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Sub: IMU's Online Counselling 2014 – reg.

Ref: (1) Letter No.IMU/AS/Counselling/2014 dated 1.7.2014.

(2) Circular No.1419 dated 09.07.2014.

(3) Circular No.1421 dated 16.7.2014.

The attention of affiliated institutes is invited to the references cited. Certain affiliated institutes have expressed 'concerns' orally about the 'fairness' and 'transparency' of IMU's Online Counselling system. It was already clarified in the reference 2nd cited that after the last date for Online Counselling is over, admissions will be made automatically by the software based on the candidate's (i) rank in CET, (ii) community, (iii) options for Programmes-cum-Institutes, and (iv) the seats available. Since candidates exercise their options online entirely on their own without being solicited or pressurised by anybody as in the case of Physical Counselling, Online Counselling is far superior and *reflects the true worth of the various institutes as seen through the eyes of candidates*. Since the allotment is done by the software, Online Counselling system is entirely impartial, fair and unbiased.

Unlike the Online Counselling software used by Anna University and similar institutions which processes information *in real time*, IMU's Online Counselling does *batch processing*. Due to paucity of time and due to the fact that the number of seats involved in IMU's Online Counselling is only a couple of thousands (whereas in the case of Anna University it runs into several lakhs), it is considered that batch processing Online Counselling software is ideal for IMU. In real-time Online Counselling, candidates opt

in the order of merit and cannot change their options once the allotment is done whereas in batch processing Online Counselling, candidates have greater flexibility and time to make their options and can also change their options twice or thrice before the last date.

It may be noted that IMU has spent about Rs.1.50 crores on Online CET 2014 and Online Counselling 2014 and about 5 months of sustained intellectual effort to make these a success. *Affiliated Institutes have been enjoying the benefits of Online CET and Online Counselling for free.* Just as there is no compulsion for affiliated institutes to surrender seats to IMU's Counselling, there is no compulsion for IMU also to do Counselling on behalf of affiliated institutes, and that too for free. IMU would have been well within its rights to charge institutes a certain fee for each seat surrendered to IMU's Counselling but IMU is not doing so this year.

If any of the affiliated institutes still have any 'doubts' about the 'transparency' and 'fairness' of IMU's Online Counselling system, they are welcome to withdraw and fill up the seats surrendered by them to IMU's Counselling on their own. Those who would like to withdraw are requested to indicate so in writing on or before Wednesday 23rd July 2014. Any requests received thereafter will not be entertained.


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