



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

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Vice-Chancellors of Universities
Rectors of Campuses
Directors of Institutes

Supervision of Student-Organized University Events

It has come to the attention of the Centre for Gender Equity/Equality (CGEE) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) that a significant number of complaints have been received regarding student-organized events conducted in state universities without the supervision of responsible university officers. Such events pose serious risks to the safety and wellbeing of students and undermine the responsibility of universities to maintain a safe, secure, and conducive learning environment.

Accordingly, the University Grants Commission at its 1162nd meeting held on 07th January 2026 decided to issue an urgent directive to all Vice-Chancellors/Rectors/Directors regarding the conduct of student-organized events in universities.

Therefore, it is hereby directed that **“all student-organized university events be conducted under the supervision of a responsible university officer until further notice. Please ensure that a staff member or a responsible university official is present at all times during rehearsals and preparations (including setting up decorations), during the event itself, and after the event until all students have dispersed. Events that do not comply with the above directive should not be held under any circumstances.”**

All Vice-Chancellors/Rectors/Directors are requested to ensure strict compliance with the above instructions and to provide the necessary guidance and direction to facilitate their effective implementation.

Please take action accordingly.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Kapila Seneviratne'.

Senior Professor Kapila Seneviratne
Chairman

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