

To  
The Principal  
(All Colleges that applied for autonomous status)

1<sup>st</sup> July 2025

**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 (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 has been observed that a certain level of monitoring and handholding by UGC may be required in order to maintain the quality of education, accountability and good governance and to ensure compliance with the various UGC Regulations and Guidelines.

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 Higher Education Institution 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.

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

Compliance with the above UGC Regulations and Guidelines is essential for getting and sustaining autonomous status.

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 it has complied with the UGC Guidelines on Public Self-Disclosure by Higher Education Institutions.

It may be noted that it takes about 2-3 months to complete the approval process if the application is complete in all respects. **You are advised not to entertain any unauthorized person in this regard.**

You may contact the undersigned for any clarification about the status of your proposal after a period of 2 months from the date of submission of proposals on the portal.

Yours sincerely,

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