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# UGC proposes faculty work for national integration

## Draft rule describes teacher as 'guardian' of students

NEW DELHI, DHNS: A set of draft rules, prepared by the University Grants Commission (UGC), has proposed to prohibit the university teachers from taking part in or subscribing to any activities on the campus that tend to promote feelings of hatred or enmity "among different communities, reli-

gions or linguistic groups."

They also seek the faculty members to "actively" work for national integration.

The UGC has come up with the draft regulations to amend the existing rules that prescribe minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers and other academic staff in the universities and colleges and

measures for maintenance of the standards in higher education. "Teachers should refrain from taking part in or subscribing to or assisting in any way activities, which tend to promote feeling of hatred or enmity among different communities, religions or linguistic groups but actively work for national integration," the draft rules prescribe.

They also prescribe that teachers should aid students to develop an understanding of "our national heritage and na-

tional goals." "Teachers should refrain from inciting students against other students, colleagues or administration," they also stipulate.

The draft rules of the Commission has described a university and a college teacher as "the guardian" of the students in their respective campus.

"The teachers should try to see through teachers' bodies and organizations, that institutions maintain contact with the guardians, their students, send reports of their performance

to the guardians whenever necessary and meet the guardians in meetings convened for the purpose for mutual exchange of ideas and for the benefit of the institution," the rules stipulate.

The proposed rules also seek to outline a university teacher's responsibility towards the society. "A teacher should recognize that education is a public service and strive to keep the public informed of the educational programmes which are being provided and work

to improve education in the community and strengthen the community's moral and intellectual life."

The proposed UGC rules demand a teacher to remain aware of the social problems and take part in "such activities as would be conducive" to the progress of society "and hence the country as a whole."

"Perform the duties of citizenship, participate in community activities and shoulder responsibilities of public offices," draft rules also prescribe.

# NEET for students going abroad to study

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Students wishing to study MBBS in foreign universities may soon have to clear the NEET as the government plans to make the test mandatory for them. According to a senior Health Ministry official, the proposal is at an advanced stage.

Since 2016, students who wish to study medicine in

any government or private medical college in India have to clear the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET).

"A mere 12-15% of the graduates who come back after studying abroad manage to clear the Foreign Medical Graduates Examination (FMGE). If they don't clear the FMGE, they don't get registered to practice in India.

In such cases, they start quackery or practice illegally, which can be dangerous. So the move is aimed at ensuring only competent students get to study medicine in foreign universities," the official said. FMGE is a licensure examination conducted by the Medical Council of India.

At present, a student who wishes to take up admission

to a medical course outside India has to obtain an 'Essentiality Certificate' from the MCI. Every year, around 7,000 students go outside India to study medicine, mostly to China and Russia.

## NOC on clearing NEET

"As per the data, the percentage of graduates who have studied abroad and have cleared the FMGE has

ranged between 13-26.9% in the last five years. This is really a matter of concern as they are not able to contribute to healthcare in India after they come back," the official explained.

Once the new proposal is approved, students aspiring to study medicine outside India will be given a No Objection Certificate only if they clear NEET, the official said.

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