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Students: The worst sufferers

During the late 1990s, UGC initiated the scheme of vocationalization of education. Under this scheme courses like BCA, BBA, food technology, biotechnology, etc. were started in various self-financing colleges.

But most of these courses were initiated without any proper infrastructure and talented faculty members. Moreover, neither proper permission from the university nor the NOC (No Objection Certificate) from the concerned State Government or the affiliating bodies was sought prior to the commencement of such courses in most of the cases.

For example, the UGC-sponsored and approved Centre for Vocational Education in Biotechnology offers B.Sc (Hons) in biotechnology at T.N.B. College (NAAC accredited B+), Bhagalpur, a constituent college of T.M. Bhagalpur University. Four batches have already passed out and three batches are currently on the rolls. But the matter of concern is that the university is reluctant to award degrees, because the course is not recognized by the State Government and NOC has not been conferred yet.

This situation has only added to the frustration among the students and diluted the very concept of vocationalization. Under these conditions the concerned authorities like UGC, should take note and do the needful at the earliest.


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