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UGC extends application deadline for ODL courses

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Kolhapur: The University Grants Commission (UGC) has extended the application deadline for Open and Distance Learning (ODL) courses. The last date for submitting applications for academic year beginning from July 2018 has been extended from September 23 to October 31.

In a circular, dated September 19, the UGC stated that the institutes offering the ODL courses should take a note of the changes.

Earlier, the circular from UGC secretary on July 28 this year, said that all the eligible Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) have to send the applications for offering ODL programs from the academic session in July 2018.

The online portal for submitting applications has been opened on August 7.

The circular added that the hard copies of the applications shall reach at the

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UGC's New Delhi based office within 10 days of submission of online application.

Experts in the field of education have hailed the ODL regulations laid down by UGC and said that this will help HEIs to offer better courses.

Sattappa Mohite, a city based education activist said that that the distance learning courses will be streamlined with the new guidelines.

It has to be noted that earlier this year, the UGC had asked all the institutions offering distance learning courses to seek fresh approval for the courses offered.

In a public notice, dated June 29, it was said that UGC (open and distance learning) regulations, 2017 are needed to be complied in order to run the distance programs.

According to the UGC, minimum standards of instructions have been laid down in the 2017 regulations and hence the institutes offering distance learning courses, need to seek fresh approval for the same.

The notice further reads, "The higher educational institutions (HEIs) approved for 2017-18 have been permitted to offer approved open and distance learning programs for academic year 2017-18. Such HEIs will be required to apply afresh in the prescribed format as per the UGC regulations 2017 for consideration."

शिक्षणमूल्याची नांदी

शिक्षणापासून वंचित असलेल्यांना शिक्षणाच्या प्रवाहात आणण्यासाठी शंभर वर्षांपूर्वी राजर्षी शाहू महाराज यांनी सक्तीच्या शिक्षणाचा वटहुकूम काढणे आणि त्याची यशस्वी अंमलबजावणी करणे हे शाहू महाराजांच्या अनेक दूरदृष्टीच्या निर्णयांपैकी एक महत्त्वाचे पाऊल होते. त्या काळात शिक्षण ही काही ठराविक वर्गांची मक्तेदारी होती. एक राजा म्हणून अशाप्रकारची मक्तेदारी मोडून काढण्याचे कर्तव्य तर शाहू महाराजांनी बजावलेच, पण त्यासाठी राजेपण विसरून सामान्य माणसाचा विचार केला. माणसाच्या प्रगतीसाठी शिक्षण हा एकमेव उपाय आहे हे त्यांनी ओळखले. त्यातूनच सक्तीच्या शिक्षणाचा वटहुकूम काढला. आज या क्रांतिकारी निर्णयाला शंभर वर्षे होत आहेत आणि त्या निर्णयाचे स्मरण करणे हे शाहू महाराजांच्या नगरीतील प्रत्येकाचे कर्तव्य आहे. प्रत्येकाने शिकले पाहिले, हा हुकूम काढून शाहू महाराज शांत बसले नाहीत, तर त्यासाठी जिल्ह्यात बसतिगृहांची उभारणी केली. शाहूंनी निर्माण केलेली ही शिक्षणाची गंगा अखंड वाहत आहे.



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