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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sub: KUFOS – Verification of authenticity and recognition status of educational institutions before seeking admission or engaging in any dealings – Public Advisory issued by UGC – Circulation – Reg.

Ref:

1. Order dated 09.10.2026 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P. (C) No. 531/2025.
2. Letter No. 6-17/2026(AMPC)/184754 dated 17.11.2026 from the University Grants Commission, New Delhi.

In pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 09.10.2026 read as 1st above, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued a Public Advisory regarding verification of the authenticity and recognition status of educational institutions before seeking admission or entering into any academic or financial arrangements.

As per the advisory issued by the UGC, students, parents, guardians and members of the general public are advised to exercise due caution and verify the authenticity and legal status of educational institutions before seeking admission or making any academic or financial commitment.

Accordingly, the Public Advisory issued by the UGC is hereby published for the information of the general public, particularly students, parents and guardians, in the interest of public awareness and to safeguard their academic and financial interests.

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PUBLIC ADVISORY

In pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 09.10.2026 in Case W.P. (C) No. 531/2025 the University Grants Commission (UGC), taking note of activities relating to educational institutions operating in the country, advises all concerned authorities and institutions, particularly students, parents, guardians and members of the general public, to exercise due caution and verify the authenticity and legal status of an educational institution before seeking admission or entering into any academic or financial arrangement with it.

Accordingly, students, parents, guardians and members of the public are advised to verify the following before taking admission or making any academic or financial commitment:

1. **Legal establishment or recognition:** Whether the institution has been legally established or recognized under the applicable laws.

2. **Authority to offer programmes and award qualifications:** Whether the institution is legally authorized to offer the programme concerned and award the relevant degree or qualification under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, and other applicable laws.

3. **Statutory and regulatory approvals:** Whether the requisite recognition, approvals or permissions have been obtained from the UGC and other concerned statutory or regulatory authorities, wherever applicable.

4. **Permissibility of the programme and mode of delivery:** Whether the programme, mode of study and location of delivery, including distance education, online education, off-campus centres and study centres, are permitted under the applicable laws and regulations.

The public is cautioned against relying solely on advertisements, websites, brochures, social media posts or claims made by institutions regarding their recognition, affiliation, approvals or authority to award degrees. Such claims should be independently verified through official sources, including the UGC website (https://www.ugc.gov.in/) and the websites of the concerned statutory and regulatory authorities.

For the purpose of verification, the following information published by the UGC may be referred to:

List of Universities: The UGC has published a category-wise list of universities, which may be accessed at the following link:
https://www.ugc.gov.in/universitydetails/university?type=LZ1FUMk6U2JWGNLvhWfVSA==

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List of Fake Universities: The UGC periodically notifies the list of fake universities. The latest available list may be accessed at the following link:
https://www.ugc.gov.in/universitydetails/HEIs_Violating_Regulations?tab=fakeuni

All concerned authorities and institutions are requested to give wide publicity to this advisory to promote public awareness and safeguard the academic and financial interests of students and the general public.

This advisory is issued in the public interest in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 09.10.2026 in Case W.P. (C) No. 531/2025.

(Sudeep Singh Jain)