

Deemed University

Why in news ?

- Recently, the Ministry of Education has declared the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, a leading institute of journalism and mass communication, as a deemed university under the special category on the advice of the University Grants Commission.

Key Points

- It will also be applicable to IIMC, New Delhi and its five regional campuses at Jammu (Jammu-Kashmir), Amravati (Maharashtra), Aizawl (Mizoram), Kottayam (Kerala) and Dhenkanal (Odisha).
- With this new status, IIMC is now authorized to confer degrees including doctoral degrees.

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- Deemed University is a recognition given by the Department of Higher Education to institutions of higher education in India.
- Institutions that are declared 'deemed universities' enjoy the academic standards and privileges of a university.
- Institutions having the status of deemed universities not only enjoy full autonomy in determining their curriculum but are also free to formulate admission policies, fees for various courses and instructions for students.

UGC



- Establishment** : December 28, 1953 (By Maulana Abul Kalam Azad)
- It is an autonomous organization established by an Act of Parliament in 1956 to coordinate, determine and maintain the standards of university education.
- Headquarters** – New Delhi
- Six regional offices** – Pune, Bhopal, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Guwahati and Bengaluru.
- Functions** - Apart from providing grants to eligible universities and colleges, the Commission will also make suggestions to the Central and State Governments on necessary measures for the development of higher education.