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University Grants Commission

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Dear Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956, which is reproduced below, degrees, which may be awarded by the universities, are specified by the Commission:

*"The right of conferring or granting degrees shall be exercised only by a University established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, A Provincial Act or a State Act or an institution deemed to be a University under section 3 or an institution specially empowered by an Act of Parliament to confer or grant degrees."*

(2) *Save as provided in sub-section (1), no person or authority shall confer, or grant, or hold himself or itself out as entitled to confer or grant, any degree.*

(3) *For the purposes of this section, "degree means any such degrees as may, with the previous approval of the Central Government, be specified in this behalf by the Commission by notification in the official Gazette."*

This provision is mandatory and binding on all Universities. The Commission has been, time and again, requesting the Universities to award degrees only within the framework of Section 22 of the UGC Act.

It has further been directed by the UGC that:

*"No University shall confer a degree in violation to the provisions of this notification. It shall be mandatory for the Universities to adhere to the approved nomenclature of degree(s) and ensure the observance of the minimum standards of instruction before award of a degree as hereinafter prescribed."*

The consolidated list of UGC approved nomenclature of degree(s) for the purpose of Section 22(3) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 notified in The Gazette of India published in July, 2014, is available on UGC website ([www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in)).

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It has been observed that some universities/institutions are awarding unspecified degrees leading to litigations and different problems for the students conferred with such degrees. Even NET qualified candidates with such unspecified degrees are also denied their certificates.

It is further mentioned that the UGC Regulations being statutory in nature are binding for Universities and Colleges and any violation thereof may warrant appropriate action against the erring institutions. Contravention of the provisions relating to the specification of degrees shall render the defaulting university and its affiliated colleges liable for appropriate action by the UGC.

The Universities, are once again, requested to abide by the provision of Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956 and award only such degrees as have been specified by the UGC in The Gazette of India published in July, 2014.

If a university wishes to award a degree other than the one specified by the UGC or change the duration of the course specified as minimum in the said notification, it shall approach the UGC for its approval six months prior to starting the degree programme with full justification on the course to be started.

The period of six months is granted for aligning the degrees as per the Gazette notification available on UGC website ([www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in)) and report the compliance to University Grants Commission.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Jaspal S. Sandhu)

The Vice Chancellor of all Universities as per list attached.

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