Respected Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, the academic calendar of a Higher Education Institution (HEI) is a schedule that lists all the events that are scheduled to take place during an academic year, such as the commencement of classes, examinations, vacations, the last day of the semester, etc.

The Academic Calendar provides complete visibility of the planned events throughout the year for all the stakeholders, including students. Releasing the calendar in advance ensures that academic activities are conducted as per the plan. This helps in promoting quality teaching-learning and research.

In this regard, the UGC (Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of the First Degree through Formal Education) Regulations, 2003, as amended from time to time, provides as under:

"4.5. Every university shall ensure that the classes for courses in subjects other than professional courses for the first year students shall commence by not later than the first week of August and for the students of second year onwards, by not later than the third week of July. The results for all the courses shall be declared by not later than last week of June.

A flexibility of upto two weeks may be allowed for professional courses in commencement of classes for students of 2nd year and later keeping view the requirement of project work, summer schools and internship, etc. in professional courses."

Further, the UGC (Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of the Master's Degree through Formal Education) Regulations, 2003, as amended from time to time, provides the following:

"4.5. Every university shall ensure that the classes for courses in subjects other than professional courses for the first year students shall commence by not later than the first week of August and for the students of second year onwards, by not later than the third week of July. The results for all the courses shall be declared by not later than last week of June.

A flexibility of upto two weeks may be allowed for professional courses in commencement of classes for students of 2nd year and later keeping view the requirement of project work, summer schools and internship, etc. in professional courses."

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In addition, clauses 4.1 and 4.2 of the UGC (Grant of Degree and Other Awards by Universities) Regulations, 2008 states the following:

"4.1. At the beginning of each academic year, the University shall announce its academic calendar, giving the schedules for all its activities during the year;

4.2. In addition to the schedules for academic activities like courses and examinations, the calendar shall also include the date/s for Degree awards."

In view of the foregoing, the Higher Education Institutions are requested to announce their academic calendar, giving the schedules for all its activities during the year, and also adhere to the timeline for the commencement of the academic session, exam schedule, and declaration of results, etc. as prescribed by the UGC or the relevant Statutory Regulatory Councils, where applicable.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Manish Joshi)

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