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The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) presents its compliments to all the Foreign Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts in India and has the honor to inform that University Grants Commission (UGC), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, has released a Public Notice on Fake Universities vide No. 7-3/2012(AMPC) dated 25/08/2022 (Copy attached). As per the letter, there are 21 self-styled, unrecognized institutions which are functioning in contravention of the UGC Act, have declared as fake universities and these are not empowered to confer any degree. For updated list of the Fake universities, please visit UGC's weblink <a href="https://www.ugc.gov.in/page/Fake-Universities.aspx">https://www.ugc.gov.in/page/Fake-Universities.aspx</a>

- 2. The MEA is not accepting degree/marksheet of these fake universities for attestation/apostille. But it is noticed that these documents are still being submitted by unauthorized agents/touts in different Embassies in Delhi for visa processing, after putting fake MEA seal/stamps.
- 3. Henceforth, Ministry of External Affairs would like to request to all Embassies in Delhi not to accept such documents of these fake universities. In case such attested/apostilled documents submitted to the Embassies, the same may be brought to MEA's notice through our email <a href="mailto:soatt1@mea.gov.in">soatt1@mea.gov.in</a> and <a href="mailto:soot@mea.gov.in">soot@mea.gov.in</a>. This will help stop such malpractices.
- 4. The Ministry of External Affairs New Delhi, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all the Foreign Diplomatic Missions/Consular Posts in India, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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