

SATYA/ADMN/CIR/2025-26/141

January 19, 2026

Dear Parent,

Namaste!

This is with reference to the CBSE circular no. CBSE/Coord/2026/11848 dated **13th January 2026**, regarding an advisory to students for verifying Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to avoid admission to fake universities. In this context, we would like to advise parents and students as follows:

1. The UGC publishes public notices annually and regularly updates the list of fake universities and unrecognized institutions on its official website.
2. The recognition status of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) can be verified on the official website www.ugc.ac.in under the main menu tab “HEIs.”
3. Admission to a fake university can lead to several serious risks, including an invalid degree, career damage, financial loss, and long-term academic setbacks.

Looking forward for your cooperation.

Warm regards



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CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

(An Autonomous Organisation under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

CBSE/Coord/2026/ 11848

Dated: 13.01.2026

To

The Principals/Heads of
Schools affiliated to CBSE
(Through the CBSE Website)

Subject: Dissemination of Advisory to Students Regarding Verification of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to Avoid Admission in Fake Universities.

This is in reference to letter No. **7-3/2012/(AMPC)** dated **11.12.2025**, received from the Secretary, University Grants Commission (UGC), addressed to the Secretary, CBSE, regarding the dissemination of an advisory to students for verifying Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to avoid admission in fake universities.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that they publishes Public Notices annually and regularly updates the list of fake universities and unrecognized institutions on its official website. This initiative aims to create awareness among students, parents, and other stakeholders and to advise them against seeking admission in self-styled and unrecognized institutions, as such admissions may seriously jeopardize students' academic and professional careers.

As the admission process for the **Academic Session 2026–2027** is currently underway, it is imperative to create awareness at an early stage to alert students and parents and safeguard their interests.

In this context, all CBSE-affiliated schools are directed to disseminate the following advisory among students and parents:

1. Schools shall inform and counsel students of **Classes X and XII**, along with their parents/guardians, about the risks associated with fake universities.
2. Students must be advised to verify the recognition status of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) on the official UGC website (www.ugc.ac.in) under the main menu tab "**HEIs**".
3. The advisory should be prominently displayed on school notice boards and disseminated through school websites, circulars, and during Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs).
4. Students should be encouraged to apply for admission only to **UGC-recognized HEIs**.



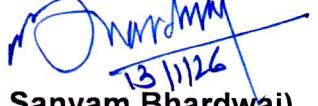
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All schools are requested to ensure **strict compliance** with the above directions in the interest of safeguarding students from falling prey to self-styled and unrecognized educational institutions.

Yours sincerely,


13/11/26
(Dr. Sanyam Bhardwaj)
Controller of Examinations

Copy to the respective Heads of Directorates, Organizations and Institutions as indicated below with a request to disseminate the information to all the schools under their jurisdiction:-

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18 Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-110016.
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2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida-201309.
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4. The Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No. 101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
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5. The Director General, Sports Authority of India, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003.
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12. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair - 744101. (dirschedn@sify.com)
13. The Director, Department of School Education, UT of Ladakh, 2nd Floor, Civil Secretariat, Leh-Ladakh. (pr.secyl@ladakh.gov.in)
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16. The Group Captain Education (Schools) Directorate of Education, West Block-VI, Air HQs (RKP), R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066. (dopsmpr@iaf.nic.in)
17. The Secretary AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt-110010. (coordsection.aweshq@awesindia.edu.in)
18. The Deputy Secretary to Chairperson, for kind information of the Chairperson, CBSE.
19. All the Heads of Department of the Board.
20. All Regional Directors/Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Principals of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions.
21. Web Admin with the request to put this Circular on the CBSE Website.
22. Media & Public Relations, CBSE for appropriate disseminating and publicity.