

## **Policy on Establishment of World Class Institutions**

### **Need for Establishment of World Class Institutions:**

The Hon'ble Finance Minister in his budget speech 2016 announced the following:

*'It is our commitment to empower Higher Educational Institutions to help them become world class teaching and research institutions. An enabling regulatory architecture will be provided to ten public and ten private institutions to emerge as world-class Teaching and Research Institutions. This will enhance affordable access to high quality education for ordinary Indians. A detailed scheme will be formulated.'*

India, which contributes a significant share of students and faculty in the world's leading universities, does not itself have any representation among the top-tier of global universities. Whenever a reputed international ranking agency releases its ranking of educational institutions any year, the general reaction is one of dismay at Indian institutions not finding place in the list of top institutions of the world or even of Asia. There is a pressing need for the Government to provide a suitable environment to promote the growth of Indian higher educational institutions, as globally renowned centres of excellence.

### **Objectives:**

To establish ten World Class Institutions each in public and private sector in a reasonable time by providing an enabling regulatory environment that allow them to achieve the highest levels of global excellence in teaching and research.

### **Approach:**

In order to achieve the aforementioned objective, the following regulatory architecture are proposed by UGC:

- i. UGC (Declaration of Government Educational Institutions as World Class Institutions) Guidelines, 2016 which would be applicable to all government owned & controlled Higher Educational Institutions.
- ii. UGC (World Class Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016 which would be applicable to privately owned & controlled Higher Educational Institutions.

These draft Guidelines & Regulations contain eligibility criteria, selection procedure, other Regulatory aspects, monitoring & evaluation, etc for World Class Institutions. These have been drafted considering the characteristics of a institutions which are world class which includes exceptionally high quality teaching and research standards preferably in multi-disciplinary areas; a significant proportion of international and meritorious students; a reasonably good proportion of qualified faculty from high-ranked universities worldwide;

transparent and need-blind system to ensure intake of meritorious students; adequate financial assistance to students; a healthy faculty student ratio; well-equipped facilities for teaching, research, administration and student-life; adequate infrastructure for operations and expansion; autonomous governance structures; financial soundness through either a large corpus fund or recourse to public funding, as the case may be and, teaching and research collaborations with reputed global universities.

The draft Guidelines & Regulations also provides for admission procedure, fixing appropriate fee structures pursuant to internal policies, appointment of faculty, collaboration with foreign higher educational institutions, and design and offer courses in existing programmes and new areas. Additionally, these institutions shall have complete financial autonomy to spend the resources raised and allocated.

The Regulation provides for setting up of an Empowered Experts Committee (EEC) by UGC with the approval of Government. The functions and composition of the EEC is defined in the Regulation which includes involvement in the process of selection and establishment of World Class Institutions. In particular, these would include scrutiny and appraisal of the proposals submitted, making recommendations, as well as monitoring and review of the implementation plans. The EEC is also empowered to evolve such other monitoring and review systems with the objective of guiding and supervising the growth of the Institution. The guideline also provides for financial assistance to Government Institutions selected as World Class Institutions.

#### **Steps involved in Establishment of World Class Institutions:**

The Guidelines and the Regulations shall be finalised after considering the views and suggestions through public consultations. The approval of Government shall be sought for entire scheme of World Class Institutions including the financial commitment. After obtaining the approval of the Government, the Guidelines and the Regulations shall be notified and expression of Interest shall be called for selection of world class institutions as per notified guidelines and the Regulations.

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[UGC \(Declaration of Government Educational Institutions as World Class Institutions\) Guidelines, 2016: Pages 4 to 12.](#)

[UGC \(World Class Institutions Deemed to be Universities\) Regulations, 2016: Pages 13 to 29.](#)