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## PUBLIC NOTICE

## Violations by Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu in running distance education programmes without approval of UGC

It has come to the notice of UGC that Annamalai University is running the distance education programmes and admitting students in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) programmes without approval of UGC in gross violations of all conditions laid down under UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments from time to time and UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programme and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.

As per the above regulations "No Higher Educational institutions shall offer any Open and Distance Learning programmes and/or Online Programme and admit learners thereto unless it has been granted recognition by the Commission."

The Annamalai University was only recognised to offer any programme in ODL mode till Academic Year 2014-2015 and no further recognition has been accorded to it to offer any programme through ODL mode. Accordingly, the ODL programmes offered by the Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu without prior approval of UGC are invalid and the University is solely responsible for the career consequences of the students, if any, arising out of the same.

Therefore, the general public, students and other stakeholders are cautioned through this public notice not to take admission in any programme offered by Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu through ODL mode. admissions in such programmes may jeopardise the career of the students, in view of the absence of recognition of the programmes by the UGC.