

To  
The Principal  
(All Colleges that applied for conferment/extension of autonomous status)

9<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Sub: Compliance with UGC Regulations / Guidelines -reg.**

Madam/Sir,

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has been conferring autonomous status to colleges across the country. Guided by the NEP 2020, UGC has been promoting autonomy to the colleges in order to enhance the quality of higher education in the country. Pursuant to the notification of the UGC (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023, the number of proposals for autonomous status has increased manifold.

However, it is felt that a certain level of handholding and monitoring by UGC is required in order to maintain the quality of education, accountability and good governance and to ensure compliance with the various UGC Regulations and Guidelines.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasises transparent self-disclosure by Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Public self-disclosure by HEIs, in fact, is one of the fundamental principles of the policy. NEP contemplates that HEIs shall be responsible and accountable to the stakeholders through transparent self-disclosure of all relevant records. The availability of information in the public domain is an important source of accountability. Stakeholders in the higher education system, such as students, parents, research scholars, prospective students, regulatory bodies, accreditation agencies, alumni, and the public, desire to seek information from the websites of HEIs.

Every HEI shall maintain a functional website for making relevant self-disclosures to the stakeholders. The disclosure made on the website shall have unrestricted access without any requirement of login/registration and shall have a **‘Search’ facility** for easy access.

All the information, as per the UGC guidelines, may be uploaded on the college website under a separate link/heading – **“UGC Public Self Disclosure”**, within 15 days.

Therefore, all the colleges are requested to comply with the UGC Guidelines on Public Self-Disclosure by Higher Education Institutions (copy attached). It may be noted that various Committees / Cells mentioned in these guidelines shall be diligently constituted as per the corresponding UGC Regulations / Guidelines, which are available on the UGC website (<https://www.ugc.gov.in/>).

Some of the Regulations / Guidelines are mentioned below for easy reference:

1. Establishment and composition of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) strictly as per the UGC (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of sexual harassment of Women Employees and Students in HEIs) Regulations, 2016.

2. UGC (Redress of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023, and Composition of SGRC as per these Regulations.
3. Guidelines for Institutional Development Plans for Higher Education Institutions
4. Guidelines "Accessibility Guidelines and Standards for Higher Education Institutions and Universities"
5. Guidelines for Establishment of Research & Development Cell in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
6. UGC Fee Refund Policy.
7. UGC Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2013
8. Guidelines to Provide Equitable Opportunity for the Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Group (SEDGs) in the HEIs

Compliance with the above UGC Regulations and Guidelines is essential for all HEIs to get and sustain autonomous status as well as other privileges from UGC.

The college/institution shall upload an undertaking on the letterhead of the College, with the seal and signature of the Principal / Head of the College / Institution, that the college has complied with the UGC Guidelines on Public Self-Disclosure by Higher Education Institutions.

The undersigned may be contacted for any clarification about the status of the proposal of the college, wherever necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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