from the private sector.

To achieve this goal, University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified the following enabling Regulatory architecture:-

- (i) UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 for private institutions
- (ii) UGC (Declaration of Government Educational Institutions as Institutions of Eminence) Guidelines, 2017 for public Institutions

The objective is to provide for greater Academic, Financial, Administrative and other regulatory autonomy to 10 public and 10 private higher educational institutions to emerge as world-class teaching and research institutions. The Institutions declared as Institutions of Eminence will be free from the usual regulatory mechanism to choose their path to become institutions of global repute with emphasis on multi disciplinary initiatives, high quality research, global best practices and international collaborations.

UGC has invited proposals from the eligible and interested applicants to become Institutions of Eminence (IOEs) under the following categories:-

- (i) Existing Government educational institutions.
- (ii) Existing private higher educational institutions to upgrade themselves to Institutions of Eminence.
- (iii) Sponsoring organizations for setting up of new Institutions of Eminence.

The Government Educational Institutions selected as public institutions of eminence under (i) above will be given financial incentives. The selected applicants from category (ii) and (iii) above will be declared as 'Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities'.

**Secretary, UGC**