

Only 2 pvt varsities meet UGC criteria

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While the government has enacted laws to set up 11 private universities in the state, only two of them fulfil the eligibility criteria laid down by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and have been recognised so far.

As per latest list of the UGC, there are 77 registered private universities out of

which nine are in Himachal.

However, only the Jaypee University of Information and Technology and the Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences (SUBMS) have been recognised by the UGC.

The UGC put the list on the web after complaints that the state private universities had affiliated colleges off campuses and were running cen-

tres on franchising basis surfaced. The started off-campus centres were in violation of the Act and the judgment of the Supreme Court.

Rajasthan has 16 private universities followed by Uttar Pradesh which has 11. Himachal has set up 11 private universities but only 9 have been registered with the UGC and two have been recognised.

The seven registered, but

not reconciled, universities include Chitkara University, Eternal University, Indus International University, Arni University, Manav Bharti University, Baddi University of Emerging Science & Technology and the Maharishi Markandeshwar University. These universities have even not supplied the information sought by the UGC for inspection.