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UGC warns students not to enrol at 'troubled' pvt univs

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University Grants Commission on Tuesday cautioned students against enrolment at private universities having illegal outer campuses and disputed ownership and running on court orders after being disapproved by the commission.

The commission will publish advertisements in dailies cautioning students and guardians not to get enrolled in the troubled universities, UGC deputy director (private universities) Jesmin Parvin said.

'We issued the notice so that no students are cheated by enrolling at these universities,' she pointed out.

'Detailed information regarding troubled private universities will also be available on UGC website', she said.

The commission, the supervising body of higher education in Bangladesh, issued the caution when over a million students taking Higher Secondary Certificate examination were waiting to enroll at higher educational institutions.

'If a student gets enrolled at unapproved universities or illegal outer campuses of approved universities, UGC or Ministry of Education would not take their responsibility,' said the notice.

UGC said that America Bangladesh University and Queens University were operating on court orders after being banned by the government. America Bangladesh University is running 16 illegal outer campuses across the country.

According to notice, IBAIS University and Southern University are running campuses under court's stay order. Board of trustees of IBAIS University is divided.

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The notice said University of Science and Technology in Chittagong, The People's University of Bangladesh, University of South Asia and Atish Dipankar University of Science and Technology were running illegal unapproved outer campuses.

IBAIS University, Queens University, Sylhet International University, Britania University, Premier University and Southern University Bangladesh were facing disputes over ownership.

The notice says that 91 universities out of total 101 approved so far are in operation in Bangladesh.

Of all the private universities in operation, 31 have no vice-chancellor, 71 have no pro-VC while 47 institutions have no treasurer, appointed by the president, also chancellor of all private universities.

The notice said that the commission cautioned students about enrolling with branch of any foreign universities, study centers, as the government has not approved any such educational centers.

The first private university was established in 1992.

Currently about four lakh students are enrolled at these universities and in 2017 over one lakh students enrolled with these educational institutions.

