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Subject: - Clarification regarding degree in Engineering awarded through distance learning mode by four Deemed to be Universities during the year 2001-2005.

As per the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 03.11.2017 in the matter of Orissa Lift Irrigation Corp. Ltd. Vs. Rabi Sankar Patro Vs Ors had suspended all the degrees in engineering awarded, through Open and Distance Education Learning mode by four Deemed to be Universities, to the candidates enrolled during the academic sessions 2001-2005. Their degrees remain suspended till they pass a validation examination conducted under the joint supervision of AICTE-UGC.

For validation of suspended degrees, AICTE-UGC were directed to devise modalities to conduct appropriate test(s) both in written as well as practicals for the concerned students admitted during sessions 2001-2005 covering all the subjects. Not more than two chances were to be given to the concerned students and if they did not pass the examination, their degrees shall stand recalled and cancelled.

Accordingly, AICTE-UGC conducted exam for these four Deemed to be universities in the months of June & December 2018 across India in NITs, PEC Chandigarh and Anna University, to validate the degrees awarded by them. The online certificates were provided to all successful candidates, which validate the degrees awarded by the four Deemed to be Universities and as such they are valid degrees in all respect as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court decision dated 3.11.2017.

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