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Sub: Implementation of the University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023 -Regarding

Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, the College autonomy is instrumental in promoting broad-based quality education and excellence.

Furthermore, National Education Policy 2020 emphasizes that HEIs to offer programmes, with high quality teaching, research, and community engagement. In line with the NEP 2020, the Commission has notified University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023.

The Regulations envisage a pivotal role of Universities for autonomy of colleges. However, it has come to the notice of the UGC that several universities are not responding on the UGC portal in the processing of the application of the affiliated colleges for grant of autonomous status within the 30 working days or delay in issuing notification within 30 days for a college to function as an autonomous entity once the autonomous status is conferred on the college by UGC.

It has also been noticed that some Universities do not allow complete autonomy to the autonomous colleges in the matter of designing syllabus, introduction of new courses, and evolving methods of assessment of students’ performance etc. as per provisions of the Regulations. Certain Universities ask the colleges to sign a MOU/Agreement having terms and conditions against the provisions of the UGC Regulations.

The affiliating universities are requested to implement the University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023 in letter & spirit.

Your support and contribution will go a long way in achieving the objectives of autonomy of colleges to enhance quality of higher education in the country.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Manish Joshi)

To

The Vice-Chancellors of all Universities