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To The Principals, (All Autonomous Colleges)

Sub: Monitoring of Autonomous Colleges -reg.

Madam/Sir,

UGC has been conferring autonomous status to the colleges across the country. Guided by the NEP 2020, UGC has been promoting autonomy to the colleges in order to enhance academic innovation and quality of education. Pursuant to the University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023, the number of autonomous colleges has increased manifold.

However, it has been observed that a certain level of monitoring and handholding by UGC may be required in order to maintain quality of education, accountability and good governance and to ensure compliance with the UGC Regulations, 2023.

Therefore, all the autonomous colleges are requested to scrupulously comply with the following provisions of the Regulations, 2023 mentioned under Regulation 9 under the heading - Monitoring of Autonomous Colleges:

9.1 An IQAC shall be established in the Autonomous College for regular monitoring of the College. The IQAC shall have an external Peer Team comprising of 2 or more members who shall be academicians of repute not below the rank of Professor. The report regarding the performance of the Autonomous College shall also be put in the public domain on the website of the College. The external peer review shall be conducted at least once a year.

9.2 On its own or in case of an adverse report by the external peer team of IQAC or on receipt of any information/complaint, UGC may cause an inspection by constituting an Expert Committee for scrutiny and may revoke the autonomous status of the College after giving due opportunity of hearing to the management by way of notification and by passing a speaking order.

9.3 The Autonomous College shall, without fail, upload on its website, information regarding the courses offered by it, the fees for the courses, the details of the faculty along with qualification and unique ID, the admission procedure, the details of relevant infrastructures, research activities of the Autonomous College along with the details of Ph.D students enrolled, if any, with the date of enrolment, topics and supervisor.

9.4 The Autonomous College shall also put on its website the constitution of various Committees/Cells as mandated in the various UGC Regulations notified from time to

time. The Autonomous College shall conduct the meetings of the statutory bodies regularly and upload the minutes of the meetings on the college website.

9.5 The Autonomous College shall also upload such information on such web portals as may be specified by the Commission, from time to time.

Apart from the above requirements, the Autonomous Colleges shall also ensure the following:

- 1. Establishment and composition of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) as per the UGC (Prevention, prohibition and redressal of sexual harassment of women employees and students in HEIs) Regulation, 2015.
- 2. Compliance with UGC (Redress of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2015, and Composition of SGRC as per these Regulations.
- 3. Compliance with the UGC Guidelines on Public Self-Disclosure by Higher Education Institutions.
- 4. Compliance with the UGC Fee Refund policy.

You are also requested to submit an undertaking about the compliance of the above to UGC and upload the undertaking on the website of the college. The undertaking, on the letterhead of the College, shall bear the seal and signature of the Principal / Director of the College / Institution.

This may be taken up on priority and a copy of the undertaking may be sent to the undersigned by email at <u>ugcmonitoringac@gmail.com</u> within 30 days of receiving this communication.

Yours sincerely,

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