

To,

The State / UT Authority

(As enclosed)

**Subject:- Policy for Opening of New ASU & H Colleges under section 12A of HCC Act, 1973 and 13A of IMCC Act, 1973:-**

Sir,

Reference to the subject cited above, attention is drawn to the time-schedule prescribed under the regulations of Establishment of New ASU & H Medical College, (Opening of New/ Higher Course of Study/ Training and Increase of Admission Capacity by a College) Regulations, which is “from 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April” for starting new Colleges from the subsequent Academic Year. In this regard, the Ministry of AYUSH has issued Guidelines by revising the time period for receiving the applications as “from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August” for starting new colleges during the subsequent Academic Year.

2. In the meantime, the Ministry, of AYUSH while streamlining the education matters of ASU & H colleges and to bring transparency and improvement in the quality of AYUSH institutions, has taken various initiatives which are important for achieving standards in AYUSH medical education. The initiatives taken by the Ministry to reform the AYUSH education includes;

- a) National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) for all AYUSH Educational Institutions for admission for Undergraduate Course and Post Graduate Courses.
- b) All India Post Graduate Entrance Test (AIPGET) for all AYUSH Educational Institutions for admission for Post graduate Courses.
- c) AYUSH National Teachers Eligibility Test to be conducted for appointment of all teachers in AYUSH institutions and an unique verification code for such teachers shall be allotted by CCH/ CCIM before their appointment.
- d) Aadhar based Geo location enabled attendance system for teaching staff, non-teaching staff, hospital staff and PG students.
- e) Inspections of five year permission colleges during the A.Y. 2018-19 and 2019-20 to ensure that such colleges continue to maintain the prescribed standards.

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These reforms shall improve the quality of education and which further will have impact in providing quality healthcare delivery system rendered by AYUSH systems of medicine. However, accomplishments of these reforms are likely to take some time.

3. Therefore, the Ministry has decided not to receive fresh applications for starting new ASU & H colleges for A.Y. 2019-20 and A.Y. 2020-21.(As per the Guidelines issued by the Ministry, the period of receiving applications for starting new colleges is from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018 for A.Y 2019-20 and 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2019 for A.Y 2020-21). After two years, the Ministry shall review the decision.

4. In view of the above decision of the Ministry, the State Governments and Universities are requested to not issue fresh NOC and Consent of affiliation respectively for starting new ASU & H colleges during the above mentioned period. It may please be noted that no applications for starting new ASU & H colleges shall be entertained by the Ministry for A.Y. 2019-20 and A.Y. 2020-21.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

  
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Director

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1. Chief Secretary to all State/ UT (as per the list enclosed) for necessary action.
2. The Registrars of all Universities having affiliated AYUSH Colleges, for information and taking necessary action at their level.
3. The Secretary, CCH, 61-65 Institutional Area, Opp. 'D' Block, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058, for information and taking necessary action at their level.
4. The Secretary, CCIM, 61-65 Institutional Area, Opp. 'D' Block, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058, for information and taking necessary action at their level.
5. Principals/Directors of all AYUSH Colleges/ Institutions by e-mail for information.
6. NIC for posting on the Ministry's website.

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- ii. PS to Secretary(AYUSH).
- iii. PS to JS (PKP).

  
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