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The Vice-Chancellor
Eastern Institute for Integrated learning in Management
(EILM) University,
Jorethang, District – Namchi,
Sikkim – 737 121.

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Subject :- Courses run by EILM University (Private University), Jorethang, District Namchi (Sikkim) under distance mode through Study Centre(s), Off-campus and Franchisee Centre(s) without the approval of UGC and DEC.

Sir,

As you are aware, all the Private Universities are regulated by the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003. As per the provisions contained in these Regulations, a Private University has to take prior approval of UGC to open off-campus centre(s) and study centre(s). Private Universities being unitary in nature cannot affiliate any college or institution for conducting courses leading to award of its diplomas, degrees or other qualifications. Further, no Private University can offer its programmes through franchising arrangement with private coaching institutions or other private parties even for the purpose of conducting course through distance mode.

It has come to the notice of UGC that EILM University, Jorethang, District Namchi (Sikkim) is conducting various technical and general courses under distance mode and regular mode through its Study Centre(s), Off-campus Centre(s), off-shore campus centre(s) and Franchisee Centre(s) without the approval of University Grants Commission and Distance Education Council. The UGC and Distance Education Council have also received several complaints about these Centre(s) issuing degrees to students without conducting any exams or practicals, misleading students by promoting wrong information on website, selling degrees by charging money instead of providing classes or conducting exams, selling degrees in India and abroad by conducting courses in one sitting, etc.

The UGC has taken a serious view of the complete violation of UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003 by the EILM University. The University is hereby directed to:-

1. Conduct courses in regular mode only at the main campus of the University with the prior approval of Statutory Council(s), wherever required. The list of the degrees specified by the UGC under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956 is available on the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in.

2. Immediately discontinue all the courses run under distance mode in the country and abroad as these courses are run without the approval of UGC and DEC.
3. Courses under distance mode can be conducted only after prior approval of UGC.
4. Immediately close down all the 'Admission-cum-Counselling Centres' which are admitting students for courses run under distance mode.
5. Immediately close down all the off-campus centre(s), off-shore campus centre(s), Study Centre(s) and Franchisee Centre(s) as these are established without the approval of UGC.

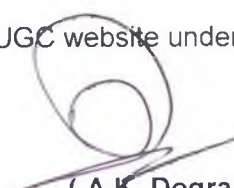
Failing to comply with the above directions, the UGC may take action against the EILM University as per the provisions of the UGC Act and UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003. The University is requested to submit a compliance report in respect of the above on urgent basis.

Yours faithfully,


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Copy to:-

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim, Development Area, Arithang, Gangtok, Sikkim.
2. Shri R. Telang, Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Hon'ble Governor, The Rajbhavan, Gangtok, Sikkim.
3. Shri C.S. Rao, Secretary, Human Resource Development Department, Government of Sikkim, Tashiling Secretariat, Gangtok, East Sikkim.
4. Dr. Y.P. Nepal, Joint Director, Directorate of Higher Education, Human Resource Development Department, Government of Sikkim, Tashiling Secretariat, Gangtok, East Sikkim.
5. The Director (ICR), Director, Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. Shri Gegee Norbu N, SPS, Dy. Supdt. of Police, South District, Namchi, Sikkim.
7. ✓ The Publication Officer, UGC, New Delhi – to post this letter on the UGC website under 'Urgent Public Notice'.


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