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UGC wants quick action in curriculum revision

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked all universities to take "immediate action" to review and revise their curricula.

This comes days after a group of secretaries recommended, during their meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, that the curricula of all academic departments in universities across the country should be reviewed and revised "at least once in every three years".

"You are, therefore, requested to accord top priority to the matter and take immediate action so that the curricula of various programs offered at your university are revised and adopted for quick implementation by your university and the colleges affiliated to it," UGC secretary Jaspal S Sandhu said in a letter to vice chancellors of all universities.

The 11-member group of secretaries, constituted by the prime minister in October 2016 to look into the problems in the education sector and to come

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up with "new ideas" to further the government's reform agenda, submitted their report and recommendations to Modi on January 14. The review and revision of the academic curricula should focus on the supply of skill sets to make students "employable," Sandhu added.

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UNIVERSITIES which are not following the University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines on revising the curriculum once in three years have been asked to do so hence forth without fail.

In a recent meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Group of Secretaries on Education and Social Development recommended the mandatory revision of curriculum at university level.

In an official circular issued to authorities of all the universities across the nation the notification reads, "In a world changing at breakneck speed, any conceptual innovations and technological breakthroughs are subjected to further alterations and up-gradation within a short span since their launch. In such a vibrant climate, the responsibility to address the needs created by self-activating change lies at the door of educational leaders, classroom teachers, academic administrators, and community leaders. One efficient way to fulfill these needs is periodic

curriculum revision, I believe that the ever-enhancing needs of various quarters of society and culture can be addressed effectively when inter-disciplinarity of the programs offered by the university can be complemented effectively by a robust mechanism to revisiting and revision of the curricula at regular interval of time," the UGC chairman said.

It also mentioned that, "This review of academic curricula should focus on the potential demand and supply of skill sets to make the students employable."