

Introduce QR codes in degrees, UGC to varsities

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NEW DELHI: The University Grants Commission (UGC) has directed varsities and higher educational institutions to introduce identification mechanisms like hologram of the institute and QR code in students' certifi-

cates and degrees for proper verification and curbing duplication. UGC officials said that the move will also help in bringing uniformity across the higher education system in the country.

"You are requested to introduce security features in marksheets and certificates issued by the university to students

enrolled in different programmes of study. "While such features are useful for the purposes of verification and curbing duplication, they also help in introducing uniformity across the system of higher education in the country," UGC secretary Rajnish Jain said in a letter to the vice chancellors.

It said, "Introduce identification mechanisms like photograph of the student, hologram of the institute and QR code in students' certificates and degrees." "Such inscriptions will go a long way in uniformly making a student's personal identity and other associated details," he added.