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Letter No. Acad/443/AKS/ 122

Dated: 04-05-26

To

1. The Deans of the Faculties, Patna University
2. The Heads of the University Departments, Patna University
3. The Principals of the Colleges, Patna University
4. The Directors of the Institutes, Patna University
5. All Officers, Patna University

Subject:-Effective Implementation of UGC and Government of India Guidelines on Tobacco Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI).

Sir/Madam,

Please find the photocopy of the letter no. BSHEC/Compliance-UGC/49/2025-344 dated 20/03/2026 of the O.S.D. (Academic), Bihar State Higher Education Policy, Patna as annexure no.01 pertaining to the above-mentioned subject for information and strict compliance. An Action Taken Report (ATR) be sent to the University for further action.

Enclosure:-Annexure no.01.

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04-5-2026
Registrar

Patna University, Patna

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Patna University, Patna

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BIHAR STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL
Department of Higher Education, Government of Bihar
Budh Marg, Patna-800001

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Office of the Registrar
15 APR 2026
Patna University, Patna

To,
The Registrar,
All State Universities and Private Universities
State of Bihar

Patna, Dated 14/04/2026

Subject: **Effective implementation of UGC and Government of India Guidelines on Tobacco Free Educational Institutions (TOFEI).**

- Reference: 1. BSHEC/Compliance/49/2025-301; Dated-25.03.2026
2. BSHEC/Compliance/49/2025-45; Dated-19.01.2026
3. D.O.No.13-19/2024(CPP-II) 11th September, 2024
4. Guidelines for Tobacco Free Educational Institution
<https://ntcp.mohfw.gov.in/assets/document/TEFI-Guidelines.pdf>

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to invite your kind attention to the guidelines and advisories issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Government of India, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, regarding the implementation of Tobacco Free Educational Institutions (TOFEI) across all educational institutions, including Universities, Colleges and affiliated institutions, both public and private.

The initiative is in pursuance of the provisions of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 (COTPA, 2003) and the revised Guidelines for Tobacco Free Educational Institutions (TOFEI), aimed at safeguarding students, youth and staff from the harmful effects of tobacco use and ensuring a healthy, safe and tobacco-free academic environment.

In this regard, all State and Private Universities in Bihar are requested to ensure strict and time-bound implementation of the TOFEI guidelines, inter alia, covering the following key actions:-

1. Display of appropriate "Tobacco Free Educational Institution" and "No Smoking / No Tobacco Use" signage at prominent locations inside and outside the campus, as prescribed.
2. Nomination of Tobacco Monitor(s) and display of their name, designation and contact details on the signage.
3. Strict prohibition of use, sale and promotion of tobacco products within the University campus and within 100 yards of the outer boundary of the institution, in accordance with COTPA, 2003.
4. Inclusion of "No Tobacco Use" norms in the University's Code of Conduct for students, teachers, non-teaching staff and visitors.
5. Organization of regular awareness and sensitization activities such as pledges, seminars, competitions, observance of *World No Tobacco Day*, etc.
6. Facilitation of access to tobacco cessation services, including dissemination of information regarding National Quit line and other support mechanisms.
7. Periodic self-evaluation of compliance using the TOFEI self-assessment framework and maintenance of proper records for inspection and monitoring purposes.

Universities are further requested to circulate these directions to all affiliated / constituent colleges and institutions under their jurisdiction and ensure effective monitoring of compliance and a brief Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Implementation status of the above guidelines may kindly be furnished to this Council within 14 days of issuance of this letter.

Enclosure: As above.

Yours faithfully,
Vimal Sagar
(Dr. Vimal Sagar)
17/04/2026
Officer on Special Duty
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Copy to:

1. Vice-Chancellors of all State & Private Universities of Bihar.
2. Principal Secretary to Governor, Bihar Lok Bhawan, Patna.

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Copy to:

1. Director, Department of Higher Education Government of Bihar, Patna.

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Copy to:

1. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Department of Higher Education, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. P.S. to Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of Bihar, Patna.

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