

UGC asks students not to enrol at pvt univs' outer campuses

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THE University Grants Commission on Monday advised students not to enrol at the private university's outer campuses which were not approved by the UGC or the government.

It also asked the students and their guardians to be sure whether the campus was approved by the UGC or the government before enrolling at the university, said a UGC press release.

Along with the main campuses, the private universities often establish campuses in different parts of the country and in the most of the cases the campuses fail to provide quality teachers and other educational supports for the students.

The Private University 2010 puts a ban on establishing outer campuses by the private universities but some private universities are not paying heed to the ban, it said.

The commission observed that some private universities were running outer campuses in Dhaka and across the country without any approval from the UGC or the government, it added, however, not giving any list of the approved campuses of the private universities.

'We would advise the students seeking admission in private universities to check and recheck if the university campus is approved by the UGC or not before taking a decision,' said the press release.

It said the Uttara campus of Prime University was not approved by the UGC and asked the students not to enrol at the campus. It said only the Mirpur campus of the university was approved.

It said two campuses of The People's University of Bangladesh — Mohammadpur and Uttara campuses — were approved by the UGC and the government.

Other campuses of the university have no approval from the authorities, the press release said, warning that the UGC would take legal action against the universities running unapproved outer campuses.

It said that the commission had already published an advertisement cautioning

students and their guardians against enrolling at these campuses.

According to the Private University Act 2010, private universities cannot operate outer campuses in Dhaka or other parts of the country.

But, many private universities are running outer campuses in Dhaka and in different parts of the country violating the act.

Many students are enrolled at these campuses by paying high tuition fees without knowing that the campuses have no approval.

They complete their courses and then come to know that the certificates they have earned have no value as the campuses have no approval of the UGC or the government.