

Plagiarism to cost teachers jobs, students registration

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New Delhi: Students can lose their registration and teachers their jobs if found guilty of plagiarism, according to new regulations for higher education institutions notified by University Grants Commission (UGC) on Friday.

The rules not only mandate setting up of plagiarism detection tools, but institutions must also train students, faculty, researchers and staff on the usage of these software.

There are four levels of plagiarism, with "Level 0" not inviting any penalty and "Level 3" earning the most severe penalty, which is "registration for that programme shall be cancelled" and in case of degree already obtained he/she "shall be asked to withdraw manuscript, denied a right to two successive annual increments, shall not

UGC found 2 VCs plagiarising in past 3 years

The University Grants Commission has come across three cases of plagiarism and fake thesis writing for PhD, which includes two vice-chancellors in last three years. Chandra Krishnamurthy, vice-chancellor of Pondicherry University was dismissed on July 2016. The latest case is of Vinay Kumar Pathak, VC of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow, against whom the Centre has written to the university to initiate action. The information was shared by junior HRD minister Satya Pal Singh in response to a written question in Rajya Sabha.

be allowed to be a supervisor to any new Master's, MPhil, PhD student/scholar for three years." The UGC had approved the regulations in its meeting held in March 2018 prescribing graded punishment for plagiarism.

The regulations were notified after the approval of the ministry of human resource development last week and the UGC "reserves the right to remove difficulty/difficulties in the course of implementations of these regulations in consultation with the Government of India/Ministry of Human Resource De-

velopment." The rules specify every student submitting a thesis, dissertation, or any other such document shall submit an undertaking indicating that the document has been prepared by him or her and that the document is original work.

The new regulations prescribe that if any member of the academic community suspects with appropriate proof that a case of plagiarism has happened in any document, he or she shall report it to the Departmental Academic Integrity Panel (DAIP).