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Heads of Institutions affiliated
to Gautam Buddha Technical University
and Maha Maya Technical University
Uttar Pradesh.

Subject : Achieving Excellence-Academic Autonomy.

Dear Colleagues,

Please find enclosed letter from the Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi dated July 26, 2010 on the subject of academic autonomy. The very well worded contents of the letter are self explanatory.

I would personally encourage you to consider the concept positively. Should you need any assistance from me, I will be immensely pleased to offer my help.

Looking forward to see you and your institution emerging as a sphere of excellence.

With kind regards,

Encl : Copy of the Letter from the Chairman
University Grant Commission, New Delhi

Sincerely,

(Kripa Shanker)
Vice Chancellor

Copy to:

Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, University Grants Commission, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi.

(Kripa Shanker)

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may aware, the concept of Autonomous Colleges was crystallized on the recommendation of the Education Commission of 1964-66 which stressed that the exercise of academic autonomy by the teachers is a crucial requirement for development of intellectual climate in the country. Unless such a climate prevails, it is difficult to achieve excellence in the higher education system. With the students, teachers and management being co-partners in raising the quality of higher education, it is imperative that all of them share a responsibility to raise the academic quality and standards and create a congenial environment for the same. Hence, the Education Commission recommended concept of college autonomy which, in essence, is the instrument for promoting academic excellence.

An autonomous college will have the freedom to :-

- determine and prescribe its own courses of study and syllabi, restructure and redesign the courses to suit local needs;
- prescribe rules for admission in consonance with the reservation policy of the government;
- evolve methods of assessment of students' performance, the conduct of examinations and notification of results;
- use modern tools of educational technology to achieve higher standards and greater creativity; and
- promote healthy practices such as community service, extension activities, projects for the benefits of the society at large and neighborhood programmes, etc.

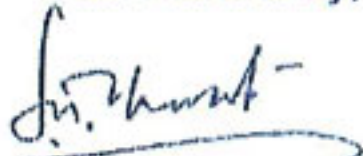
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In spite of the best efforts made so far, the number of autonomous colleges is still very small as compared to total number of colleges in India. In this context, the University Grants Commission has decided to play a proactive role in identifying well reputed colleges which could be considered for granting autonomous status paving the way for better standards and more positive innovation in higher education. It is proposed to increase the number of autonomous colleges to spread the culture of autonomy.

All the colleges whether aided, unaided or partly-aided which are recognized by UGC under Section 2(f) of UGC Act and having valid accreditation from NAAC/NBA are eligible to be considered for autonomy including colleges offering education in Engineering & Technology. Self financing colleges can also apply for autonomy after completion of minimum of 10 years of existence. However, conferment of autonomy will not entitle them to receive any autonomy grant from UGC. The aided colleges shall continue to receive grant-in-aid from the respective State Government.

I shall be grateful to you if you could kindly bring this to the notice of the colleges under the jurisdiction of your university. Interested colleges may be asked to send their proposal to the Secretary, UGC in the prescribed proforma latest by 30th September, 2010 duly recommended by the affiliated University. UGC guidelines regarding the scheme of Autonomous Colleges are available on UGC website (www.ugc.ac.in).

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sukhadeo Thorat)

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