

**THE TAMIL NADU DR.M.G.R.MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
NO.69, ANNA SALAI, GUINDY, CHENNAI 32**

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REGISTRAR (FAC)

Lr.No.UCO(1)12052/2013

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To

The Dean / Principal,
All affiliated colleges of this University

Sir,

Sub:	UCO SECTION - The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai – UGC Circular to ensure smoke free educational institutions – Implement the circular - Regarding.
Ref:	D.O.No.1-9/2006(CPP-II), dated 3.04.2013 from the Joint Secretary , University Grants commission, New Delhi.

With reference to the letter cited, University Grants Commission had issued a circular dated 30th October 2006 for seeking implementation of “The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products(Prohibition of Advertisement and regulation of Trade and commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act 2003. Now UGC has received communication from Ministry of HRD for strict compliance to ensure smoke free educational institutions. Hence UGC has informed to implement the above circular in the colleges.

Hence the Dean/Principals are instructed to ensure strict adherence to the provisions of the Act and to enforce the anti tobacco Rules and make it a policy and to follow the circular which is enclosed herewith.

Sd/.....

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Encl: UGC Circular

CIRCULAR

"The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003" which came into effect from 1st May, 2004. contains certain provisions pertaining to educational institutions.

In order to ensure effective implementation of these provisions of the Act, the Universities are requested to take necessary action on the following points:-

- 1 The 'Boards' as prescribed under the rules are to be displayed outside the premises of the University and its affiliated colleges, prominently stating that sale of cigarettes and tobacco products in an area with in a radius of 100 (one hundred) yards of the University is strictly prohibited and that such sale is an offence punishable with the fine which may extend to two hundred rupees;
- 2 Action has to be taken to sensitize the teaching and non-teaching staff of the University and its affiliated colleges on the issue so that the system is in place immediately.
- 3 The names of the persons authorized to ensure the implementation of this system may be duly notified
- 4 The shops, if any, selling cigarettes and other tobacco products around the University, are to be got removed immediately.

The copy of the Act and related O.Ms/Circulars have already been sent to the Education Secretary of your State/UT by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Education, New Delhi.

All the Universities and Deemed Universities are requested to take necessary action to ensure the implementation of the provisions of this Act

This may also be brought to the notice of the colleges affiliated to the universities.

(Dr. P.Prakash)
Joint Secretary

To the Vice Chancellors of all universities and deemed universities.