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## UGC to regulate course fees of private deemed-to-be Universities

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**T**he university grants commission (UGC) has decided to regulate tuition fee of the professional programmes offered by the private institutions declared as deemed-to-be universities, amid complaints of many institutions charging an exorbitant fee from students.

To check "profiteering" in education and ensure that no person secures admission "by reason of economic power", the higher education regulator has come up with a draft regulation, proposing to set up "one or more" committee/committees to fix the tuition fee of the professional programmes offered by the private deemed to be universities including those aided by the government."

At present, there is no

mechanism in place to regulate fees charged by the private aided and unaided deemed-to-be-universities. Out of 90 private institutions declared as deemed-to-be-universities, 80 institutions are completely self-financed, while 10 are government-aided.

In compliance with a Supreme Court judgement in the matter of 'Islamic Academy of Education and Another Vrs State of Karnataka and Others', while a number of States have constituted Fee Fixation Committee for unaided professional educational institutions which come under their respective jurisdiction, several States have enacted laws to regulate fixation of fee in such institutions.

As per the draft UGC (Fees in professional education imparted by private aided and unaided institutions deemed

to be universities) Regulations, 2019, the proposed fee fixation committee/committees will fix the tuition fee of the professional programmes, including engineering and management, taking into account a number of factors.

To determine the "reasonableness" of fee levied by the institutions, the committee will take into account the social aspects such as share in population of the scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, socially and educationally backward castes, economically weaker sections, minorities and rural population and their educational needs in the area of location of the institutions.

It will look into average per-seat cost of imparting education on the basis of the guidelines and instructions issued by the commission from time to time, quantum and extent of government aid received by the institutions.



# UGC proposes fee panel for deemed universities

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**Chennai:** Deemed universities may not be able to charge students at their discretion as the University Grants Commission (UGC) is planning to set up five-member committees to monitor fee structure for 126 deemed universities, including 29 in Tamil Nadu. As of now, there is no mechanism to regulate fees of private institutions deemed to be universities, which come under the purview of the central government.

Draft regulations released by the UGC on Wednesday said, "An institution shall charge from the students only the fee approved and communicated by the fee committee and no other fee shall be demanded or collected by the institution, either directly or indirectly under any other head of account or guise."

If there are any violations, the fee committee will impose fine up to

Rs10 lakh, refund the excess fee and take other penal action. Deemed universities can appeal against the fee committee's orders.

Deemed varsities should submit a proposed fee structure for professional programmes at least six months before advertisement for admissions. Each proposal should be accompanied by authenticated data including documents and audited accounts, on the basis of which the institution proposes fee structure.

The fee approved by the committee at any point in time shall be valid for the next three years and subsequent changes, if any, shall be applicable only in respect of new admissions. The fees will be based on parameters such as average per seat cost of imparting education, cost of course-wise expenses for students, need for research, extent of aid received by the institutions, social status and educational needs of the people in the area.

## ಏಡ್ಸ್ ಜಾಗೃತಿ ಜಾಥಾ

ಕೋಲಾರ: ವಿಶ್ವ ಏಡ್ಸ್ ದಿನಾಚರಣೆ ಅಂಗವಾಗಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಲ್ಲಿ ಜಾಗೃತಿ ಮೂಡಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಎಸ್.ಡಿ.ಯು.ಎಂ.ಸಿ ಟಮಕದ ಎನ್‌ಎಸ್‌ಎಸ್ ಘಟಕದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ಡಿ.2ರ ಸೋಮವಾರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 9 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಶ್ರೀ ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸು ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಟಮಕದಿಂದ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಕಚೇರಿಯವರೆಗೆ ಜಾಥಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಎನ್‌ಎಸ್‌ಎಸ್ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಎಸ್.ಎನ್.ಜಗದೀಶ್ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

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