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Directorate of Higher Education  
Himachal Pradesh.  
Dated: Shimla - 171001,

September, 2025

To

All Principals,  
Govt. Degree Colleges  
Himachal Pradesh.

Subject:-

Awareness Campaign on Fake University and Verification of ODL/  
Online Programmes.

This is with reference to UGC D.O. NO. F-7-3/2012(AMPC) dated 30.06.2025 received through Secretary (Edu.) to the Govt. of HP vide letter no. EDUA-A009/2/2024-EDU-A/189950 Dated 22.07.2025 on the subject cited above.

In this regard, it is informed that University Grants Commission (UGC) regularly updates the list of fake university on its official website and advise the State Government to take appropriate action against unauthorized intuitions operating with their jurisdiction. UGC also issues Public Notices to caution students about enrolling in programs offered under Open & Distance learning (ODI) and Online Learning modes. To prevent admissions in unrecognized or fake universities and to protect student's academic and professional future.

Therefore, student should be advised to remain vigilant and follow the steps given below before taking admission in any private institution:-

1. To verify the credentials of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) through the Official website of UGC ([www.ugc.gov.in](http://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 activities are being conducted within the permissible Territorial jurisdiction.

Jt. Director Higher Education  
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Copy for information and further necessary action to:-

1. The Secretary (Education), to the Govt. of HP w.r.t. letter no. EDUA-A009/2/2024-EDU-A/189950 Dated 22.07.2025.
2. The Registrar, HPU and SPU.
3. The Secretary, HP-Private-Educational Institutes Regulatory Commission Shimla.

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