D.O.No.F.1-1/2018(Secy)  
4th June, 2018

**Subject: UGC Quality Mandate**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed UGC ‘Quality Mandate’, approved by the Commission in its 532nd meeting held on 24.05.2018, for improving the quality in higher educational institutions. The mandate strives to achieve the objectives set by the year 2022.

The detailed guidelines in respect of the objectives/initiatives are being developed by UGC for implementation of the Quality Mandate and will be circulated in due course of time.

You are kindly requested to initiate appropriate necessary actions in your university and the colleges affiliated to the university, as applicable.

Look forward to your continued support in planned and co-ordinated development of quality higher education in the country.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajnish Jain)

The Vice-Chancellor of all Universities.

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(Rajnish Jain)
The Commission, in its 532\textsuperscript{nd} meeting held on 24-05-2018, approved the objectives set for improving the quality in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). All HEIs shall strive to achieve the following Objectives by 2022:

1. Improve the graduate outcomes for the students, so that at least 50% of them secure access to employment/self-employment or engage themselves in pursuit of higher education.

2. Promote link of the students with the society/industry such that at least 2/3rd of the students engage in socially productive activities during their period of study in the institutions.

3. Train the students in essential professional and soft skills such as team work, communication skills, leadership skills, time management skills etc; inculcate human values and professional ethics, and the spirit of innovation/entrepreneurship and critical thinking among the students and promote avenues for display of these talents.

4. Ensure that teacher vacancies at any point of time does not exceed 10% of the sanctioned strength; and 100% of the teachers are oriented about the latest and emerging trends in their respective domains of knowledge, and the pedagogies that translate their knowledge to the students.
5. Every institution shall get NAAC accreditation with a minimum score of 2.5 by 2022.

The following initiatives shall be undertaken in pursuit of the above objectives:

1. Induction programme for students.
2. Learning outcome-based curriculum framework - revision of curriculum in regular intervals.
3. Use ICT based learning tools for effective teaching-learning process.
4. Soft skills for students.
5. Social and Industry connect for every institution: Every institution shall adopt at least 5 villages for exchange of knowledge and for the overall social/economic betterment of the village communities.
6. Examination Reforms - test the concept, and application; exit examinations.
7. Tracking of the student progress after completion of course.
8. Induction training for all new teachers, and annual refresher training for all teachers - role of the NRCs; and mandatory leadership/management training for all educational administrators.
9. Promoting quality research by faculty and creation of new knowledge.
10. Mentoring of non-accredited institutions, so that every institution can get accreditation by 2022.