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Directorate of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh

शिक्षा निदेशालय उच्चतर हि०प्र०

20 JUN 2026

Dated: Shimla 171001

the शिमला - June, 2026

To

All the Principal(s) of Govt./Skt./Pvt.
Colleges, in Himachal Pradesh.

Subject:

Request to alert the students regarding verification of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to avoid admission in Fake Universities-Reg.

Please find enclosed herewith, a copy of letter No. EDUA-A009/2/2024-EDU-A/189950 dated 16.05.2026 received from the Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, regarding the Public Notice issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC) on self-styled/fake universities and educational institutions.

In this context, you are directed to take the following steps at the level of your College, and to advise students and parents/guardians accordingly, in order to prevent admissions into unrecognized or fake universities and to protect students' academic and professional futures:

1. Display the UGC Public Notice dated 18th March, 2025 prominently on the College notice board and disseminate the same through the College website, circulars, and parent-teacher interactions, wherever applicable.
2. Advise students intending to pursue further studies, particularly through ODL/Online programmes, to verify the recognition status of the concerned HEI through the UGC website (www.ugc.gov.in) and the UGC-DEB website (<https://deb.ugc.ac.in>) before taking admission.
3. Counsel students, along with their parents/guardians, about the risks associated with self-styled universities/educational institutions.
4. Disseminate the UGC's awareness video on this subject, available at the link provided in the Secretary (Education)'s letter (enclosed), through College communication channels.

All Principals are directed to go through the enclosed letter carefully and take further necessary action accordingly.

Encl.: As above

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Dr. Harish Kumar
Director of Hr. Education
Himachal Pradesh

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Dated: Shimla-171001 the शिमला-1

June, 2026

Copy to: -

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh for information please.
2. Guard file.

Director of Hr. Education
Himachal Pradesh

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Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Higher Education

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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

16th May, 2026

Subject:

Request to alert the students regarding verification of Higher Educational
Institutions (HEIs) to avoid admission the Fake Universities-Reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that the University Grants commission has regularly published Public Notice in every year related to self-styled universities/ educational institutions and also regularly updates the list of fake universities on its official website. This initiative is aimed at creating awareness among students, parents, and other stakeholders, advising them not to seek admission in such self-styled universities/ educational Institutions, as doing so may seriously jeopardize their academic and professional future. 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.

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

3. Inform and counsel students of classes X and XII, alongwith their parents/ guardians, about the risks associated with self-styled universities/ educational institutions.
4. Display the UGC Public Notice dated 18th March, 2025 prominently on school notice boards and disseminate it through school websites, circulars, and parent-teacher meetings.
5. The UGC has made a short video to protect students from falling into the trap of self-styled educational institutions/ universities. The link for the same is as under:
<https://drive.gogle.com/drive/folders/13iboT7cyPPF6p4KLUgST2VE8sc8nbAp?usp=drive link>.

Yours faithfully,


(Manjeet Singh)

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


Endst. No. As above,

Dated, Shimla-2, the

May, 2026

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 9th April, 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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