



SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION  
BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY  
COIMBATORE - 641 046 Tamilnadu, India

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BU/SDE/All Study Centres(TN)- Approval withdrawn/Notice/2018,

Date:25.05.2018

**CIRCULAR**

Dear Co-ordinators,

As per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations 2017 (dated: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017) under Part-I 2(h) read as:

*"Franchising" for the purpose of these regulations, means and includes the practice of allowing, formally or informally, any person or institution or organisation, other than the Higher Educational Institution recognised under these regulations for offering Open and Distance Learning programmes, to offer such programmes of study on behalf of or in the name of the recognised Higher Educational Institution, and the terms 'franchise' and 'franchisee' shall be construed accordingly"*

based on the above regulations and the resolution of the 304<sup>th</sup> Syndicate held on 18.05.2018 vide item no.091 read as;

**"S.No.3.** No private franchise in any form be entertained within the State of Tamilnadu as Study centres of BU-SDE from the Academic Year 2018-19 and onwards"

**"S.No.5.** As some private franchisees are undertaking the process of admission for this year, this resolution has to be acted upon immediately"

I am, by direction to instruct to stop the new admissions and, other admission related activities **with immediate effect** and **approval of the study centres / facilitator centres** other than Higher Education institution (*any Arts and Science college affiliated to the Arts and Science University within Tamilnadu*) **are hereby withdrawn.**

Moreover, if any centres violate these instruction, the matter will be viewed very seriously and suitable legal action will be initiated.



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