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All Concerned
(as per standard list)

**Sub: Acceptance of qualification obtained from distance education mode
- Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu - reg.**

A Public Notice bearing F. No. 1-2/2015 (DEB-III), dated 25th March, 2022 (copy enclosed) has been issued by the Secretary/ University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, envisaging that the Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu, was only recognised to offer any programme in Open and Distance Learning (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.

Further, in terms of instructions contained in RBE No. 50/2016 circulated under this office serial No. 59/2016, all the degrees/diplomas/certificates including technical education degrees/diplomas awarded through Open and Distance Learning mode of education by the Universities established by an Act of Parliament or State Legislature, Institutions Deemed to be Universities under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 and Institutions of National Importance declared under an Act of Parliament stand automatically recognized for the purpose of employment to posts and services under the Central Government/Railways w.e.f. 10/06/2015, provided they have been approved by the University Grants Commission.

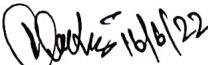
In view of the above, it is impressed upon all concerned that qualification/certificates obtained from the Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode beyond the Academic year 2014-2015 is not acceptable for the purpose of promotion and employment to posts and services under the Railways.

The above information may be given wide publicity.

DA: As above.


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25th March, 2022

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. Taking admissions in such programmes may jeopardise the career of the students, in view of the absence of recognition of the programmes by the UGC.

(Rajnish Jain)