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Subject: UGC guidelines for Re-Opening the Universities and Colleges Post Lockdown due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Respected Madam /Sir,

Universities and other educational institutions across the country have been closed since 16th March, 2020 when the Government of India announced a countrywide lockdown as one of the measures to contain the COVID-19 outbreak. Keeping in view of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown, the University Grants Commission issued "Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in View of Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent Lockdown" on 29th April, 2020 and then, on 6th July, 2020. The universities and colleges have put in their best efforts to continue their academic programmes and complete the syllabi using various ICT tools of teaching and learning since their closure from mid-March onwards.

The new academic session is going on and the universities and colleges need a customized plan, as per the local conditions where they are located, to deal with any eventuality arising due the COVID -19 before resuming the activities on campuses. The top priority, while opening the institutions, should be the safety, health and well-being of the students, teachers and staff. In view of this, UGC has framed "Guidelines for Re-Opening the Universities and Colleges Post Lockdown due to COVID-19 Pandemic" (**Annexure-I**) which provide in detail the measures to be taken before re-opening of campuses. These Guidelines have also been vetted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Education. The Guidelines may be adopted by the institutions as per the local conditions and directives of the Government authorities.

You are requested to adopt these guidelines and take necessary steps to implement them accordingly. Further, the universities/colleges have to ensure that it is prepared in all respects to carry out the academic activities following necessary advisories / guidelines / directions issued by the Central / State Government, Ministry of Education (MoE) or UGC from time to time to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajnish Jain)

Encl : As above

To

1. The Vice-Chancellor of All Universities
2. The Principals of all Colleges