

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG NEW DELHI – 110 002

PUBLIC NOTICE - DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

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It has come to the notice of the UGC that some Universities/Deemed to be Universities/Institutions are offering programs through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode in gross violation of the policy of the erstwhile DEC/UGC. These Universities/Deemed to be Universities/Institutions are issuing misleading advertisements by stating that their programmes are recognized by the UGC.

As per the present policy, State Universities (both Public & Private) cannot set up their off-campus/study centre outside the State where they have been established. And, even within the State, Private Universities are required to take prior permission of the UGC to establish their study centre/off-campus. Similarly, Deemed to be Universities are required to take prior permission of the UGC to establish any off-campus centre/study centre outside their main campus. It is pertinent to mention that No University/Institution Deemed to be University/Institution is permitted to offer Diploma/Bachelor/Master level programmes under ODL mode in Engineering & Technology. The policy of the UGC with regard to territorial jurisdiction and off -campuses/study centres has been clearly articulated in its Public Notice dated 27.06.2013, which is posted on the UGC website for the knowledge of the public. It may also be noted that the UGC has so far not accorded recognition to any university/institution to offer 'online' programmes.

Students, parents and public in general, are hereby, informed that the list of the recognized institutions (alongwith the courses), which are permitted to offer programmes through ODL mode is posted on the UGC's website and can be accessed from www.ugc.ac.in/deb. The qualifications acquired through ODL mode from a non-recognized institution of higher learning shall neither be recognized for the purpose of employment in government service nor for pursuing higher education.