



**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
TASHILING SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK**

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**NOTICE**

Human Resource Development Department, Government of Sikkim is receiving numerous applications seeking certain information relating to courses offered by the EIILM University, 8<sup>th</sup> Mile, Budang, West Sikkim through Distance mode and on regular mode under RTI Act, 2005.

Hence, to clarify the status of the EIILM University and courses offered through distance and regular mode, following observation made by the Fact Finding Committee of UGC is re-produced below:-

- On receipt of numerous complaints from individuals across the country by the University Grants Commission against Eastern Institute for Integrated Learning in Management (EIILM) University (Private University) 8<sup>th</sup> Mile, Budang, West Sikkim, UGC had constituted a fact finding Committee. During the month of April 2015, the fact finding Committee visited EIILM University campus. After having visited University Campus, the Fact Finding Committee has made following observation and was placed before UGC in its 508<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 27.07.2015 which has been approved.

**REPORT OF FACT FINDING COMMITTEE**

1. EIILM University, 8<sup>th</sup> Mile, Budang, West Sikkim was not authorized to open study centre/Off Campus Centre beyond the territorial jurisdiction as per the Judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in case of Prof. Yaspal Vs. State of Chattisgarh. ***The University was not permitted to open its centre (s) even within the State as per the provision of UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003 without the approval of UGC. The UGC has not granted any approval to the University to open off campus/study centre.***



2. Complaints were received by UGC from individuals across the Country, against EILM, Jorethang District – Namchi about numerous programmes being run through distance mode, opening of unauthorized study centre (s), franchising of higher education, issuing degrees to students without conducting any exams or practical. Misleading students by promoting wrong information on website, selling degrees by charging money instead of providing classes or conducting exams, selling degrees in India, conducting programmes through collaborative mode with Industries/firms/companies and abroad by conducting courses in one sitting and establishment of Off Shore Campus at Mauritius.
3. State Government of Sikkim has accorded approval for the dissolution of EILM University in its Cabinet meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2015. However in the best interest of regular students of EILM University, the State Government has appointed interim management to conduct the affairs of the University till the completion of the process of dissolution.
4. Being unitary University, EILM did not have any mandate to affiliate any College/Institute. UGC never granted any permission/approval to EILM University to establish any Off Campus Centre(s)/Study Centre (s) Off-Shore Centre (s).
5. The Committee recommended to request the State Government to take steps to protect the interest of unsuspecting students of EILM University, residing in Sikkim who has taken admission on regular basis. On Campus students may be accommodated by the State Government in different close by Colleges and Universities till completion of their courses.
6. Regarding validity of degrees of Distance Courses, ***The Committee recommended UGC to authorize the Directorate of Higher Education, Govt. of Sikkim to validate the degrees of 2009-2010 in three disciplines i.e. B.A. (Hospitality & Tourism), BCA and MBA for students admitted within the territorial jurisdiction of State of Sikkim based on the admission records available with the University's Sikkim Campus/State Government. Degrees in other disciplines except in three as specified in preceding lines and beyond academic year 2009-2010 shall not be valid.***



