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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

Distance Education Bureau

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F.No. UGC/DEB/MGU/KTM/KRL/2013 8299-8300

8th July 2014

To,
The Vice-Chancellor
Mahatma Gandhi University
Priyadarsini Hills PO
Kottayam – 686560
Kerala

**Sub.: Conducting of distance education programmes outside its territorial jurisdiction -
reg.,**

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to Office letter F.No. UGC/DEB/MGU/KTM/KRL/09-II/6108-9, dated 21.4.2014 requesting the University to immediately close down the study centres (7 International and 6 national) opened by University in violation of UGC guidelines on territorial jurisdiction with immediate effect, failing which steps would be initiated to withdraw the recognition accorded for offering programmes through distance mode. An action taken report in this regard was also required to be submitted by your University which is still awaited.

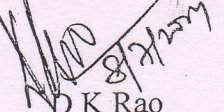
As you are aware the UGC has been time and again requesting the State universities to limit offering their programmes within the territorial jurisdiction of their Act and statutes but not beyond the boundary of the respective state of their enactment. The State University is not authorized/competent to open study centres /off campus centres beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the State as per the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Prof. Yashpal vs. State of Chhattisgarh. The University Grants Commission, pursuant to the observations of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Prof. Yashpal's case, wrote letters no.F.9-8/2008 (CPP-I) dated 16th April, 2009 to all the universities/state governments to stop all the state/state private universities in the state from operating beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the state in any manner either in the form of off-campus/study centre/affiliated college and the centres operating through franchises.

Keeping above in view and the policy of the UGC on territorial jurisdiction of state universities in offering distance education, I am directed to inform you that it will not be possible for the UGC to accord approval to off campus centres opened by the Mahatma Gandhi University,

Kottayam in India as well as abroad. Your university is once again requested to close down all these centres immediately and submit the compliance report to UGC within 15 days from the date of issue of this letter. Your University is also requested not to admit any students in the programmes offered through distance mode for the year 2014-15.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



D K Rao

Dy Director

Enclosure: as above

✓ **Copy to:** The Director, School of Distance Education, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam - 686560, Kerala