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Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Higher Education

From

The Secretary (Education) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

1. The Director of School Education
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-01
2. The Director of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-02

Dated, Shimla-2, the

22nd July, 2025

Subject: Awareness Campaign on Fake Universities and Verification of ODI/
Online Programmes.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that the University Grants commission has regularly updates the list of fake universities on its official website and advised the State Government to take appropriate action against unauthorized institutions operating within their jurisdiction. UGC also issues Public Notices to caution students about enrolling in programmes offered under Open & Distance learning (ODL) and Online Learning modes. Therefore, keeping in view to prevent admissions into unrecognized or fake universities and to protect student's academic and professional futures, therefore, you are requested to remain vigilant and advise the students before taking admission in any private institutions to take the following steps:-

1. To verify the credentials of Higher Education's Institutions (HEIs) through the Official website of UGC (www.ugc.gov.in) before applying for admission.
2. Students who are interested for admission in ODL and Online Programmes, must ensure the following:
 - (i) Confirm the recognition status of the HEI for the relevant academic session on the UGC-DEB website: <https://deb.ugc.ac.in>.
 - (ii) Verify programme details on the HEI's official website.
 - (iii) Be aware of the list of prohibited programmes and the ban on franchising arrangements.

(iv) Ensure that all ODL activates are being conducted within the permissible Territorial jurisdiction.

Yours faithfully,

(Manjeet Singh)

Under Secretary (Hr. Edu) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

22nd July, 2025

Endst. No. As above,

Dated, Shimla-2, the

Copy forwarded to following for information and further necessary action:

1. The Secretary, University Grant Commission, Ministry of Education, GoI, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002 w.r.t. his D.O. No. F-7-3/2012(AMPC) dated 30th June, 2025.
2. The Registrar, HP University, Shimla-05 with the request to aware the students about the above and upload the same in Official Website.
3. The Registrar, Sardar Patel University, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh with the request to aware the students about the above and upload the same in Official Website.
4. The Secretary HP School Education Board Dharamshla with the request to remain vigilant and to advise the Students at +2 levels about above by making special campaign in this regard at school level.
5. The Secretary HP-Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission with the request to take necessary action against the unauthorized institutions and issue direction to all Private Institutions to aware the students to get admission in unauthorized institutions.
6. Guard File.

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