



OSMANIA UNIVERSITY
HYDERABAD – 500 007

No. 89 /Stat./Acad/2014

Dated: 21-11-2014

To

All the Principals of Campus, Constituent & Affiliated Colleges
of Osmania University.

Sub:- Osmania University – Inclusion of column for Transgender (TG)
Under gender category in the application forms - Instructions - Reg.

Ref:- D.O. Letter No. 14 – 8/2014(CPP-II) dated 29-10-2014 of the Joint
Secretary, UGC, New Delhi..

Sir/Madam,

The Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi, through letter cited has informed that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its landmark judgment dated 15th April 2014 in W.P. (Civil) No. 400 of 2012 and No. 604 of 2013 acknowledged the widespread discrimination and deprivation suffered by Transgender Community (TG) in Indian society and ordered a slew of affirmative action so as to fast-track the realization of their human rights and mainstream the entire community which has been terribly marginalized over centuries.

The Joint Secretary, also mentioned that the judgement has upheld transgender right to decide their self-identified gender i.e. male, female or as third gender as a way of safeguarding and enforcing appropriately their rights under the Constitution and hence requested to include a column for transgender under gender category in all application forms, academic testimonials and all other relevant documents processed and issued by the University and affiliated colleges. Further, she has mentioned that it is imperative that TG- friendly infrastructure like washrooms, restrooms, etc., is located in all Higher Educational Institutions so that students of the community get adequately acclimatized without facing any fear, stigma or shame.

It is also mentioned that one effective way of dispelling the myths and secrecy enshrouding the community's sociocultural existence is to introduce chapters/course borrowed from authentic ethnographic research on transgender in curriculum at all levels of study as a mandatory components of credits. Finally, the Joint Secretary expressed that organizing sensitization programmes and awareness workshops for students, teachers, non-teaching staff and even for parents of Transgender students would go a long way in bringing the community members in to the mainframe of life.

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I therefore request you to kindly include a column for transgender under gender category in all the application forms, academic testimonials and all other relevant documents processed and issued by your institution, provide TG- friendly infrastructure like washrooms, restrooms, etc., and ensure that the students of TG community enrolled in your institution are smoothly and surely acclimatized through above and take any other measure you may think fit.

Yours sincerely,


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Copy to:-

1. The Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110 002.
2. The Dean, Student Affairs, OU.
3. The Director, Directorate of Admissions, OU.
4. The Director, PGRRCDE, OU.
5. The Director, University Foreign Relations Office, OU.
6. The Controller of Examinations, OU.
7. The Secretary to Vice-Chancellor, OU.
8. The P.A. to Registrar/Officer on Special Duty to V.C., OU.

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